

NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 23, 2019
Held at 4:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

Member(s) not present: Barbara Mendoza

a. Call to Order

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Espinoza led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of

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

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

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Reminder – Special Meeting on October 9, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the Anita Lichter Governing Board Room

Superintendent Parra reminded the Board of the upcoming special meeting.

2. Outstanding Teacher Award: Congratulations to Ms. Eliza Lopez-English Teacher at Nogales High School

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of Ms. Lopez's teaching techniques. He mentioned this was the first outstanding teacher presentation of SY19/20. He mentioned she was a former NHS student and shared the television event recently viewed on the program Arizona 360. He also mentioned that she is also in charge of the NHS Senior Exhibition, sharing that from previously teaching physical education, she was asked to becoming an English teacher and has been doing a great job since!

Ms. Lopez was introduced with a certificate of appreciation from Superintendent Parra.

Ms. Lopez thanked Mr. Parra and the Governing Board for the recognition and mentioned she returned to Nogales to try to make a difference and she has been working hard to do that; she thanked everyone for their support. She also thanked her family as well for their support. She concluded by stating that the thing that makes her happy is being a teacher and the love she gets from her students and peers.

Mr. Ruiz, on behalf of the Governing Board, thanked Ms. Lopez for her inspiration to make the students being better and for taking the chance to come back to Nogales and make a difference.

Superintendent Parra also thanked Ms. Lopez for her hard work.

3. Update School Safety/Security (School Safety Resolution Approved and Adopted March 2018) Student Behavior Rules and Regulations/Social and Emotional Learning

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of the safety measures that have been taken around the schools.

He mentioned the Choose Love Movement program and added it was a great program.

He thanked the City Council for their support on getting the sidewalk at NHS and making the walks safer for the students; he also mentioned the paving of NHS' parking lot; he talked about the funding of security cameras, new cycle for SRO Officers, and Ms. Scott applying for the grant to include elementary counselors. He mentioned there were sixteen security officers around the schools, which include six security guards at high the school level. He added that the schools are required to do emergency drills; safety meetings at all school levels and safety drills were in place as well and trainings were required from all staff members.

Mr. Rojas asked if the Nogales Police Department had offered to do any trainings for NUSD.

Superintendent Parra mentioned they offered it two years ago at NHS and there has been a follow-up of presentations.

Mr. Rojas thanked Superintendent Parra for a very thorough report.

Superintendent Parra furthermore clarified that the securities also do other duties assigned at the individual schools.

Mr. Lucero stated that Mr. Parra had done a great report and mentioned it was a shame the newspaper was not present to cover the topic. He further thanked him for a very thorough report and for going above and beyond to help the students.

Dr. Varona made the clarification that the Board needed to stick to the reports made that do not give purpose for regular discussion unless it went to a regular agenda item.

Superintendent Parra clarified that Board discussion on his reports was in compliance and with the attorney's approval because the items were posted in the agenda.

Dr. Varona concurred with his colleagues and added that the need to invest a little more in the NHS cameras had been necessary.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned he was satisfied that the appropriate security action was being taken at the schools.

4. Update on NUSD JTED/CTE Programs:

Ms. Irma Fontes, CTE Director, Ms. Carol Gomez, CTE Curriculum Leader and Ms. Stacy Hatton, Nursing Program

Superintendent Parra introduced Ms. Fontes, Ms. Gomez and Ms. Hatton to give a presentation.

Ms. Fontes, Ms. Gomez and Ms. Hatton gave a Power Point presentation on the programs.

Mr. Lucero stated it was a great presentation and added that in his position, he had the opportunity to work with Pima JTED and he wished he could work closer with NUSD. He added that he saw many other opportunities were missing and that there was still a lot to offer. He made comments regarding students' certifications.

Ms. Fontes mentioned she would be glad to schedule a meeting and they are open to everything that can help and give more opportunities to the students.

Mr. Lucero mentioned he would send her his information through Mr. Parra.

He added that his company was interested in certifications and that was what the ticket for success was going to be for many of the student.

Mr. Rojas thanked all for the presentation, adding that all presenters were fantastic teachers and very well organized. He offered to assist Mr. Lucero and Ms. Fontes with whatever he could.

Dr. Varona mentioned that Pima College was changing their service delivery and was surprise to see their monthly report. He noted that because of the program, the college also would offer the Culinary Arts Program. He added that the FBLA was also doing a great job. Furthermore, added that Pima is also enhancing their nursing program as well as looking at welding which was also showing interest again. He stated that career and college ready students, need to be ready.

He congratulated Ms. Fontes, Ms. Gomez and Ms. Hatton and mentioned he was glad they were working on these certificates and hoped they would get the IGA for the programs.

Dr. Varona concluded by echoing Mr. Lucero's comments and his persistence to get this program going.

Ms. Fontes mentioned they were looking into getting more certifications.

Dr. Varona mentioned that the Board would be happy to see the outcome of the program and how many certificated students the program gets.

Mr. Ruiz on behalf of the Board thanked them for their great presentation.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Dr. Varona asked that for complete Board's clarification Mr. Parra inquire with the District's attorney about discussion on Board reports to confirm that they cannot have any type of discussion unless printed on the agenda.

He congratulated Superintendent Parra for the ASBA video on Hispanic Heritage Month. It was very informative and he did a great job.

He reported he had attended the home football game of Rio Rico at NHS and congratulated Mr. Colgate for a great home game, adding that both sides of the bleachers were packed. Great job!

He thanked the football coach for stopping an incident at half way the first quarter; the head football coach ran and stopped the entire student body from their negative comments. He did a great job and the students responded respectfully continuing with a nice and pacific game.

He also congratulated the NHS Marching Band for doing a great job.

He reported he had attended as Mr. Lucero's guest and South 32 the address to the City of Sahuarita event and was happy to see many educators present and everything being about education.

He concluded by congratulating Leyla Lopez, NHS Senior, who was recently accepted to ASU and glad to hear she's following family tradition.

Mr. Rojas reported he attended Mr. Alfredo Velasquez County Superintendent invitation to the Charm Dinner, and said it was a great event. He thanked Mr. Velasquez for inviting him.

He reported he had attended an event with the Veterans MIA/POW motorcyclist and it was a great event.

He thanked Dr. Soltero & Ms. Silva for the Breakfast of the Month invitation and it was a great event. He was glad to see the energy of the staff.

He reported he attended Friday's football game with Walden Grove and mentioned an emergency and seeing an inconvenience of the ambulance having to go through the crowd. Superintendent Parra clarified the incident and mentioned that he meant to have no discussion, but that comments like these needed clarification to the public in order that there are no misunderstandings.

Mr. Rojas rectified that he liked seeing there was good communication to get the ambulance through the crowd without any concern.

Mr. Lucero reported he attended the Children's Museum Board Meeting.

He also attended the Choose Love Dinner presentation and recognized the NHS mariachi for their performance and said it was a great event.

He also thanked Superintendent Parra and the school district for lending tables and chairs to Little Red and helping to make the event a success.

He further attended the Town of Sahuarita State of the Town presentation with several distinguished guests.

He concluded by recognizing Mr. Rojas for his representation at a board meeting.

Mr. Ruiz reported he attended the Western Whitehouse Leadership Conference and his focus had been on the subject on Selective Service Registration where he learned that if young men do not register when they turn the legal age, they could lose many good benefits to include getting a federal job. He was happy to find out that 100% young-men, including some young-ladies, are in fact registering in Santa Cruz County and together with the young-ladies, it makes it a 102% total registratrants.

He mentioned he also had the opportunity to speak to Vice-President Pense and invited him to meet with local officials next time he visits Santa Cruz County and actually visit the town.

IV. Call to the Public

None

V. Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Lucero made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval as presented to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Lucero, Rojas, 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. Approval of Out of State Travel for Santosh Kumar (2019 Winter IB Conference in Florida on December 4-7, 2019)
- e. Approval of Out of State Travel for Maria Lourdes Fuentes Egurrola (2019 Fall IB Global Conference in Houston, TX on October 12-15, 2019)
- f. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organization (Coronado PTC and Mary Welty PTC)
- g. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary

VI. Recess Meeting to Convene in Executive Session for Student Matter

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-342(11) and A.R.S. §38-431.02(A)(2), the Governing Board may vote to call for an executive session to consider a request for a review of a decision to promote or retain student and to consider student records that are exempt by law from public inspection in connection with the promotion or retention of these students

Mr. Lucero made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Rojas to recess the regular meeting and enter to convene in executive session.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Lucero, Rojas, Varona and Ruiz

Regular Meeting was recessed at 5:50 p.m.

VII. Reconvene into the Regular Meeting

Mr. Lucero made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Rojas to reconvene into the regular meeting.

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

Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:19 p.m.

VIII. Action

- a. Policy IKE-RA Promotion and Retention of Student – Grades K-5
Promotion/Retention Guidelines

Dr. Varona made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Rojas to accept the administration's recommendation.

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

- b. Second Read and Approval of August 2019 Policy Advisory from Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for Recommendation of Policy Changes to Policy BEDH - Public Participation at Board Meetings; Policy DJE - Bidding/Purchasing Procedures; Policy GBEA - Staff Ethics; Policy GBEB - Staff Conduct; (New) Policy GBEFA - Staff use of Digital Wireless Communications or Electronic Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle; Policy GBI - Staff Participation in Political Activities; Policy GCF -Professional Staff Hiring; Policy GCFC - Professional Staff Certification and Credentialing Requirements (Fingerprinting Requirements); Policy GCO - Evaluation of Professional Staff Members; Policy GDF – Support Staff Hiring; Policy GDFA - Support Staff Qualifications and Requirements (Fingerprinting Requirements); Policy IHA - Basic Instructional Program; (New) Policy IHAMD - Instruction and Training in Suicide Prevention; Policy IKF - Graduation Requirements; Policy JICA - Student Dress; Policy JIH - Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests; Policy JLCD - Medicines/ Administering Medicines to Students; (New) Policy JLDAC - Screening/Testing of Students (Vision Screening for Children); Policy JLF - Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection

Mr. Ruiz read the Policies for the record.

Superintendent Parra mentioned this was the second read and the policies were ready for approval.

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

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

IX. Information and Discussion - None

X. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona requested that Superintendent Parra, Mr. Colgate and Ms. Scott get together and have a presentation on possibly adding a nurse practitioner at NHS where students may be able to get a prescription as it was done in previous years. He added that the program was through Mariposa Community Health Center and maybe they still had something similar.

XI. Adjournment of the Study Session

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


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

Session adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD



Manny Ruiz President



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr Clerk



Barbara Mendoza Member



Greg Lucero Member



Robert S. Rojas Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
October 28, 2019

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