

## MEETING MINUTES

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Smith called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:05 PM.

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

Board members Haddoak, Robert, and Solomon were present.

Board President Smith joined virtually from The Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa, 71333 Dinah Shore Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA.

Board member Talley was absent.

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 6:06 PM.

1. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 23/24-04
2. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.9: Potential Litigation: Case 23/24-05
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, Human Resources

### E. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Board members returned to Regular Session at 7:04 PM.

### F. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Board President Smith announced that in Closed Session the Board took action to approve the hiring of Elizabeth Gomez for the position of Education Technology and Special Programs Coordinator effective October 2, 2023. The roll call vote was as follows:

Motion: Solomon / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 4 - 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Smith - Aye

### G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

District Office Receptionist Sheryl Mountan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### H. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Solomon

Vote: 4 - 0

Roll call vote:  
Haddoak - Aye  
Robert - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2023**

Minutes approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 4 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

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

- Board members Haddoak and Robert attended a workshop on facilitating IEPs and shared their positive experiences;
- Board members Robert and Solomon attended a Brazilian folkloric dance assembly at Old Orchard Elementary and shared that it was an outstanding presentation and very engaging for students;
- Board members Solomon and Talley joined Dr. Hernandez for a site visit at Newhall Elementary and shared their visit was stellar;
- Board members attended the recent SCV Trustees Association Meeting where Kevin Gordon from Capitol Advisors gave updates from Sacramento. The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2024, and the public is welcome to attend;
- Superintendent Hernandez thanked the District's parent organizations for organizing several upcoming fall events. Thank you to those who work hard to put special events together for our families.

**K. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Old Orchard Parent Dusty Holdren addressed the Board about redacting specific safety-related items from the District's website.

Board President Smith lost virtual connection at 7:12 PM.

Clerk Pro Tem Solomon led the meeting as of 7:12 PM.

**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 August 29, 2023, and determined a sufficiency of instructional materials exists in each of the specified classes visited during the review.

**M. PUBLIC INTEREST**

**1. Recognition of Classified Employees of the Month**

Congratulations to the following staff members who were nominated by their peers as the Newhall School District's Classified Employees of the Month:

Stephanie Garcia, School Office Manager, McGrath Elementary  
Gilbert Aguayo, General Maintenance I, Facilities Department  
Sheryl Mountan, Receptionist, District Office

**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.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 3 – 0

Roll call vote:

Haddoak - Aye

Robert - Aye

Solomon - Aye

**3. Consent Calendar- Business Services****i. Consideration of Approving Purchase Orders, B Warrants and Payroll Warrants****ii. Consideration of Approving the Salvage Report****iii. Consideration of Approving District Recurring Contracts****4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources****i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #23/24-05****O. STAFF REPORTS****1. Staff Reports- Business Services****i. Discussion on Potential New Bond Program**

Director for Keygent Advisors Chris Hiatt provided an update on considerations for a new bond program, including a timeline for a potential 2024 election scenario.

Clerk Pro Tem Solomon shared it would be best to table the discussion until all Board members are present. Community support is an important factor all Board members should consider. The item will be brought back to the October 10th meeting for further discussion.

**ii. Consideration of Approving Training and Support Agreement with the Campus Safety Group**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Arik Avanesyans shared that the agreement will provide tools, training and support for the District to update current safety planning efforts to establish a sustainable process for meeting the expectations found in state law requiring comprehensive school safety plans (CSSPs).

Item approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 3 – 0

**iii. Emergency Declaration - Ratify Agreement with ATI Restoration, LLC**

The District entered into an agreement with ATI Restoration, LLC on September 5th, 2023 to begin restoration work on fire damage at Old Orchard Elementary School.

Item approved.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 3 – 0

**2. Staff Reports-Administrative Services****i. Consideration of Approving Resolution #23/24-06 Declaring October 8 - 14, 2023 as "Week of the School Administrator"**

Board member Haddoak read Resolution #23/24-06 aloud. Board members shared they value the District's leadership and admire how incredibly graceful they are in all interactions.

Item approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 3 – 0

**ii. Safety Discussions**

Item postponed due to the absence of two Board members.

**iii. AB 1699 Discussion**

Superintendent Hernandez shared that, if passed, Assembly Bill 1699 requires vacancies for part-time or full-time classified service positions of an education employer to be open only to current regular and hourly employees before the vacancy may be publicly posted for the general public to apply.

After discussing, Board members directed Dr. Hernandez to compose a letter to Governor Newsom sharing the negative impact AB 1699 can potentially have on school districts' hiring processes and also recommended including examples specific to Newhall School District.

**3. Staff Reports- Curriculum/Instructional Services****i. Consideration of Approving Instructional Services Board Policies - First Reading**

Board policy 5117 approved with option 1 and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 3 – 0

**ii. Consideration of Approving Kindergarten Report Card Revisions**

Kindergarten team leaders and their teams have reflected on and refined which standards are essential and what should be shared with parents on the report card. All Kindergarten teams approved the changes.

Item approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

**iii. Consideration of Approving 5th Grade Report Card for Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program**

A DLI-specific report card is needed to include Spanish language standards. DLI teachers met during the summer to identify the essential Spanish language standards to be added to the 5th grade report card.

Item approved.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 3 – 0

**4. Staff Reports- Human Resources****i. Consideration of Approving Human Resources Board Policies - First Reading**

Administrative Regulation 4161.2 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 3 – 0

Administrative Regulation 4261.2 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Haddoak / Seconded: Robert

Vote: 3 – 0

Talley - Aye

Administrative Regulation 4361.2 approved and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 3 – 0

Administrative Regulation 4161.8 approved with option 4 under Terms of Leave, option 1 under Use/Substitution of Paid Leave, and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 3 – 0

Administrative Regulation 4261.8 approved with option 4 under Terms of Leave, option 1 under Use/Substitution of Paid Leave, and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 3 – 0

Administrative Regulation 4361.8 approved with option 4 under Terms of Leave, option 1 under Use/Substitution of Paid Leave, and waived additional readings.

Motion: Robert / Seconded: Haddoak

Vote: 3 – 0

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

- Bond Measure Discussions
- Safety Discussions

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

Board members resumed Closed Session at 8:08 PM to discuss previously stated closed session items.

**R. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Members returned to Public Session at 9:11 PM.

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

Clerk Pro Tem Solomon announced that the Board took no action in second Closed Session.

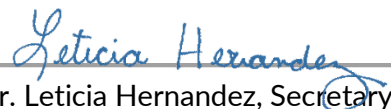
**T. ADJOURNMENT**

Clerk Pro Tem Solomon adjourned the meeting at 9:11 PM.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2023. Closed Session begins at 6:00 PM. Open Session begins at 7:00 PM.



Isaiah Talley, Governing Board Clerk



Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Secretary