

Nogales Unified School District No. 1



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2022, held at 2:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Robert Rojas, President, Manuel Ruiz, Clerk; Members, Marcelino Varona, Jr., Greg Lucero and Cesar A. Lopez

a. Call to Order

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Lucero led all in the Pledge.

Dr. Varona requested a point of order to honor the passing of Rio Rico Board Member John Hays, asking for a moment of silence.

Mr. Rojas, on behalf of the Board, asked that the administration send their condolences to the Hays family and fellow board members.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of July 11, 2022

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lopez for approval as presented.

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

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Canto mentioned she had a few items to report as followed.

2. Update - Governing Board Retreat Scheduled for 12/5/22 at 9:00 a.m.

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the upcoming board retreat.

Board President Rojas asked the Board individually if the date specified would work for them and they all agreed.

3. School Facilities Board Projects

Superintendent Canto gave an overview and update to the Board on the SFB Projects.

Dr. Varona mentioned it was very important to show the community the amazing tax cost savings for the community, in addition, being able to keep up the facilities around the District. He further mentioned that this would show how serious the Board takes the District's financials.

Mr. Lopez thanked Superintendent Canto and the team for their hard work and making this possible.

Mr. Ruiz stated he was glad to see the District making progress.

Mr. Rojas agreed with his colleagues comments and commended Superintendent Canto for doing a great job.

4. SER-Jobs for Progress Student Internships

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the program to the Board.

Dr. Varona mentioned that he was glad to see the District heading in the right direction and not only in academic achievement but also in career exploration with the JTED program as well.

Mr. Lucero asked if this was part of the Pima College programs.

Ms. Canto clarified that this time it was not.

5. Frank Reed Improvement Project

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview to the Board and mentioned that a presentation and discussion was set at the end of the agenda.

6. First Day of School Update

Superintendent Canto gave a brief update and introduced Ms. Mendoza Jimenez to give a presentation.

Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez gave a Power Point presentation of the first day of school around the school district.

Superintendent Canto made a few comments on the District's positive feelings about the enrollment increase.

Dr. Varona thanked Ms. Jimenez for the presentation and Alex Lopez, Technology Director, for the welcome back video.

Mr. Lopez concurred and thanked everyone for a good start.

Mr. Lucero mentioned there were many great things happening, and he looked forward to continue with good vibes throughout the year.

Mr. Ruiz congratulated and welcomed all students and staff for a great start and looked forward to a great year.

Superintendent Canto mentioned everyone was very happy to be back and looking at the increase in numbers was already a great start.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Dr. Varona reported he attended the Jump Back to School and it was great to see the students and parents happy to receive all the school items.

He mentioned he was happy to see more individual vendors participating.

He attended the Teacher of the Year awards and the recognition of all staff and teachers throughout was very nice and well-coordinated.

He attended the IB Conference in San Diego where they met someone from Guayumas Sonora who mentioned they had just started the IB program in Guaymas & Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. Students have to pay tuition but they are glad to be part of the program. He recommended the possibility of Mr. Colgate having a relationship with them to see if he could give them some pointers to succeed in the program.

He also reported he had attended the ASBO in Tucson for Mr. Adelmo Sandoval's recognition and it had been a nice event, adding that Mayra Zuñiga, HR Director, did a great job with her presentation.

He attended the recognition of the Teachers (County Teacher of the Year Awards) for SY2022 and it had been a very nice event.

He mentioned he would be attending the Law Conference in September 2022 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Lopez thanked all principals and teachers for their hard work.

Mr. Lucero mentioned it was great to hear Dr. Varona's good comments on Ms. Zuñiga's presentation.

He reported he attended the Rio Rico Welcome Back and it had been very energetic and good focus on future facilities and recreational areas.

He concluded by reporting he participated in the A for Arizona Grant Bidding Committee and they will be distributing their new transportation grant program with an allocation of 20M throughout the state, something for which NUSD should be looking forward.

Dr. Varona thanked Mr. Lucero for the great work he does around the County.

Mr. Ruiz reported he attended the IB Conference in San Diego as well as his colleagues and gave a few highlights of the sessions he found were very interactive.

Dr. Varona mentioned that the international participants, when they saw NUSD Board attending, came to say they wished their Board would participate and attend as well.

Mr. Ruiz continued to give highlights of the IB Conference.

He further reported he had attended the architectural ribbon cutting of the mural painted displayed in the parking lot of the County Complex and they had excellent participation.

He thanked Alfredo Velasquez for getting the funds to support all-important programs that make a difference.

He mentioned he was hoping the continued encouragement for students to participate.

He concluded mentioning that the murals downtown Nogales were from a former Nogales student.

Mr. Rojas concurred with all comments from his colleagues.

Mr. Ruiz congratulated Mr. Gudenkauf for receiving the new teacher of the year award. He mentioned Mr. Gudenkauf was a prior teacher of NUSD. He also congratulated Ms. Lorena Villa, the 2nd runner up, and all teachers nominated.

Mr. Rojas reported he attended the eye screening at Mary Welty Elementary and Ms. Silva, the new Principal, had done a great job with the students. He mentioned he was especially surprised with kindergarteners for their behavior was excellent.

He concluded by stating he was looking forward to going to Lincoln Elementary and to continuing with the program supported by the Lion's Club.

IV. Call to the Public

None

V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Ruiz, Lopez, Varona, Lucero and Rojas

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- c. Approval of Donation by Arizona Diamondbacks (\$1,000 to NHS Softball Team to be used to support players equipment and other demands as needed)
- d. Approval of Donation by Nogales Debutante Cotillion (\$2,000 for NHS Dance Tam)
- e. Approval of Donation by Nogales Debutante Cotillion (\$2,000 for NHS Cheer)
- f. Approval of Donation by Cropper's Nogales Auto Center (\$1,000 for Jump Back to School fund to purchase shoes)
- g. FY22-23 Districtwide approval of all Student Council Approved Fundraising Events on/off Campus
- h. Approval of Out of State Travel for Clementina Carlyle to Attend ASBO International Annual Conference in Portland Oregon from September 13-17, 2022.
- i. Approval of Out of State Travel for Phillip Brown to attend the California Association of IB World Schools Training in Los Angeles, CA on October 14-17, 2022
- j. Renew Sole Source Status to Swank Motion Pictures for FY 22-23
- k. Approval of Fixed Asset Disposals/Transfers
- l. Approval to Cancel Award Invitation for Bid of IFB 2021-10-03 PHS Gym Roof/HVAC Repair Project to LOR Construction Inc.
- m. Approval & Acceptance of School Facilities Board (SFB) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Funding for Lincoln Roof Repair Project

- n. Approval & Acceptance of School Facilities Board (SFB) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Funding for Mary Welty Automatic Door Operator Project
- o. Approval & Acceptance of School Facilities Board (SFB) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Funding for Pierson High School Roof Repair Project
- p. Approval of Agreement with Nogales Unified School District and SER-Jobs for Progress, Inc.
- q. Approval of Athletic Training Services Agreement and Addendum Between Nogales Unified School District No. 1 and Tucson/Orthopedic Institute (TOI), P.C.
- r. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- s. Approval of Addenda

VI. Action – No Items

VII. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action

- a. Discussion and Approval to Appoint District Delegate and Alternate Delegate for Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) FY23

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview to the Board.

Dr. Varona made a clarification and read articles #3 and #4 of the Political Agenda Items stating these would be discussed at the Delegate Assembly and further briefly explained the next step for it to become part of the policies.

Dr. Varona nominated Robert Rojas and himself as Delegate and Alternate Delegate.

Mr. Lucero made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Ruiz to appoint Dr. Varona as the Alternate Delegate and Mr. Rojas as the Delegate for FY22-23.

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

VIII. Information and Discussion

- a. Dual Enrollment Update – Aissa Renteria, Asst. Superintendent

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and introduced Ms. Aissa Bonillas to give a presentation.

Ms. Aissa Bonillas gave a Power Point presentation.

Superintendent Canto mentioned this was a wonderful opportunity for the students in collaboration with Pima Community College.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Ms. Bonillas for the presentation and added he was hopeful the parents would see the presentation and see the great opportunities provided.
Mr. Lucero asked if this was offered to all classes.

Assistant Superintendent Bonilla clarified this was offered only to Juniors and Seniors.

Mr. Lucero asked about the percentage of students on dual enrollment.

Superintendent Canto explained the program was barely starting and the numbers were not up to par just yet.

Mr. Lucero mentioned the importance of students getting involved and having a high attendance in order for the district to be at a higher rank within the county. He added he would like to have more information discussed at the next Board's Retreat.

Mr. Lopez concurred with Mr. Lucero's comments. He mentioned the schools should continue to do wonderful work as always and also help students with low resources in getting involved with the program.

Dr. Varona mentioned he is all about academic achievement and asked Mr. James Palacios, Dean at Pima Community College for Dual Enrollment, to mention a few of the highlights of the program.

Mr. Palacios mentioned some of the highlights and points of order for students to be successful. He further mentioned the program specialized in serving under represented population. He gave an example of how a student can qualify for the program.

Dr. Varona asked how NUSD was doing in the percentage scale.

Mr. Palacios mentioned it was exciting to see a great improvement.

Dr. Varona complemented Ms. Bonillas for getting this going and putting the emphasis where it should be, and was very happy to be heading in the right direction.

Mr. Rojas thanked Mr. Palacios for his clarification and thanked Ms. Bonillas for a great presentation.

Superintendent Canto made closing comments.

b. Frank Read Improvement Project – City of Nogales Engineer, Juan Guerra

Superintendent Canto gave an overview and introduced the members present from the City of Nogales. They gave a Power Point presentation for the Board.

Mr. Kissinger gave a brief overview and introduced Mr. Juan C. Guerra, PE City of Nogales Engineer, to give a presentation.

Mr. Guerra gave a Power Point presentation to the Board.

Mr. Ruiz made comments of the importance of the work disruption that will be taking place and suggested that all entities assure of getting in contact with the neighborhood what will be going on and the length of time.

Mr. Lucero expressed his concerns for traffic control.

Mr. Lopez concurred with his colleagues and mentioned that he was looking forward to the success of the project.

Dr. Varona mentioned there was parental concerns and clarified that the parents had been

the ones to request this project for the future safety of the students. He asked Mr. Juan Zamora of INOVA, to clarify how he has been communicating with the students and parents on the project.

Mr. Zamora mentioned he has talked to the parents and made comments of the project closure around the school.

Dr. Varona asked if it was possible to work overnight the way they did with the overflight.

Mr. Kissinger mentioned this bid would not cover working the project overnight.

Dr. Varona asked what Mr. Andrade and Mr. Colgate had been doing to prepare the students of this project.

Mr. Colgate mentioned he is very excited to have this project started and mentioned the ideas that are being planned on in order to have the students' traffic flow well. He further mentioned some of the downfalls that could occur, but still would be working for everything to work out in a safe manner.

Mr. Luis Andrade further explained the plans to conduct in a daily matter.

Dr. Varona asked a question regarding the non-parking during dismissal in an academic day.

Mr. Andrade mentioned the students were aware and should not be parking in private areas and they are instructing them to park in the back and/or at a safe route.

Dr. Varona thanked the City officials and mentioned that he was satisfied with the partnership and the explanations given.

Mr. Lopez made comments that he was familiar with this type of situations and that his only request was to allow the students to be safe without any punitive traffic tickets.

Mr. Rojas mentioned that in any case, a delayed project were to occur within the 120 days, that he would like to have an updated report each month at the board meetings and especially if there were any breakdowns, that they be communicated immediately to the Superintendent.

Mr. Andrade further explained and mentioned that he will be aware of all situations to be communicated.

Mr. Kissinger made clarifications that any concerns will be address immediately at that time.

Mr. Ruiz added that the use of social media will help in order to communicate to the public of the happenings as well.

Mr. Lucero thanked the City staff for being present to give the report and for doing a good job and a great partnership.

Mr. Rojas thanked the City team for taking the time to give a good presentation, and for clarifying the Board's concerns.

Mr. Kissinger mentioned they would be attending the board meetings to give updates of their progress.

Superintendent Canto further thanked the City for giving a good comprehensive presentation, adding she would be in communication with them in the planning to continue to join the board meetings.

IX. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Mr. Ruiz requested a presentation on the dual credits possibly bringing a Masters' Program for teachers.

Mr. Lucero requested to address discussion on District's storage, inventory, and disposal policy at a future board meeting.

Dr. Varona requested an update on NHS repaving project by Mr. Islas. He asked for possibly start discussing academic achievement result. He also mentioned the possibility of having discussed some of the new ASBA policies that may need comprehension as a Board. He concluded by asking that Mr. Colgate give a presentation on the NHS Robotics competitions.

X. Adjournment

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

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

Session adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
September 12, 2022

APPROVED BY THE BOARD



Robert S. Rojas President



Manny Ruiz Clerk



Greg Lucero Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member



Cesar A. Lopez Member

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