



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 3, 2022, held at 4:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Robert Rojas, President, Manuel Ruiz, Clerk; Members, Marcelino Varona, Jr.,

Board Member not present: Greg Lucero

Board Member Cesar A. Lopez came in at 4:40 p.m.

a. Call to Order

Mr. Rojas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Varona led all in the Pledge.

Dr. Varona asked for a point of order and requested to honor a moment of silence for Prior NUSD Engineer Mr. Manuel Montaña who passed away last week. He further mentioned the highlights of Mr. Montaña's career at NUSD.

Mr. Rojas added condolences to the Montaña family on behalf of Nogales Unified School District. He further mentioned Mr. Montaña had also been a member of the Lion's Club, as well as many of the Board Members.

President Rojas by Dr. Varona's request directed Superintendent Canto to follow up with a sympathy card.

Superintendent Canto mentioned she was planning to attend the services and would take care of it.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval with exception of Action item 6.b- Second Read of the Policies to bring back at the meeting of October 24, 2022.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion to approve the agenda with the recommended changes mentioned by Superintendent Canto and was seconded by Dr. Varona for approval.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Ruiz, Varona, and Rojas

II. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Dr. Varona for approval as presented to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Ruiz, Varona, and Rojas

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (NHS Cheer Booster)
- c. Approval of Division of School Facilities (DSF) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) funding for Pierson High School Intercom Bell Upgrades Project
- d. Approval of Division of School Facilities (DSF) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) funding for Wade Carpenter Middle School Intercom Bell Upgrades Project
- e. Approval of Quitclaim Deed for Purchase of Boy Scout Building Lot
- f. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- g. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Arizona State University and Nogales Unified School District
- h. Designation of Qualified Evaluators

III. Presentation and Discussion

Superintendent Canto gave an overview of the presentations scheduled for this meeting, Elementary Schools Spring Assessment 2022. She further mentioned that the data for the secondary schools would be presented at the meeting of October 24, 2022. In addition, she mentioned that the Letter Grade information was not available at this time but would be shared at the December Board Retreat.

Superintendent Canto introduced Asst. Superintendent Aissa Bonillas to begin with the District overview presentation.

1. NUSD Elementary Overview – Aissa Bonillas, Asst. Superintendent

Asst. Superintendent Bonillas gave an overview of her presentation and focus on the Arizona Academic Standards Assessment (AASA) Information.

Superintendent Canto thanked Ms. Bonillas for the presentation and mentioned this is something to look forward in the rest of the presentations including secondary schools.

Mr. Ruiz made comments about the difference in the 4th and 5th grade curriculum and mentioned it was great to see it was moving in the right direction.

Asst. Superintendent Bonillas mentioned that whatever happens with fourth graders seemed to work in a positive way to when they get to 5th grade because they do a much better job.

Dr. Varona mentioned that he has been consistent with his remarks of disagreement with the State Legislature of changing the format to test students. He highlighted the different statistics he saw in the testing of the years 2021 and 2022.

He concurred with Mr. Ruiz that the District is moving in the right direction.

He thanked Ms. Bonillas for the great presentation.

Mr. Rojas stated he agreed with both colleagues' comments and thanked Ms. Bonillas for a good presentation.

2. Mary L. Welty Elementary School – Mariebeth Silva, Principal

Superintendent Canto introduced Ms. Mariebeth Silva to give her presentation.

Ms. Silva gave a Power Point presentation on an overview of the data and school action plan.

The Governing Board made comments on the subject and Ms. Silva, and Superintendent Canto clarified all inquiries and concerns.

3. Challenger Elementary School – Christina Valdez, Principal

Superintendent Canto introduced Ms. Christina Valdez to give her presentation.

Ms. Valdez gave a Power Point presentation on an overview of the data and school action plan.

The Governing Board made comments on the subject and Ms. Valdez, and Superintendent Canto clarified all inquiries and concerns.

4. Lincoln Elementary School – Saralee Burkett, Principal

Superintendent Canto introduced Ms. Saralee Burkett to give her presentation.

Ms. Burkett gave a Power Point presentation on an overview of the data and school action plan.

The Governing Board made comments on the subject and Ms. Burkett, and Superintendent Canto clarified all inquiries and concerns.

5. A.J. Mitchell Elementary School – C. Gabriel Wong, Principal

Superintendent Canto introduced Mr. Gabriel Wong to give her presentation.

Mr. Wong gave a Power Point presentation on an overview of the data and school action plan.

The Governing Board made comments on the subject and Mr. Wong, and Superintendent Canto clarified all inquiries and concerns.

6. Robert M. Bracker Elementary School – Joshua Payne, Principal

Superintendent Canto introduced Mr. Joshua Payne to give her presentation.

Mr. Payne gave a Power Point presentation on an overview of the data and school action plan.

The Governing Board made comments on the subject and Mr. Payne, and Superintendent Canto clarified all inquiries and concerns.

7. Fco. Vásquez de Coronado Elementary School – Sandra L. Jiménez, Principal

Superintendent Canto introduced Ms. Sandra Jimenez to give her presentation.

Ms. Jimenez gave a Power Point presentation on an overview of the data and school action plan.

The Governing Board made comments on the subject and Ms. Jimenez, and Superintendent Canto clarified all inquiries and concerns.

Board President Rojas called for a 5-minute break.

IV. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action

a. Governing Board Resolution Supporting a FY2023 Aggregate Expenditure Limit Override

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and stated that this item had been requested to be placed on the agenda by Board Member Varona.

Dr. Varona mentioned that this was a Resolution that was sent to all the school boards within the State of Arizona by the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA). Adding that it was important to demonstrate to the students, faculty, staff, parents, and community members that based on the November election results, if by March nothing has been done, then by April 1, 2023, NUSD will need to cut \$7-Million out of its budget. He added that he wanted to make clear that this Board is doing everything possible to make this resolution possible.

Dr. Varona made a motion to adopt the Governing Board Resolution supporting the 2023 Aggregate Expenditure Limit Override, and that Superintendent Canto be directed to send this Resolution to our representatives at the State Legislature, to ASBA, and to the Governor's Office of the State of Arizona, and was seconded by Mr. Ruiz for approval as presented to the Board.

Mr. Lopez mentioned he was in support of the resolution and with seeking solutions for the State government.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Varona, Ruiz, Lopez, and Rojas

- b. Suspension of Governing Board Policy BGB Policy Adoption for Approval of Policy Advisory September 2022 for revisions to Policy JLCB – Immunizations of Students; Regulation JLCB-R – Immunizations of Students, and Regulation KDB-R – Public’s Right to Know/Freedom of Information

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and introduced Mayra Zuñiga, HR Director, to explain further the policies.

Ms. Zuñiga explained the revisions being made to the policies with a Power Point presentation.

Mr. Rojas asked Superintendent Canto for her recommendation to the Board.

Superintendent Canto mentioned that her recommendation was that this item be a first read for the Governing Board and bring back for a second read and approval at the meeting of October 24, 2022 along with agenda item VI-b.

Dr. Varona mentioned his personal comments to object about the revisions.

Mr. Lopez mentioned he supported the proposal.

Mr. Ruiz gave his thoughts of disagreement referring to the FERPA law.

Mr. Rojas mentioned the Board would follow the Superintendent’s recommendation and would make a decision in the second read at the next board meeting.

V. Information and Discussion

- a. Presentation of FY22 Annual Financial Report (AFR)

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and introduced Business Director Clementina Carlyle, to give a presentation.

Ms. Carlyle gave a Power Point presentation explaining the financial report.

Dr. Varona stated that he did not recommend draining the savings carry-over to avoid putting the taxpayers into a predicament and suggested that a presentation be given in November with options of what to do in case there were millions cut from the budget.

Mr. Lopez thanked Ms. Carlyle for the presentation.

Mr. Ruiz concurred with Dr. Varona and thanked Ms. Carlyle for her presentation.

Mr. Rojas mentioned that his approach on this matter is taking a conservative position and the best interest of NUSD.

VI. Action

- a. Approval of FY22 Annual Financial Report (AFR)

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented to the Board.

Dr. Varona made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lopez for approval as recommended.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Varona, Lopez, Ruiz, and Rojas

- b. Second Read and Approval of August 2022 Policy Advisory from Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for Recommendation of Policy Changes to: Policy JRR – Student Surveys, (New) Regulation JRR-R – Student Surveys, Policy KI – Visitors to Schools, Regulation KI – R Visitors to Schools, (New) Exhibit KI – E Visitors to Schools, Policy KB – Parental Involvement in Education, Regulation KB-R – Parental Involvement in Education, Exhibit KB-E – Parental Involvement in Education, Policy IHAMB – Family Life Education, Regulation IHAMB-R – Family Life Education, Policy JLCB – Immunizations of Students, Regulation JLCB-R – Immunizations of Students, Exhibit JLCB-E – Immunizations of Students, Policy JLCC- Communicable Infectious Diseases, Policy GBGCB – Staff Health and Safety, Policy DIA – Accounting System, Policy IHA – Basic Instructional Program, Policy JLDA – School Counselors and Psychologists, Policy JICFA – Hazing, Exhibit JICFA-EB – Hazing, Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements, (New) Policy JJIA - Intramural Sports, Policy JJIB – Interscholastic Sports, Regulation JJIB-R – Interscholastic Sports, Policy EE – Transportation Services, Policy EEAEA – Bus Driver Requirements, Training, and Responsibilities, Policy JF – Student Admissions, Policy IJL – Library Materials Selection and Adoption, Regulation IJL-R – Library Materials Selection and Adoption, Policy IJNC – Resource Centers/Media Centers/School Libraries, (New) Regulation IJNC-R – Resource Centers/Media Centers/School Libraries, (New) Exhibit IJNC-E – Resource Centers/Media Centers/School Libraries, Policy IMD – School Ceremonies and Observances, and Policy IMB – Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues.

This item was tabled and is to be brought back for consideration at the meeting of November 14, 2022.

- c. Approval of Status Change to Full-Time Benefits Eligible for the Community Engagement Coordinator Position

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the changes to the position and recommended approval as presented to the Board.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lopez as recommended.

Dr. Varona mentioned it was a great thing and specially to help those who are in need of the services.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Ruiz, Lopez, Varona, and Rojas

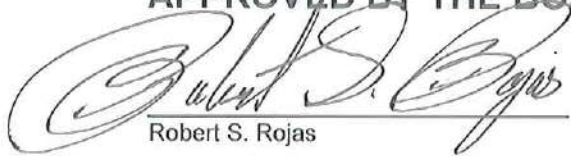
VII. Adjournment of the Special Meeting

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lopez for adjournment of the public meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Ruiz, Lopez, Varona, and Rojas

Session adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD



Robert S. Rojas President

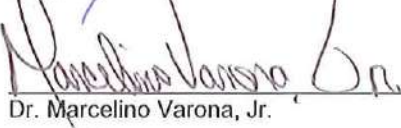
Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
October 24, 2022



Manny Ruiz Clerk



Greg Lucero Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member



Cesar A. Lopez Member

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