



## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Study Session of August 26, 2019 held at 3:00 p.m.

### I. Attendance:

**The following Board Members were present:**

Manuel Ruiz, President, Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., Clerk; Members Barbara Mendoza, Greg Lucero and Robert Rojas

#### a. Call to Order

Mr. Ruiz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

At this time, Superintendent Parra asked for a moment of silence for our prior mechanic at Support Services who had passed this last week, Alex Montanez, due to a chronic illness.

Mr. Ruiz on behalf of the Governing Board sent condolences to the family.

#### b. Pledge of Allegiance

Tim Colgate, NHS Principal, led all in the Pledge.

#### c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended adoption of the agenda as presented.

Mrs. Mendoza made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Robert Rojas for approval.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

### II. Study Session

#### a. Spring 2019 Individual School Review AzMERIT DATA/Results FY2019 Percentage Scores/Academic Progress- Goals and Improvement Plans:

##### 1. Pierson High School- Ms. Berenice Rodriguez, Principal

Superintendent Parra introduced Ms. Rodriguez to give a presentation.

Ms. Rodriguez gave a Power Point presentation on Pierson High School's test results.

Superintendent Parra mentioned some of the changes on accountability adjustments and the spring testing assessments.

He further mentioned the letter grade would be released by the state sometime in November.

Dr. Varona mentioned that at the Board Retreat, they had already been given a review on this subject and questions by the Board had been taken care of by Superintendent Parra at that time.

Mr. Rojas asked how many students were taking Algebra and Algebra II. Superintendent Parra made a clarification to take in consideration these were very small classes.

Dr. Varona mentioned that these were the best scores that had been presented so far, adding that he was happy to see good things happening at the schools.

Mr. Rojas agreed with Dr. Varona and added that he has been hearing very good things about PHS lately.

Mr. Lucero mentioned he was happy to see they took in consideration doing percentages and further concurred with the colleagues stating that Ms. Rodriguez was doing a great job at PHS.

Mrs. Mendoza stated that the Board has been committed to PHS for many years and the critical need for that school; she thanked Ms. Rodriguez for her commitment and for doing a great job with the school.

Mr. Ruiz congratulated PHS Principal, Ms. Rodriguez, for doing a great job with the school and further congratulated Mr. Beach for having been chosen 2019 teacher of the year.

## 2. Nogales High School- Mr. Tim Colgate, Principal

Mrs. Mendoza recognized Ernesto "Chineto" Lucero in being portrayed in the front-page report of the NHS Power Point presentation as the NHS Apache on a horse. She added he was going through health struggles and sent him well wishes.

Mr. Colgate thanked Mrs. Mendoza for making the comment, and added a highlight on the picture.

He continued with his Power Point presentation to the Board, including SY19-20 action plan.

Superintendent Parra made comments on some of the language used in the ELA action plan.

Mr. Colgate elaborated more on Superintendent Parra's clarification.

## 3. Desert Shadows Middle School-Mr. Christopher Miranda, Principal

Christopher Miranda gave a Power Point presentation including the SY19-20 action plan.

## 4. Wade Carpenter Middle School-Dr. Roman Soltero, Principal

Dr. Soltero gave a Power Point presentation, including the SY19-20 action plan.

#### 5. Superintendent/Governing Board Questions and Comments

Superintendent Parra mentioned some of the highlights in the four presentations.

Dr. Varona mentioned that this was his 10<sup>th</sup> year as a board member and he has finally seen the four principals, under the leadership of Mr. Parra and Mrs. Canto, who fit well in their schools and having all fallen into place. He mentioned he was happy to see the direction the schools are taking with the students and with a focus on the minimal proficient students.

He suggested that the elementary schools, in addition to their reports, also present what they have achieved in attendance.

He concluded by requesting that at a future time more information be given as to technology at NHS.

Mr. Colgate clarified that the technology team has been doing a great job and everything had been updated throughout the school. He further clarified that his comment in the Power Point referred to what he would like to see in the next five years as far as technology in all classrooms to become a one to one (1:1) laptop ratio.

Superintendent added to the clarification and mentioned that all moneys pertaining to classrooms have been going to them.

Mrs. Mendoza mentioned that the decisions the Board makes is in hopes to benefit the students and staff and thanked all for doing a great job.

She further congratulated NHS for their increase of scores in all subject areas and in addition, encourage teachers and administrators to feel free to speak to the Board if they have any concerns.

Mr. Rojas congratulated all principals for doing a great job with their presentations. He mentioned that positive attitude was very important and added that he believed all schools would have a great school year.

He concluded by mentioning he was happy to see the focus was not on the lacking but rather on the positive issues of the schools.

Mr. Lucero echoed all colleagues' comments and congratulated all principals for doing a great job. He thanked Mr. Parra for his leadership and Ms. Canto for the summer program. He further agreed with the comments by Superintendent Parra on expecting more and wanting all schools to succeed for the well-being of the students. He mentioned the Board's support would be there.

He further mentioned that the Board supports the teachers and principals and when they hear someone mention a lack of something, they feel it needs to be addressed right away for the right reasons and was happy to hear the clarifications made.

Again, he congratulated all for doing a great job with their presentations.

Mr. Ruiz made comments regarding the approach of the students and the importance of moving forward for the next proficiency level.

He thanked the parents from WCMS for being present and for their daily hard work.

He also thanked the principals for being transparent and working together to make it a better place for the students.

He congratulated all for their great presentations.

III. Adjournment of the Study Session

Mr. Lucero made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for adjournment of the study session.

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

Session adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

Not Present President  
Manny Ruiz

Marcelino Varona, Jr Clerk  
Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr

Barbara Mendoza Member  
Barbara Mendoza

Greg Lucero Member  
Greg Lucero

Robert S. Rojas Member  
Robert S. Rojas

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
September 9, 2019

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## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

### Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2019 Held Immediately after the Study Session

I. Attendance:

**The following Board Members were present:**

Manuel Ruiz, President, Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., Clerk; Members Barbara Mendoza, Greg Lucero and Robert Rojas

a. Call to Order

**Mr. Ruiz called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.**

b. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval.

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2019

Inadvertently, minutes having been posted with the incorrect date, this item is continued to the September 9, 2019 meeting.

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Governing Board Retreat/Training December 16, 2019

Superintendent Parra gave an update on the upcoming retreat to take place at the ASBA Annual Conference in Phoenix.

2. NUSD and Nogales High School Captured on Media/PBS 360 Program  
High Graduation Rates and Student Academic Success (Historical NHS  
Graduation Rates)

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of the Media program that was done with NHS and gave some of the highlights done throughout the years.

He added that he was proud to say that NUSD has some of the lowest dropouts in the state and among the highest graduation rates.

3. Arizona's Children Association Provider for Behavioral Health Services at No Cost to NUSD Students and Families

Superintendent Parra gave a brief background overview.

Dr. Varona made comments that these kind of resources at no cost is fabulous and great for our district. He congratulated Superintendent Parra for a job well done.

4. Vision Screenings at NUSD by Nogales Lions Club

Superintendent Parra mentioned this program was also done at no cost to the District nor the students and was thankful to the Nogales Lions Club for providing the services.

Judith Mendoza-Jimenez, Student Services Director, gave an update and overview of the program partnership with the Nogales Lions Club for this year.

Dr. Varona made a comment about the cameras the Lion's Club uses and about the new policy in effect.

Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez elaborated more on the new device being used to test the students.

Superintendent Parra clarified that the program frees the staff/nurses to do these tests and thanked the Lion's Club again for their generosity and great program.

5. Congratulations to Mr. Adelmo Sandoval and the entire NUSD Business Office, Human Resource and all Support Staff! Certificate of Excellence Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials - June 30, 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Superintendent Parra congratulated the staff and Mr. Sandoval for a job well done and their united support in working as a team.

6. NUSD Override Update and Information Only

Superintendent Parra gave an update on the override forums they have been doing around the schools and mentioned that a copy of the information was being provided to the Board for their information.

Dr. Varona made the recommendation to go speak at the Senior Center and Lion's.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mr. Lucero reported he attended the Congressional Western Caucus in Lake Tahoe where and it was a very informative conference.

He mentioned that the vision program at that Lion's Club was accrediting to Dr. Varona and do to his strong tactics he was able to get the funding to buy four new vision-screening cameras and with that, they were able to put in play a countywide program in practice around the schools.

He further mentioned that South32 was supporting and funding the Teachers in Industry along other programs like Technolochicas and Robotics Program in partnership with Santa

Cruz County Superintendent and Metromatematicas.

He also mentioned that on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, a CTE Program on career technology, in working along with Pima JTED, was scheduled. Also on Thursday, August 29, 2019, in partnership with the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona Workshop they would be awarding grants to non-profits entities in Southern Arizona scheduled at the county complex.

Dr. Varona attended the Arizona Leagues Cities and Towns Conference in Tucson, Arizona, stating that one of the themes was in education and mentioned the highlights of the meeting.

He left a couple of fliers with the Secretary, Mary Tachiquin-Lopez, regarding educational data for public review.

IV. Call to the Public

V. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Lucero, Mendoza, Varona and Ruiz

- 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. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (NHS Cheer Booster, Inc.)
- e. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (NHS School Band Booster)
- f. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (Challenger PTC, DSMS PTC & NHS Dance Team Boosters)
- g. Approval & Acceptance of School Facilities Board (SFB) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Additional Funds for Fco. Vasquez de Coronado Weatherization Project
- h. Approval & Acceptance of School Facilities Board (SFB) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Additional Funds for Nogales High School Weatherization Project
- i. Approval of Sub award Agreement with the Arizona Board of Regents, University of Arizona for FY19-20
- j. Approval of the AZ DES Inter-Governmental Agreement Amendment for the Transition to Work Program FY19-20
- k. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary
- l. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Nogales Unified School District and Arizona's Children Association

VI. Action - None

VII. Information and Discussion

Mayra Zuniga, Human Resources Director, in reviewing the policies noticed the wrong group of policies had posted on the agenda and requested to table the item and bring them back at the next meeting.

Mr. Rojas made a motion to table the item and was seconded by Mr. Lucero.

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

- a. First Read of August 2018 Policy Advisory from Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for Recommendation of Policy Changes to Policy BCB –Board Member Conflict of Interest; Exhibit BCB-E; Policy BE – School Board Meetings; Policy BEDF – Voting Method; Regulation BEDG-R – Minutes; Policy DICA – Budget Forms; Policy DIE – Audits/Financial Monitoring; Policy DJ – Purchasing; Policy DN – School Properties Disposition; Policy FCB – Retirement of Facilities; Policy GCO - Evaluation of Professional Staff Members; Regulation IKE-RB – Promotion and Retention of Students; Policy IL – Evaluation of Instructional Programs; Policy IMD – School Ceremonies and Observances; Policy JEB – Entrance Age Requirements; Policy JICK – Student Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation; Regulation JICK-R; Exhibit JICK – EB; Policy JJIB – Interscholastic Sports; Policy JL - Student Wellness; Regulation JL-RB; Exhibit JLCB-E – Immunization of Students; and Policy JLCD – Medicines/Administering Medicines to Students

VIII. Information/Discussion and Possible Action

- a. ASBA Proposed 2020 Political Agenda Delegate Assembly Process

Mrs. Mendoza made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lucero for approval as presented.

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

IX. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona asked for an update on any concerns there may be on technology around the schools.

Mr. Rojas requested an update, if any, on safety/active shooters and any approach on identifications mentioned by Senator Grijalva.

Mr. Lucero mentioned that Mr. Rojas request could be a refresh desktop on last year's exercise of the active shooter program.

He requested possible discussion on the IB Program at the next Board's Retreat.

Dr. Varona requested that at next year's Az. Legal Cities and Town Conference, for the District to work the possibility of Mariachi Apache playing at the conference to take place on the third Thursday of August 2020 and that the transportation would be worked out by them.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for adjournment of the public meeting.

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

**Session adjourned at 5:44 p.m.**



**APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
September 9, 2019

Not Present President  
Manny Ruiz

Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr Clerk  
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