

Nogales Unified School District No. 1



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 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., Greg Lucero.

Board Member Cesar Lopez joined the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

a. Call to Order

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ruiz led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

Dr. Varona made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lucero for approval.

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of March 21, 2022

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

Dr. Varona made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Ruiz for approval.

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

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

a. Superintendent Report – Discussion, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

1. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Parra reported that on March 11 at age of 93 the NUSD long term Superintendent's wife, Mrs. Buck Clark, had passed away and offered his condolences to the family.

He gave a brief overview of the possibility of building a baseball field.

He further mentioned there were several structural items that needed scheduling for future discussion and decision-making.

He gave an overview of the projects accomplished under his tenure. He also mentioned regarding the funding for self-contained students, in addition to equipment and other materials provided for the self-contained education students, thanking Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez for making herself responsible of this. He concluded by thanking the teachers and staff for all their hard work during the process of the assessments.

The Board welcomed Superintendent Parra for being back in person.

Dr. Varona requested, as a future report, for Superintendent Parra to make a presentation on what strategic plan was the District working on for the facilities at the high school, and what kind of funds would be in use be it from the general fund or a bond issue.

Superintendent Parra mentioned the issue would be discussed with the leadership team and it would be brought back to the Board.

2. Announcement-NUSD Retirement Dinner, Thursday, April 21, 2022 – Ms. Mayra Zuñiga to Provide a Brief Update

Superintendent Parra mentioned there were going to be a few people retiring from NUSD and was looking forward to the retirement dinner, which has not happened in a couple of years due to the pandemic.

Ms. Zuñiga, Human Resources Director, stated there were twenty-one retirees and everyone was looking forward to the dinner at the Americana Hotel, and including a personal invitation to the Board.

3. Announcement – Governing Board Retreat Scheduled for June 24, 2022 at the Tubac Resort

Superintendent Parra stated that this event would take place during his transition out and would be working together with Ms. Canto to make sure it is a successful retreat. He confirmed the date.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Dr. Varona reported and recognized the hard work Chef George Hogan, Jr., has been doing and the extra effort he puts with the culinary program. He added that he also does a great job with the student of the month program and his hard work was greatly appreciated. He mentioned that in reviewing the schools calendars, he saw that a few schools missed the board meetings; he recommended that all the schools have the board meetings posted on their calendars with clear and complete information.

He congratulated the IT Director, Alex Lopez, for his recognition by the Arizona Department of Education and the Technology Department for what they are doing with digital teaching and learning, highlighting NUSD schools as using the best practices to enhance the instruction in the classroom.

Mr. Lucero reported he and Mr. Ruiz had attended the National School Boards Association (NSBA) conference in San Diego, CA and highlighted the most important experiences they had at the conference.

Mr. Ruiz reported his experience with the presenters at the NSBA Conference and mentioned they had very interesting programs and presentations.

At this time, Mr. Lopez joined the meeting. (4:18 p.m.)

Mr. Lucero also mentioned his experience on opening day having a Sun Devils graduate coming to sit with them and made a humorous comment.

Mr. Lopez greeted Mr. Parra back.

IV. Call to the Public

There was no call to the public.

V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

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

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers
- c. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- d. Approval of Out of State Travel for Gilbert Velez, to travel to Anaheim, CA (for the 2022 National Mariachi Workshop for Educators)
- e. Adoption of FY22 Resolution: Food Service Fund Treasurers
- f. Adoption of FY22 Resolution: District Bank Accounts/Signature Authority
- g. Adoption of FY22 Resolution: Student Activity Treasurers
- h. Adoption of FY22 Resolution: Auxiliary Operations Fund Treasurers
- i. Adoption of FY22 Resolution: Investment & Reinvestment of District Monies
- j. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Frontline Technologies/Education for FY22-23
- k. Renewal of Award of Sole Source Status to Rosetta Stone for FY22-23
- l. Approval of SAIS Outreach Program Agreement with Vail School District for FY22-23
- m. Approval of the Proposed Governing Board Meeting Schedule for FY22-23
- n. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- o. Renewal of Employees for School Year 2022-2023

VI. Information and Discussion

a. Arizona Auditor General Classroom Dollar Spending Report FY21
Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and mentioned some of the items in the presentation. He introduced Ms. Carlyle to give a Power Point presentation.

Ms. Clementina Carlyle, Business Director, gave a Power Point presentation.

Superintendent Parra mentioned the report had been posted and thanked Ms. Carlyle for doing a good job and for following up on Mr. Sandoval's work.

Dr. Varona mentioned the report was very well presented and very informational. Adding that the money spent in the classroom had increased during Superintendent Parra's tenure

and unrealistic challenges.

He mentioned some of the challenges the public schools have vs. the charter schools. He highlighted the slides that called his attention and thanked Ms. Carlyle for a great presentation.

He mentioned his concerns about cost per pupil per square foot.

He concluded mentioning that the District has been doing a great job with the buses.

Superintendent Parra made comments regarding the efficiency of the school buses, he further clarified that the cost per square foot was continued discussion, and would follow up with a future report.

Mr. Ruiz agreed with Dr. Varona's comments and mentioned that the Board has to make sure the employees are well represented and covered with good insurance.

He thanked Ms. Carlyle for a good presentation.

Mr. Lucero mentioned it was a very informative report and was glad it showed the amount per employee insurance cost.

He made comments of concerns in the NUSD efficiency measures relative to the Peer Average Chart.

Mr. Lopez thanked the leadership team for their hard work and the information provided to the public, and concurred with his colleagues' comments.

Mr. Rojas mentioned that the times he has met with Ms. Carlyle have been very informative and productive and thanked her for her presentation.

Superintendent Parra thanked the Board for their supportive words and made comments on regards to the plans with Capital Bonds and the focus on the buildings, which he said still needed more work. He further mentioned he was counting on Ms. Canto and the Leadership Team to follow through.

Mr. Rojas stressed out Superintendent Parra and the Leadership team's great job and decision-making.

VII. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action

- a. Accept the FY2021 Annual Audit Reports Issued for Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2021
–Ms. Cynthia Rojo, of Heinfeld Meech, Presenter

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and explained the reason these reports needed to be presented and approved at a Board Meeting. He introduced Ms. Cynthia Rojo to give a presentation.

Ms. Cynthia Rojo made brief comments and gave a Power Point presentation.

Mr. Rojas thanked Ms. Rojo for her presentation.

Mr. Lopez thanked Ms. Rojo for her presentation.

Mr. Lucero made comments of support for the late Mr. Sandoval, and praised Superintendent Parra for having good report. He thanked Ms. Rojo for her presentation.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned that Mr. Sandoval had always been on top of everything and that taking care of public moneys was very important.
He thanked Ms. Rojo for the good report and presentation.

Dr. Varona paid attribute to the late Mr. Adelmo Sandoval, Business Director, and mentioned he had been a true reflection of his master numbers recognition.
Dr. Varona asked Ms. Rojo if she had seen any discrepancies like found in Mason District.
Ms. Rojo clarified that documenting of all expenses were all in order for the Nogales District.

Dr. Varona highlighted other items in the report and proceeded to ask Ms. Rojo for clarification.

Ms. Rojo answered and clarified his concerns to the best of her ability.

Dr. Varona mentioned he will address more on the report at the retreat.

Superintendent Parra recommended approval of the report as presented.

Dr. Varona made a motion and Mr. Lucero seconded the motion for approval.

Motion carried unanimously audibly with a "yay" vote by member:
Varona, Lucero, Ruiz, Lopez, and Rojas

Superintendent Parra made some comments about the health insurance stating it was the first time he had actually used the insurance for himself and it was a great incentive to have during his health issues.

He thanked the leadership team for all their hard work.

He thanked Ms. Carlyle for a very good report.

He further mentioned he was looking forward to being able to give his support with other Capital Bonds.

Mr. Rojas made comments of appreciation for Superintendent Parra.

VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona asked to inquire from legal counsel the possibility of making a resolution directing Superintendent Parra effective immediately, for NUSD to stop purchases from China and Russia.

He also requested to see about the legality to question about the health insurance and possibly go to the next bidder.

Mr. Lopez concurred with Dr. Varona.

IX. Adjournment of the Study Session

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

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


Session adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD



Robert S. Rojas

President



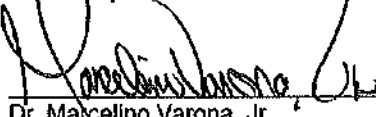
Manny Ruiz

Clerk




Greg Lucero

Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.

Member



Cesar A. Lopez

Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
May 9, 2022

(For exact statements made during the Board Meeting, you may request a copy of the DVD)