



**Regular Board Meeting Agenda  
via Zoom Teleconference  
04/13/2021 06:00 PM  
Newhall School District  
25375 Orchard Village Rd., #200  
Valencia, CA 91355**

**Meeting Minutes**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Walters called the Regular meeting of the Governing Board to order at 6:03 P.M.

**B. ROLL CALL**

1. Donna Rose, Ernesto Smith, Suzan Solomon, Isaiah Talley, Brian Walters  
All Board Members were present.  
All Cabinet Members were present.

**C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:03 P.M.

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: Potential Litigation - Case #18/19-04, Conference with Legal Counsel
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee- Possible Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release of an Employee
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District Amanda Montemayor, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

**D. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:08 P.M.

**E. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Walters announced that the Board took action to approve a Compromise and Release Agreement with employee #EM4097521

M/S/C- (Rose/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Executive Assistant Rosana Valadez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**G. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

**H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2021**

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Rose/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**2. Consideration of Approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 26, 2021**

Minutes approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Rose)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Board members recognized District staff for their efforts and flexibility to return to live instruction after a challenging year. The Board is appreciative of the District for providing options to meet the needs of all students;
- A moment of silence was observed in memory of former employees Cheryl Phillips and Mike Pace;
- Board Member Rose, Mr. Pelzel and Ms. Staszewski toured the site where the future Mission Village elementary school will be constructed;
- Mr. Pelzel commended Kevin Gordon of Capitol Advisors and CA State Superintendent Tony Thurmond for advocating to approve the J-13 waiver related to the 2020 District ransomware attack;
- Mr. Pelzel commended the District Office departments for their efforts in sharing weekly communications via a new digital newsletter called Smore. Each department will be assigned a week per month.

**J. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. CSBA Delegate Assembly Run-off Election: Region 22**

Approved nominating NSD Board member Ernesto Smith to the position of CSBA Delegate Assembly member  
M/S/C- (Solomon/Rose)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

## L. PUBLIC INTEREST

### 1. School Reopening Update

Superintendent Pelzel provided an update on the reopening for full-time, in-person instruction at all NSD schools on April 19, 2021, including arrival/dismissal, breakfast and lunch preparations, recess preparations, classroom preparations, provider preparations, restrooms and drinking fountains, transportation, and updates to meals for DLA students.

In response to Board questions, Mr. Pelzel clarified the disinfecting process between lunches, needs for students with specific nutritional needs, parent involvement and volunteering, 6th grade promotions, and requests from new families to transfer students to the District. Brief discussions on concerns over mask fatigue were also held.

## M. CONSENT CALENDAR

### 1. Removal of Items From the Consent Calendar

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

Consent Calendar approved.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

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 #20/21-15

iii. Consideration of Approving Salvage Report

### 4. Consent Calendar- Human Resources

i. Consideration of Approving Personnel Report #20/21-18

### 5. Consent Calendar- Student Support Services

i. Consideration of Approving Amended Personal Services Contract with Progressive Steps, Inc.

**N. STAFF REPORTS****1. Staff Reports- Business Services****i. Consideration of Accepting the Fall 2020 Student Population Projection Report from Davis Demographics**

David Kaitz, Senior Project Manager for Davis Demographics presented the Fall 2020 Student Population Projection Report. Board members accepted the report.

M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**ii. Consideration of Approving Bell Schedules for the Remainder of 2020-2021 School Year  
2020-2021 bell schedules approved.**

M/S/C- (Talley/Solomon)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**iii. Consideration of Approving Amendment No. 2 to Existing "Agreement Relating to Student Services" for (i) YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, Santa Clarita Valley Family YMCA, (ii) Camp Sunshine, Inc., (iii) Peak Programs, Inc. and (iv) Sandsar, Inc.,**

Contract amendment No. 2 approved.

M/S/C- (Smith/Talley)

Vote: 5 - 0

Roll call vote:

Rose - Aye

Smith - Aye

Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye

Walters - Aye

**2. Staff Reports- Student Support Services****i. Consideration of Approving 2021 Summer Programming Proposal**

Director of Student Support Services Kim Howe and committee members presented a solution to meet the needs and challenges of targeted student populations experiencing learning loss due to the COVID-10 pandemic via a recommended LEAP to Learning/Extended School Year. Committee members proposed to offer in-person and DLA summer programming during the timeframe of 6/21/21 through 7/16/21 at sites not scheduled for extensive summer projects.

Ms. Howe recognized all committee members involved in putting together the proposal presented today.

In response to concerns from the Board over involving teachers in the decision-making process, Ms. Howe shared that teaching staff will be involved in the planning process once the Board approves moving forward with the program.

Board members requested further information on the criteria utilized for the student selection process.

Program approved.  
 M/S/C- (Smith/Talley)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye

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

#### **i. Presentation on District-Wide Focus in Intervention**

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Dee Jamison and Staff Development Administrator Kate Peattie shared the Department's plan and next steps to address district-wide intervention supports in foundational reading skills in primary grades and struggling readers in upper grades at all ten sites, including staffing, assessments and direct support to students.

### **4. Staff Reports-Administrative Services**

#### **i. Approval of Santa Clarita Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Local Plan**

Item approved.  
 M/S/C- (Rose/Talley)  
 Vote: 5 - 0  
 Roll call vote:  
 Rose - Aye  
 Smith - Aye  
 Solomon - Aye  
 Talley - Aye  
 Walters - Aye

#### **ii. Consideration of Approving First Reading of Board Bylaws 9121: Role of the Governing Board President, 9122: Role of the Governing Board Secretary, and 9123: Role of the Governing Board Clerk**

Policies will be brought to the April 27th Board meeting for second reading.

#### **iii. Consideration of Approving First Reading of Board Bylaw 9321: Closed Session Purposes and Agendas**

Policy will be brought to the April 27th Board meeting for second reading.

#### **iv. Governing Board Discussion on Santa Clarita Valley Trustee Association COVID Safety Video**

Board member Solomon shared with fellow members that the District has been invited to participate with the Santa Clarita Valley Trustees Association in a 1-minute video on COVID-19 safety practices to stay in school. Public Relations Officer Dave

Caldwell of Hart School District will oversee the project and there will be no costs involved to the District. The video will be uploaded on YouTube and Districts can then share via their Facebook.

Board members agreed to move forward with participating in the video with Board President Walters as the District's spokesperson and Board member Solomon as the alternate.

- v. **Consideration of Approving the Williams Quarterly Summary Report**
    - Item approved.
    - M/S/C- (Solomon/Talley)
    - Vote: 5 - 0
    - Roll call vote:
    - Rose - Aye
    - Smith - Aye
    - Solomon - Aye
    - Talley - Aye
    - Walters - Aye
5. **Staff Reports- Human Resources**
- i. **Consideration of Approving Classified Layoff Resolution #20/21-18**
    - Item approved with regret
    - M/S/C- (Solomon/Rose)
    - Vote: 5 - 0
    - Roll call vote:
    - Rose - Aye
    - Smith - Aye
    - Solomon - Aye
    - Talley - Aye
    - Walters - Aye
  - ii. **Consideration of Approving Newhall Teachers Association - Side Letter (Open House)**
    - Item approved.
    - M/S/C- (Smith/Talley)
    - Vote: 5 - 0
    - Roll call vote:
    - Rose - Aye
    - Smith - Aye
    - Solomon - Aye
    - Talley - Aye
    - Walters - Aye
  - iii. **Consideration of Approving Newhall Teachers Association Appendix I - Side Letter (ESY)**
    - Item approved.
    - M/S/C- (Smith/Talley)
    - Vote: 5 - 0
    - Roll call vote:
    - Rose - Aye
    - Smith - Aye
    - Solomon - Aye

Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

**iv. Consideration of Approving New Certificated Job Description - Learning Support Teacher**

Item approved.  
M/S/C- (Smith/Solomon)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

**v. Consideration of Approving New Certificated Job Description -Special Education Learning Support Teacher**

Item approved.  
M/S/C- (Solomon/Rose)  
Vote: 5 - 0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose - Aye  
Smith - Aye  
Solomon - Aye  
Talley - Aye  
Walters - Aye

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

- Census and Trustee Area items
  - Potential redistricting of voting Districts

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Walters adjourned the meeting at 10:17 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2021. Closed Session begins at 6:00 P.M.  
Open Session begins at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom teleconference.



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Board Clerk



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Secretary