

**NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
November 19, 2019
6:00 P.M. Closed Executive Session
7:00 P.M. Regular Public Session**

MINUTES

The Regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mrs. Solomon.

Board Members Present: Rose, Smith, Solomon and Talley

Cabinet Members Present: Jamison, Pelzel and Persaud

There were no public comments on Closed Session items.

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

Dr. Morse joined Closed Session via telephone.

Mr. Walters arrived at 6:45 P.M.

ANTICIPATED LITIGATION-Conference with legal counsel possible case: Government Code sections 54954.5 (c) & 54956.9 (d)(2) and (e)(1)

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957: Public Employee - possible employment/discipline/dismissal/release of an employee

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations - Negotiator for the District:
Dr. Michelle Morse, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:00 P.M.

Board President Solomon dedicated the meeting to the victims of the Saugus High School shooting. A moment of silence was observed.

The Board president announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

McGrath Teacher Joseph Soqui led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

Approved Agenda
M/S/C - (Walters/Talley)
Vote: 5-0

AGENDA

Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 5, 2019
M/S/C - (Rose/Smith)
Vote: 5-0

MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

- Board members thanked local law enforcement, William S. Hart Union School District staff and the community for their efforts and supports related to the Saugus High School shooting;
- Board members commended NSD staff and students for following proper safety protocols as a result of the Saugus High School shooting;
- District staff and Principals Maxwell, Rainville and Rose were honored at the 2019 National Blue Ribbon School Ceremony in Washington DC;
- Mr. Pelzel thanked Gina Rodriguez, Jason Busack and Sarah Johnson for spearheading the District Family Resource Center at Wiley Canyon Elementary. Mr. Pelzel also thanked Principal Lankford for providing the space. The Center will be available to all District families beginning Thursday, November 21st;
- Mr. Pelzel commended the McGrath Elementary staff for following proper safety protocols and maintaining excellent organization during the recent fire evacuation near their school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peachland parent Jenn Hughes addressed the Board and stated she is not in favor of the District's directive to maintain all school gates locked on evenings, weekends and holidays. Ms. Hughes requested the Board consider maintaining the gates open during daylight hours on school days and also requested the District reconsider installing push bars on exit gates at Valencia Valley Elementary.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Los Angeles County Office of Education regarding Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organizations election results. Board President Solomon was re-elected to another four-year term and will serve as representative of the Fifth Supervisorial District effective January 2020 through December 2023.

PUBLIC INTEREST

Mariam Nasiry of California Credit Union presented Science Coach Rebecca Colling with a \$500.00 Teacher Grant. The grant is designed to assist educators by funding innovative learning opportunities for students.

Green Thumb Nursery was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their support of McGrath Elementary School during the recent fire near McGrath.

CONSENT CALENDAR**Business Services**

Approved purchase orders through 20-00704; B warrants 20032703 - 20036077; all payroll warrants issued through November 18, 2019; 551 substitute days for October 2019; 250.75 overtime hours for October 2019

Approved Gift Report #19/20-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS**PUBLIC COMMENTS****CORRESPONDENCE****PUBLIC INTEREST****CALIFORNIA
CREDIT UNION
GRANT****GREEN THUMB
PRESENTATION****CONSENT
CALENDAR****B WARRANTS****GIFT REPORT**

Human Resources

Approved Personnel Report #19/20-08

**PERSONNEL
REPORT**

Student Support Services

Approved Amendment to Willowbrooks Behavioral Health Personal Services Contract

**WILLOWBROOKS
AMENDMENT**

Approved Amendment to California Psychcare Personal Services Contract

**CALIFORNIA
PSYCHCARE
AMENDMENT**

Curriculum/Instructional Services

Approved Newhall Elementary 5th Grade Field Trip to the Huntington Library

**THE HUNTINGTON
LIBRARY FIELD TRIP**

Approved Newhall Elementary 6th Grade Field Trip to the Broad Museum

**BROAD MUSEUM
FIELD TRIP**

Approved travel related expenses to the Solution Tree PLC Summit in Phoenix, AZ for McGrath Elementary staff

**SOLUTION TREE
PLC SUMMIT**

Approved travel related expenses to the Kennedy Center Partners in Education Annual Conference for Dee Jamison and Kate Peattie

**KENNEDY CENTER
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

Approved items on the Consent Calendar

M/S/C – (Rose/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Smith – Aye

Talley – Aye

Rose - Aye

Solomon – Aye

Walters – Aye

Information concerning the Consent Items listed above has been forwarded to each Board Member prior to this meeting for their study. Unless a Board Member has a question concerning a particular item and asks it to be withdrawn from the Consent Calendar, the items are approved at one time by the Governing Board. The action by the Board in approving Consent Items is detailed in individual backup documents.

**STAFF
REPORTS**

Business Services

Approved 2019/2020 Comprehensive School Safety Plans for McGrath, Meadows, Newhall, Valencia Valley and Wiley Canyon Elementary Schools with the following recommendations:

**2019/2020
COMPREHENSIVE**

- Add an Executive Summary page to the front of plans to include important/emergency contact numbers
- Gather law enforcement and city officials' signatures on plans prior to Board approval
- Include Governing Board member names on all staff directories
- Update site map discrepancies

SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS

The Board requested the District agendaize a discussion regarding safety features with the purpose of identifying critical issues and activities, creating an action plan for the District and determining costs.

The Board also requested feedback from the recent fire that affected McGrath Elementary. The District is to provide specifics as to what protocols worked best and a report to include how current Safety Plans were utilized.

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Waived second and third readings and approved revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 3100: Budget

BP/AR 3100

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Waived second and third readings and approved revised Administrative Regulation 3320: Claims and Actions Against the District

AR 3320

M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

Approved Memorandum of Understanding between NSD and Raising the Curtain Foundation for the Grand Ovation Campaign with the following recommended language amendment:

RAISING THE CURTAIN MOU

- Under Project Description, remove “and unending” from the sentence

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Student Support Services

Approved third and final reading of revised Board Policy 6173: Instruction of Education for Homeless Children

BP 6173

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Approved Amendment to Casa Pacifica Contract. Mr. Walters requested the District revisit discussions around bringing in a Non-Public School program to the Santa Clarita Valley.

CASA PACIFICA AMENDMENT

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Approved travel related expenses to the IMSE Orton-Gillingham Training for Student Support Services staff

IMSE ORTON-GILLINGHAM TRAINING

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Administrative Services

Approved Governance Handbook with recommended formatting updates. A hard copy will be available for Board members at the December 10th meeting.

**GOVERNANCE
HANDBOOK**

M/S/C – (Smith/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

The 2020 NSD Open House will be hosted at Wiley Canyon Elementary School on Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. The event will commence with an overview in the MPR followed by four 15-minute breakout sessions:

**2020 NSD OPEN
HOUSE**

1. Overview of the Old Orchard Dual Language Immersion Program
2. Overview of site technology to include review of Google Classrooms
3. Overview of the District's comprehensive arts program to include art residencies, music program and art program
4. Overview of the Newhall School District's comprehensive Science program

Board members discussed the various workshop events they would each like to attend while at the CSBA Education Conference in San Diego.

CSBA CONFERENCE

ADJOURNMENT

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Mrs. Solomon adjourned the meeting at 8:59 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Annual Organizational Meeting

The next Organizational Meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2019 at 6:30 P. M. Public Session for the Regular Meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Newhall School District Office, 25375 Orchard Village Road, Suite #200, Valencia, California.

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