

## MEETING MINUTES

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Smith called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:01 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL: Rachelle Haddoak, Donna Robert, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley**

Board members Haddoak, Robert, Smith, Solomon, and Talley were present.

Cabinet members Avanesyans, Montemayor, Peattie, and Hernandez were present.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Newhall Teachers Association lead negotiator and Stevenson Ranch Elementary teacher Katie Harman addressed the Governing Board regarding increasing the District's health care caps and salary schedule for its staff members.

**D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 PM.

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Existing Litigation: Claim# 1805501
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivisions (d)(2) and (e)(1): Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation: Case 23/24-05
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivisions (d)(2) and (e)(1): Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation: Case 23/24-06
4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee
5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

**E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:05 PM.

**F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Smith announced that the Board took no action in Closed Session.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Meadows Elementary Principal Janette Van Gelderen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 5 – 0

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2023

Minutes approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

**J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Board members Solomon and Robert attended Newhall Elementary's Fall Festival and shared the event was well-attended and very successful;
- Board members Solomon and Robert attended LACOE's Superintendent Forum which focused on mental health. Guest speakers provided resources for public schools free of cost to families and students. Board member Solomon forwarded the information to the District's Student Support Services staff;
- Board member Solomon reminded the public that on November 4th the Raising the Curtain Foundation's Saturday's Kids will host a production of Fractured Fairytales and Thomas the Turkey at the Newhall Family Theatre. There will be two showings at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, and tickets are \$5;
- Board member Robert shared she enjoyed attending the recent fall festivals hosted by Pico Canyon and a Oak Hills School visit;
- Board member Haddoak attended the SCV SELPA Community Advisory Committee meeting where local social workers shared their partnerships with the community. Ms. Haddoak also attended the District Special Education Advisory Council where parents had an opportunity to visit different stations providing information on different topics. The next Advisory Council meeting will be held on December 7th where staff will discuss helping children cope with anxiety;
- Board President Smith attended the Meadows Fall Festival and was pleased with the well-attended event. Mr. Smith thanked all those who helped put the event together;
- Superintendent Hernandez reminded the public to RSVP to the District's 2023 State of the District where the Board and Executive Cabinet will discuss current initiatives and programs. The event will include student performances, childcare, an art lesson for students in grades 3 - 6, a light dinner, transportation for families in the McGrath and Newhall areas, and translation.
- Superintendent Hernandez shared Old Orchard Elementary will host a Dual Language Immersion Parent Night on Wednesday, October 25th where parents will have an opportunity to visit classrooms and learn more about the program.
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor introduced newly appointed Student Support Services Program Specialist Ruth Mouawad-Dougall

**K. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**L. PUBLIC INTEREST****1. Recognition of Classified Employee of the Month**

Congratulations to Meadows Elementary School's Support Technician, Technology Services Ilona Valaika who was nominated by her peers as the Newhall School District's Classified Employee of the Month.

**M. CONSENT CALENDAR****1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar**

No items were removed.

**2. Consideration of Approving Items on the Consent Calendar**

Consent Calendar approved. Board members thanked all of the organizations included in the Donation Report for the generous donations to their respective schools.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

3. Consent Calendar- Business Services
  - i. Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants
  - ii. Consideration of Approving Gift Report #23/24-5
  - iii. Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts
4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources
  - i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #23/24-07
  - ii. Consideration of Approving the University of Phoenix/Four Three Education Inc. Agreement

#### N. STAFF REPORTS

1. Staff Reports- Student Support Services
  - i. Consideration of Approving Student Support Services Board Policies - First Reading  
Board Policy 5141.6 approved and waived additional readings.  
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon  
Vote: 5 - 0  
  
Administrative Regulation 5141.6 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.  
Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Talley  
Vote: 5 - 0  
  
Board Policy 6159.2 approved and waived additional readings.  
Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert  
Vote: 5 - 0  
  
Board Policy 5141.5 approved and waived additional readings.  
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak  
Vote: 5 - 0  
  
Board Policy 5145.6 approved and waived additional readings.  
Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert  
Vote: 5 - 0  
  
Exhibit 5145.6-E(1) approved and waived additional readings.  
Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon  
Vote: 5 - 0  
  
Motion for approval of Board Policy 5145.6 and waive additional readings was rescinded.  
Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley  
Vote: 5 - 0  
  
Board Policy 5145.6 re-approved and waived additional readings.  
Motion: Talley / Seconded: Solomon  
Vote: 5 - 0

2. Staff Reports- Business Services

- i. **Consideration of Approving Personal Services Contract with Royale Management Group for Go Green Live Clean Dunk Squad School Assembly on November 7, 2023**  
This 45-minute fast-action high-flying basketball skills assembly includes a powerful, positive, motivational youth message for the students of Meadows Elementary.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon/ Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

- ii. **Consideration of Granting Permission to Go Out to Bid for District-wide Smartboard Purchase and Installations**

The installations will include any and all new data lines with connectivity to the District's network infrastructure and mount installations.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

- iii. **Consideration of Approving Use of a Piggyback Contract to Purchase Chromebooks for District Refresh and ELOP**

The purchase will help replace aging student devices with new Chromebooks, focusing on a 6-year replacement cycle. Items will include 1100 Chromebooks with licenses for student use in classrooms and 714 Chromebooks with licenses for student use during the after-school programs.

Board member Solomon recommended the District look into redeveloping a District Master Technology Plan sometime in the future, which will help determine equipment inventory, shelf life, and anticipated budgets.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

### 3. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

- i. **California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Data Presentation**

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie and Director of Instruction, Assessment, and Accountability Chad Rose provided a comparison of testing results from 2018-2019 through this past school year. Ms. Peattie also provided an overview of ongoing actions to address student needs.

- ii. **2023-24 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update Presentation**

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Kate Peattie updated the Board on the current LCAP cycle and implementation process.

### 4. Staff Reports-Administrative Services

- i. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #23/24-07 - Update/Revision of Board Bylaw Exhibit 9270**

Updates and revisions of Board Bylaw Exhibit 9270 are required biannually to conform with the District's Conflict of Interest Code.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

ii. **Consideration of Approving Amendment No. 2 to the June 28, 2022 Employment Contract Between Dr. Leticia Hernandez and the Governing Board of the Newhall School District**

Board President Smith shared contract section 3A., Compensation, shall contain a new subsection (6):

(6) Should the District grant an across-the-board salary schedule increase to all other District managers, Superintendent's base salary shall be increased by the same percentage amount on the same effective date.

Item approved.

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

**O. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

- Certificated evaluation process presentation
- Psychologist presentation

**P. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board members resumed Closed Session at 8:19 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

**Q. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Members returned to Public Session at 8:36PM.

**R. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Smith announced that the Board took no action in second Closed Session.

**S. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.

A Special Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023, for the annual State of the District. Open Session begins at 6:00 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Isaiah Talley, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary