

## MEETING MINUTES

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Solomon called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:02 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**

There were no public comments.

**D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 PM

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee: Employee ID #33758
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

**E. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:06 PM.

**F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Solomon announced that in Closed Session on motion of Smith, seconded by Talley, the board voted unanimously to terminate permanent classified employee #33758.

**G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 – 0

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2024

Agenda approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 – 0

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

- Board member Solomon attended Old Orchard Elementary's carnival and shared it was a fun, well-attended event;
- Board member Solomon attended Meadows Elementary's recent family picnic and shared it was a nice day for families to sit and enjoy a picnic together;
- Board member Robert attended the Boys & Girls Club's recent fundraiser and expressed her gratitude for the organization's positive impact on students;
- Board members attended Old Orchard Park's recent renovation groundbreaking event. Old Orchard Elementary will also be extending the field fence to allow for more space;

- Board members attended the recent SCV Trustees Association Meeting where they met at Bowman High School to tour the new Wellness Center. Board member Robert shared that the school is accepting clothing donations for needy students. The event also included updates from School Day Café and CSBA legislative updates;
- Board members visited Stevenson Ranch and Pico Canyon Elementary Schools for Cro-Magnon Day!
- Superintendent Hernandez shared she looks forward to all of the upcoming fall events hosted by several of the schools;
- Superintendent Hernandez invited the public to attend the upcoming Family Resource Fair & Movie Night hosted by Newhall Elementary & the City of Santa Clarita. The event will include interactive artists experiences, parent education, family resources, and raffle prizes;
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor introduced new Director of Business & Fiscal Services Bianca Bequer to the Newhall Team!

**K. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**L. CORRESPONDENCE****1. LACOE Notice of Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for McGrath Elementary School**

An Instructional Materials review team from LACOE visited McGrath Elementary School on September 5, 2024, and determined a sufficiency of instructional materials exists in each of the specified classes visited during the review.

**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.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

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 District Recurring Contracts****4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources****i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #24/25-06****N. STAFF REPORTS****1. Staff Reports- Student Support Services****i. Consideration of Approving School Counselors Attendance to the 2024 California Association of School Counselors Conference**

School counselors will attend workshops on collaborative strategies for elementary schools, strategies to enhance school culture and attendance, as well as workshops on mental health and restorative practices. These workshops will provide our school counselors with an opportunity for professional development and growth, which will support their work with Newhall School District students.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

- ii. **Consideration of Approving 2024-2025 Master Contract with Institute for the Redesign of Learning - The Westmoreland Academy (Non- Public School)**  
Services will provide special education programs and services for students with unique needs, and in cases when the IEP designates a non-public school as the appropriate educational setting.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

**2. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services**

- i. **Consideration of Approving Preschool Coordinator's Attendance to the InterAct CLASS Summit April 7 - 9, 2025**

The summit focuses on supporting great teaching through the power of classroom interactions and is an opportunity for professional growth in the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) and CLASS Environment tool.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Instructional Services Board Policies - First Reading**  
Board Policy 5113 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Talley

Vote: 5 - 0

Administrative Regulation 5113 approved with suggested edits and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

Board Policy 5145.6 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

Exhibit 5145.6 E(1) approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

**3. Staff Reports- Business Services**

- i. **Consideration of Approving Electrical Trim Out for Classroom #7 at Old Orchard Elementary**

The electrical trim out for room 7 was not included in the electrical contractor's original scope of work.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

- ii. **Consideration of Approving the Purchase of Student Unlimited Annual Hotspot Plans from Kajeet**

To ensure that unduplicated students have the necessary tools to access core and supplemental curriculum, the district will make available one-on-one devices and hotspots for these students to take home, facilitating their academic success both in and out of the classroom.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

**iii. Consideration of Approving Professional Services Agreement with Special District Financing & Administration for Evaluation of Existing Mitigation Terms**

Special District Financing & Administration will assist the Newhall School District with evaluating the existing mitigation terms and proposed changes for the Lyons Canyon Project.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

**4. Staff Reports-Administrative Services**

**i. Consideration of Approving Resolution #24/25-05 - In Support of California Proposition 2 Public Education Facilities Bond Measure**

Proposition 2 would provide funding for the renovation of aging schools; upgrading existing classrooms; construction of new classrooms to accommodate growth, among other needs. Board members unanimously agreed to support the proposition.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 5 - 0

**ii. Consideration of Approving Revised 2024 Governing Board Meeting Calendar**

The meeting on December 10th will allow for the Business Department to meet its First Interim Budget deadlines with the County, while the meeting on December 17th will allow the District to meet Ed Code 35143's meeting requirements for the annual organizational meeting.

Item approved.

Motion: Smith / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 5 - 0

**iii. Consideration of Approving the Williams Quarterly Summary Report**

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 - 0

**5. Staff Reports- Human Resources**

**i. Consideration of Approving Agreements with Point Loma Nazarene University**

The three agreements will provide educational field experience for university students to fulfill the requirements of the various authorized credentials for public school service, including: Student teaching/Clinical Practice, fieldwork placement, and teaching internship.

Item approved.

Motion: Talley / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 - 0

ii. **Consideration of Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between the Newhall School District and Newhall Teachers Association - NSD Coherent Writing Program 2024-25**

The Newhall School District's coherent writing program is a critical component of UPK-sixth grade's curriculum. Selected teachers work with Instructional Services to deliver specific and ongoing writing training and coaching by grade level.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Smith

Vote: 5 - 0

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

None.

P. **ADJOURN TO SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

Second Closed Session was not held.

Q. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2024. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



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Ernesto Smith, Governing Board Clerk



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Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary