

NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Special Meeting/Study Session of October 17, 2017 Held at 3:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Barbara Mendoza, Clerk; Members Manuel Ruiz and Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.

Not present: President Greg Lucero and Member Santiny Orozco

a. Call to Order

Barbara Mendoza, as acting President, called the meeting to order at **3:00** p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ruiz led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent adopted as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II. **Study Session**

a. Spring 2017 Individual School Review AzMERIT Data Presentations- Assessment Results-Percentage Scores/Academic Progress-Goals and Expectations

1. Intervention/Professional Development On Researched Based Learning-Lesson Objectives; Student Engagement and Effective Instructional Leadership

Superintendent Parra shared with the Board that this information was an overall professional development the District has scheduled. He mentioned there would be a training bringing support for the teachers and that the action plan was in place and ready to go. He added that Mrs. Canto and Mrs. Mendoza would be helping. Asst. Superintendent Canto added the subjects the training would work with and gave an overview of what to expect in the training and the instructional process.

2. District AzMERIT Data FY 2017 Letter Grades-Angel Canto, Assistant Superintendent

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview.

Asst. Superintendent Canto gave a Power Point presentation of the District, making a comparison of the letter grades from previous years as well as comparing NUSD to the State and County.

3. Nogales High School – Cesar Miranda, Principal

Superintendent Parra introduced Mr. Miranda to give a presentation.

Mr. Miranda gave a Power Point presentation of Nogales High School's grades Goals and Action Plan.

Superintendent Parra made a clarification of the Edgenuity Classes and mentioned that this information had been provided to the Board at their last Board Retreat.

4. Pierson Vocational High School-Berenice Rodriguez, Principal
Superintendent Parra made a comment about all schools being different and having their own way of presenting.

Superintendent Parra introduced Ms. Rodriguez to give her presentation.

Ms. Rodriguez explained the Letter Grade, Goals and Action Plan with a Power Point presentation.

5. Desert Shadows Middle School – Dr. Joan Molera, Principal

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Dr. Molera.

Dr. Molera gave a Power Point presentation of to include Letter Grade, Goals and Action Plan.

6. Wade Carpenter Middle School – Dr. Roman Soltero, Principal

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview mentioning that the school has had many challenges but is working hard to get their grades up. He moved to introduced Dr. Soltero.

Dr. Soltero started by giving a brief example of trust.
He gave a Power Point presentation of the school's Letter Grade, Goals and Action Plan.

7. Superintendent/Governing Board Questions and Comments

Dr. Varona stated that as a Board, they need a better understanding of the scores and standards.

Asst. Superintendent Canto clarified that bell curved was not their choice to use, but the State's.

Dr. Varona thanked Superintendent Parra for the NUSD presentation. He mentioned he was happy to see they were also acknowledging the Special Ed students. He congratulated Mr. Parra for the consistency in K-12.

He mentioned that he appreciates the apprehension with the grades but would like to see growth in grades. He added that he liked the collaboration among the schools. Dr. Varona made a comment about his understanding when they use the words "drilling down" and stated that at the same time schools are "drilling down", the students should enjoy learning and have fun in school. He asked about the algebra, math credit for the class taken at the middle school level. Ms. Canto clarified his concern.

Superintendent Parra clarified that there are disadvantages to schools established by the State and the challenges each school has. He added comments on the way the Letter Grade is processed.

Dr. Varona mentioned that he liked the PVHS presentation and made a comment that he was happy with the direction the school was taking. He also mentioned that he was happy to see the passion DSMS has for the Special Ed students. He concluded by stating that he was happy to see how both middle schools are working together.

Asst. Superintendent Canto made a clarification about the ELL classes and added that schools were working hard and they were passionate to get the letter grade up.

Mr. Ruiz thanked all the staff members present for supporting their schools. He made comments of how the schools, regardless of the Legislature's decisions, are working hard and he was happy to see great improvements. He made comments about the importance to continue to get parents involved and continue with an afterschool tutoring program. He also talked about the options they have to learn from other teachers and work hard for their improvement. He stated that he sees the district moving in a good direction. He concluded by thanking Superintendent Parra and the staff for the great things they are doing.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked all for their presentations and also the Principals and staff for their hard work to try and get their letter grade up. She concluded by expressing her feelings and concern about one test only being taken into consideration by the State.

III. Adjournment of the Special Meeting/Study Session

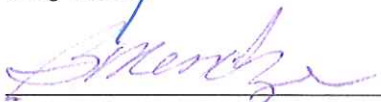
A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Dr. Varona for adjournment of the public meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Session was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD



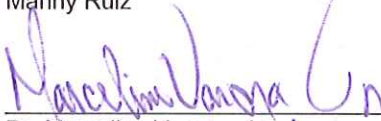
Greg Lucero President



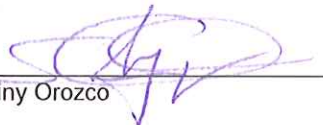
Barbara Mendoza Clerk

not present

Manny Ruiz Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member



Santiny Orozco Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
October 23, 2017

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