

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

1. **Donna Rose, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley, Brian Walters**
Board members Rose, Smith, Solomon, and Talley were present.
Board member Walters was absent.
All Executive Cabinet Members were present.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments.

D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:02 PM.

Board member Walters arrived at 6:11 PM.

1. **Conference with legal counsel—Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 2022060133**
2. **Existing litigation Government Code sections 54954.5 (c) and 54956.9 (d)(1): Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21CHCV00803**
3. **Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint of an Employee**
4. **Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources**

E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

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

F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

In closed session, the Board approved a settlement agreement in OAH Special Education Due Process Case No. 20220060133, pursuant to which the District, without admission of fault, has agreed to fund and provide specified educational services and reasonable attorneys fees collectively not to exceed \$26,745, in consideration of a release of claims against the District. The roll call vote was as follows:

M/S/C - (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director of Business and Fiscal Services Kevin Vensko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2022**

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

2. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 1, 2022

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

J. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board member Solomon volunteered at Wiley Canyon's Grandparent's Day / 9/11 Tribute events. Both events were engaging and heartfelt;
- Board member Solomon attended Peachland's PBIS assembly and enjoyed watching students engage in the program;
- Board President Rose, Board member Solomon and Superintendent Dr. Hernandez attended the SCV Schools Trustees Association meeting held on Monday, September 12 at the newly built Science Center at College of the Canyons. Trustees shared out their District's current events and business;
- Board President Rose shared that College of the Canyons will be offering a fall institute program for students in grades 6 – 8, with the first session scheduled for October 1 - 3, 2022. This session will focus on career pathways such as babysitting, robotic coding, and a discovery camp;
- Board member Walters attended an annual development analysis event where businesses were encouraged to relocate to the Santa Clarita Valley to boost the city's economy and schools
- Superintendent Dr. Hernandez congratulated all 10 NSD schools for earning the CA PBIS Coalition's silver level recognition. This honor reflects the hard work and dedication towards implementing a PBIS system on campuses;
- Superintendent Dr. Hernandez gave a shout-out to staff members at Pico Canyon and Peachland Elementary schools for a job well done with student emergencies last week;
- Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Amanda Montemayor introduced newly appointed Assistant Principal Erica Camara. Ms. Camara will be serving both Stevenson Ranch and Valencia Valley Elementaries.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NSD parent Suverna Mistry addressed the Board over concerns with the District's overall safety plans. After attending a safety symposium held by Wm. S. Hart USD. Ms. Mistry urged the Governing Board members to meet with her to discuss strategies that can be implemented to increase safety throughout the District.

L. CORRESPONDENCE**1. Letter on Nominations for Membership of the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization**

NSD's Supervisorial District currently does not have a vacancy. If individuals have a suggestion for a nominee in another district, they can bring it forward to those districts with vacancies.

M. PUBLIC INTEREST

1. Presentation on Newhall School District's School #11

LPA Managing Director Steven Key shared a presentation on the progress of Newhall School District's School #11. The presentation included 2 new layout options that address school safety, functionality, and protection from winds.

Board members agreed Option 1 best addresses the needs discussed.

Board member Walters requested a future meeting discussion to address traffic and ingress/egress concerns.

2. Presentation Regarding 2021/2022 District Marketing Campaign and Consideration of Approving 2022/2023 Campaign

Jill Mellady of Mellady Marketing provided an overview of the District's 2021-22 marketing and advertising campaign. A proposal for the 2022-23 year campaign was also reviewed. The 2022-23 campaign will continue to encompass the following theme: New Ideas, New Friendships, New Beginnings. #WhereWeAllBelong

Board members provided input on the marketing/advertising proposals for the 2022-23 year and requested Mellady:

- Include Board members on all future marketing drafts
- Keep on brand for all future marketing materials
- Connect with Theatre Manager Tom Lund for future videos
- Coordinate necessary release paperwork from parents when using NSD students for campaign photos
- Provide Executive Assistant Rosana Valadez with leads

2022-23 campaign approved with suggested adjustments.

M/S/C- (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5-0

N. 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.

M/S/C - (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

3. Consent Calendar- Business Services

i. Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants

ii. Consideration of Approving Gift Report #22/23-3

iii. Consideration of Approving 2022-2023 District Recurring Contracts

4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

- i. **Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #22/23-04**

O. STAFF REPORTS

1. Staff Reports- Business Services

- i. **Consideration of Approving Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Unaudited Actuals Report**

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5 – 0

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Architectural Services, LPA, Inc.**

Amendments to include the phase 2 design and modifications to the estimated total funding for the project.

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Walters/Solomon)

Vote: 5 – 0

- iii. **Consideration of Approving Increase to Bus Painting Services, Marathon Industries, Inc.**

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Talley/Smith)

Vote: 5 – 0

- iv. **Consideration of Approving Authorization Allowing Assistant Superintendent, Business Services and Director of Fiscal Services to Make Inter-Fund Cash Transfers for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5 – 0

- v. **Consideration of Approving Year End Appropriation Transfers for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

2. Staff Reports - Administrative Services

- i. **Consideration of Approving Resolution #22/23-07: COVID-19 Masking Resolution**

NSD parent Rhiawna Bracci addressed the Board on COVID-19 testing requirements for District staff and volunteers and requested the Board consider passing a resolution asking the county to eliminate COVID-19 weekly testing requirements.

NSD parent Suverna Mistry thanked Superintendent Dr. Hernandez for including NSD, along with 23 other districts, in a letter to Dr. Ferrer, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, respectfully requesting the LACDPH end masking mandates. Ms. Mistry also urged the Board to amend the District's exemption rules for children in the District and review enforcement procedures to ensure they are up-to-date.

In response to public comments, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Sheri Staszewski shared that as of September 17, 2022 school districts will no longer be required to test unvaccinated staff members.

Along with approval of the proposed resolution, Board members agreed moving forward with a response to Dr. Ferrer's September 6, 2022 letter. The September 6th letter response from Dr. Ferrer addressed an initial letter from 24 superintendents throughout the State, including Dr. Hernandez, respectfully requesting the LACDPH end masking mandates.

Board member Walters read NSD's draft letter response aloud for Board consideration. Board members unanimously agreed to move forward with NSD's letter response and resolution.

Resolution #22/23-07 approved with suggested amendments.

M/S/C - (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5 – 0

Letter response to Dr. Ferrer's approved with suggested revisions.

M/S/C - (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

3. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services

- i. **Consideration of Approving Valencia Valley Elementary Administrators and Staff Attend Professional Learning Communities (PLC) at Work® Institute San Antonio, Texas November 7-9, 2022**

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5 – 0

- ii. **Consideration of Approving Dr. J Michael McGrath Elementary Administrator and Staff attend RTI at the Work Institute in Pasadena, CA December 6-8, 2022**

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

- iii. **Consideration of Approving Writing Without Tears Curriculum for Newhall District Preschool**

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Smith)

Vote: 5 – 0

- iv. **Consideration of Approving License for Arts Integration & STEAM Accelerator for Newhall Elementary School**

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

4. Staff Reports- Human Resources

- i. **Consideration of Approving New Certificated Job Description - District - Teacher on Special Assignment for Student Support Services**

Item approved.

M/S/C - (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 – 0

ii. **Consideration of Approving New Classified Position and Salary Schedule - Student Support Services Department Technician**

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Smith/Solomon)
Vote: 5 – 0

5. **Staff Reports- Student Support Services**

i. **Consideration of Approving Annual Team Lead Stipend for One School Psychologist and One Occupational Therapist**

Item approved.
M/S/C - (Walters/Smith)
Vote: 5 – 0

P. AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

- School Safety Plans
- Superintendent Goals
- State of the District Planning Discussion

Q. ADJOURN TO CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Board members resumed Closed Session at 9:18 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

R. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Board Members returned to Public Session at 9:25 PM.

S. REPORT OUT OF SECOND CLOSED SESSION

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

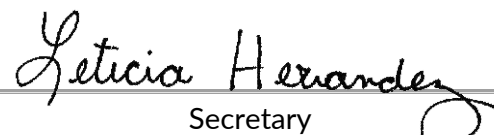
T. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Rose adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2022. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Board Clerk



Secretary