

NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

**Minutes of the Study Session of October 24, 2016, at 3:30 p.m.
Held at Mary L. Welty Elementary**

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., President, Members, Barbara Mendoza, and Santiny Orozco

Not present: Greg Lucero, Clerk and Member Manuel Ruiz

a. Call to Order

Dr. Varona called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Javier Carbajal, Kindergarten student, led all in the pledge.

Javier also sang the Mañanitas welcoming the Governing Board.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended adopting the agenda as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Orozco and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Dr. Varona welcomed Mrs. Olga Valdez and mentioned she had worked for 6 years at Mary L. Welty Elementary and a total of nineteen years at NUSD.

II. Study Session

a. Mary L. Welty Elementary School Presentations and Overview

Superintendent Parra introduced Mrs. Bonillas, Mary L. Welty Elementary Principal, and thanked her for hosting the meeting at her school. He also thanked Javier Carbajal for his presentation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Schedule:

3:30-4:00 p.m. – Ms. Bonillas

Welcome/Introduction/Lead Groups/Classroom Visits

Ms. Bonillas welcomed the Governing Board, administrators, and parents to Mary L. Welty Elementary.

She continued with a power point presentation reading the School's Motto and introduced the School's Roadrunner Staff.

Ms. Bonillas explained that there would be two groups each directing the Governing Board and administrators to the school's tour.

Mrs. Myrna Alavez and Ms. Alicia Castro, together with student guides, led the groups to the classroom visits.

The students escorted the Governing Board to visit the classrooms of:

First stop was 5th grade Ms. Lupita Lillywhite and Ms. Paulette McClure were the teachers explained about their daily schedules. Also, students Carlos Acosta, Kahasia Ruiz, Johanes Shwane, Coral Garcia and Karin Encinas helped by explaining about the type of work they did on DOL, Reading, Computer Lab and Social Studies.

Ms. Lillywhite also introduced Ms. Jennifer Estrada a University of Arizona student who is doing her student teaching at Mary L. Welty.

Next stop was 3rd grade with Mrs. Rothstein and Ms. Osuña, both teachers introduced their students, Mario Olmos, Pamela Carbajal, Paula Espinola, Isabella Jimenez and Viannei Morales, all of the students explained what subjects they liked the most like: Math, Reading Multiplication, History, English, Computers, Physical Ed, and how to prepare for the AzMerit.

Next stop was 1st grade Ms. Bloss and Ms. Silva; they introduced their students Irvin Bonillas and Andrea Quijada. The students explained they were studying the human body parts. They also mentioned they were working on Addition and Subtraction strategies, Nouns/Pronouns and Verbs.

The next stop was Kindergarten with Ms. Ulrich and Miss Lillywhite and they explained the strategies to teach students their beginners' skills like the alphabet and the numbers.

The students proceeded to guide the Board Members' group and explained the work on the school walls that the students have made.

Next stop was the school library with Ms. Espinoza, Ms. Costellos, and Ms. Olivia Palazos 2nd grade teachers.

A 2nd grade student made a presentation telling the Mexican story of the Llorona, followed by other students who talked about the stories they had read during the year like the life of Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo.

Furthermore, a group of students made a presentation of "Belly Dancers" on "Culture of India" wearing their primitive outfits.

The tour continued and the student guides explained the 3rd and 5th grade walls of fame. The tour ended in the Computer Room where Mrs. Lopez, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Murrietta and Ms. Sarahi explained the programs the students work on and the support they receive in Reading and the Coding program.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Dr. Varona thanked the teachers, the student guides and Ms. Bonillas for a job well done.

School Presentations:

- 4:05pm – Mary Welty Chorus – David Moehlman

Ms. Bonillas presented Mr. Moehlman and the choir. The choir performed several songs.

- Mary Welty Poms – Elba Benavides

The Poms did presentation of their great routines.

Mrs. Bonillas mentioned that Ms. Benavides' daughter, Stephanie Benavides, was the choreographer and that she volunteers on Saturdays to work with the Poms' routines.

- Imagine Learning Presentation – Success Story – Ms. Bonillas/Alfredo Astorga

Mrs. Bonillas gave a Power Point presentation on the program. She also introduced 5th grade student, Alfredo Astorga, who presented a video on the Imagine Learning Success.

- Big Brains Presentation – Ms. Bonillas

Ms. Bonillas showed a video on the Big Brains Program and explained how it is used for students to learn math with video games.

- PTC Parents/Leaders-Officers – Marisela Ibarra Dominguez, Mary Lopez, Johanna Lopez, Christina Mendivil

Mrs. Bonillas introduced the PTC leaders.

The leaders (named above) introduced themselves and each gave their reasons why they prefer their children to attend Mary Welty School.

- Academic Interventions and Progress Monitor of Students – Myrna Alavez and Alicia Castro

Mrs. Bonillas introduced Ms. Alavez and Ms. Castro and gave a Power Point presentation. They showed a schedule of their daily activities.

Included in the Power Point were mini videos of students' interaction with the teachers.

- Welty Kindness/Rachel's Challenge – Lupita Lillywhite

Mrs. Bonillas gave a brief introduction and called Ms. Lillywhite to explain the programs. Ms. Lillywhite explained about the Rachel's Challenge Program and how it is used with the students and the positive atmosphere it brings to the school.

She also continued to explain the Ben's Bells of kindness project and how the students have accepted to do kind things for others.

- Challenge Program Presentation – Paula Villarreal

Mrs. Bonillas introduced Ms. Villarreal.

Mrs. Villarreal explained the Challenge Program and showed a video with challenge students explaining the activities the students perform with the program.

- Closing Statements – Mrs. Bonillas

Mrs. Bonillas thanked the teachers and support staff for their presentations and their hard work. She further thanked the Governing Board for being present and for their yearlong support.

III. Questions and Comments by the Governing Board/Superintendent

Superintendent Parra made comments and commended the teachers, support staff, parents and Mrs. Bonillas for doing a great job.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked Mrs. Bonillas and teachers. She mentioned she had enjoyed the tour and was happy to see everyone working hard and together to make sure the students are receiving an education. She mentioned that the students had done a great job on the tour. She finished by congratulating the staff and Mrs. Bonillas for a job well done.

Mr. Orozco mentioned that everything was very informative and he mentioned was amazed to hear about the Challenge program. He added that he had enjoyed the information given on the Kindness programs. He finished by thanking everyone for a job well done.

Dr. Varona thanked the U of A student for their innovating thoughts and bringing new ideas. He thanked Mrs. Dominguez for her words and mentioned that the Board was happy to hear her comments about the school (Spanish).

Dr. Varona congratulated Mrs. Ulrich for all the years of service and her commitment to NUSD.

Dr. Varona mentioned that the music had been very nice and enjoyable and was happy to see what is being done as a group.

He further mentioned that during the classroom tours he was very happy to see everyone's engagement in teaching. He also mentioned that he saw in the teachers' eyes, when watching the students' presentation in the library, the reason they come to work.

He thanked everyone for the data presented and stated that this was a good example to show what the students are learning when using the internet.

He further stated that the students were excellent on their speeches in the classrooms.

He made a comment about Tier III and stating he was glad to see they were working together as a team.

He finished by thanking everyone for making NUSD look so well on the academic achievement.

Mrs. Bonillas thanked her staff for all their hard work.


Dr. Varona made a comment that by going to the schools he can see what the District has been talking about on regards to the education at the school district as a whole and that this is what they wanted to see, that the District is strong and they are all working together.

IV. Adjournment of the Special Meeting/Study Session


A motion was made by Mr. Orozco and was seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for adjournment of the Study Session.
Motion carried unanimously.

Session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD




Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. President




Greg Lucero Clerk



Manny Ruiz Member



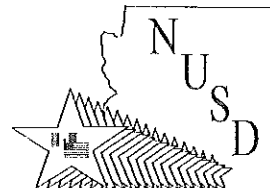
Barbara Mendoza Member



Santiny Orozco Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
November 14, 2016

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NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 24, 2016
Immediately after the Study Session**

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., President, Members Barbara Mendoza, and Santiny Orozco

Not present: Greg Lucero, Clerk and Member Manuel Ruiz

a. Call to Order

Dr. Varona called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Dr. Varona asked for a moment of silence for Erick Telfer, NHS teacher, Marcel "Hop" Bachelier, retired NUSD teacher, and NHS Class of 1997 Luis Manuel Cuevas who recently passed on.

b. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Orozco and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval.
Motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes

a. Study Session and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2016 and the Special Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2016

Superintendent Parra recommended that the Board adopt the minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Orozco and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval of the Governing Board Minutes as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

a. Superintendent Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

- 1) Congratulations – Mrs. Barbara Mendoza for being elected as the New Santa Cruz County Director on the ASBA's Board of Directors for the next two years to begin December 2016 through December 2018

Superintendent Parra together with his administrative team thanked Mrs. Mendoza for her service to the district and for going over and beyond to serve as an ASBA County Director.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked everyone for their support and confidence and added that she was looking forward to serving as County Director.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mrs. Mendoza reported she had attended the student of the month breakfast at Pierson Vocational High School and congratulated Mrs. Rodriguez, the parents and students for their support and a job well done. She added it had been a very nice event. She also reported she attended the WCMS/DSMS football game and that they had done a great job. She congratulated DSMS for their undefeated season and all the school for their hard work on the extracurricular activities.

She further reported she had attended Senior Night at NHS and she mentioned it had been outstanding to see the many students and parents who attended. She added that these events highlight the importance of the extracurricular programs not only for the students but also for the community.

In addition, she reported she had attended the memorial services for Mr. Telfer and that it had been a beautiful service in his honor with a warm environment for his family. She reported she had attended the ASBA County Meeting and again thanked everyone for their support and that she was looking forward to serving as the ASBA County Director.

Mr. Orozco reported he had attended the ASBA meeting and gave a summary of what went on and he congratulated Mrs. Mendoza for her appointment. He reported he had also attended Mr. Telfer's memorial services and it was a beautiful event and mentioned he saw the many lives Mr. Telfer had touched.

Dr. Varona reported he had also attended the ASBA County Workshop and congratulated Mrs. Mendoza for her appointment and mentioned that he was looking forward to hearing future reports at the Board of Directors level.

He further congratulated NHS for doing a wonderful job with the county event, the wonderful experience having the JROTC escort everyone to the meeting, the school looking great and that the food had been excellent.

He mentioned a concern he had when he noticed the unbalanced cement squares in the parking lot and mentioned that this needed to be taken care of to avoid casualties. He also commended a 1989 student Captain Frances D. Rochford of the United States Navy for having been named the Commanding Officer of the Strategic Missile Systems of the Navy at Kings Bay Naval Base in Georgia.

He further reported he had participated in the WCMS door contest for Red Ribbon and Halloween and mentioned it was nice to see the classroom doors decorated, just as well as Mary L. Welty School had decorated, and that this had been a great opportunity to participate in this event.

He mentioned that he had read all the principals' school reports. He stated that this year he would not be able to make the Boys' and Girls Club Red Ribbon luncheon, but that he would like to see, if not this year, in future years for all school principals to attend.

Superintendent Parra informed the Board that all principals would be attending this year.

Dr. Varona further mentioned that Ms. Kathy Scott's article in the Daily Star newspaper about teaching had been very powerful. He added that in the College of Education Magazine there were many great and powerful articles that could also help.

Dr. Varona left the magazine for public viewing with the Governing Board Secretary, Mary T. Lopez.

IV. Call to the Public
None

V. Consent Agenda Items

Dr. Varona read all items for the record.

Superintendent Parra recommended the consent agenda be approved as presented.

Dr. Varona recommended that items "b" through "g" on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mendoza and seconded by Mr. Orozco for approval as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

a. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit

A motion was made by Mrs. Mendoza and seconded by Mr. Orozco for approval.

Dr. Varona asked about the balance of \$13,000 on the NHS Band in the trip to Washington account.

Mr. Sandoval explained that, as established by the statute in the state of Arizona, the NHS Band students had the right to decide how the money would be used.

Dr. Varona requested that, once the students decide how the money will be used, Mr. Sandoval make his report public.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- c. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers
- d. Approval of Donation from Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
- e. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations
(Fco. Vásquez de Coronado PTC & Mary L. Welty Elementary PTC)
- f. Approval/Award Request for Quotes – Structural Project at Nogales High School
- g. Approval of Personnel Agenda

VI. Action Items

a. Consideration/Action of Proposed Changes to Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Bylaws

Dr. Varona mentioned that at the ASBA meeting these Bylaw changes had been discussed.

He further made the recommendation, as previously discussed by the Governing Board, that Bylaw Proposal A, they were in agreement, and Proposals B, C, D, E and F, they were not in agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Orozco and was seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval of the Bylaw changes with the following vote: A as a "Yes" vote, and B, C, D, E and F with a "No" vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

A second motion was made by Mrs. Mendoza and seconded by Mr. Orozco for the Governing Board Secretary, Mary T. Lopez, to cast the electronic vote to ASBA as soon as the time the electronic vote is available by ASBA (November 2 – December 5, 2016).

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Information and Discussion

a. Enrollment Update for 40th Day Census

Superintendent Parra explained and introduced Judith Jimenez, Student Services Director, Mayra Zuniga, HR Director, and Assistant Superintendent Angel Canto to give a Power Point presentation.

Each individual gave their cited report.

The power point presentation was included in the Governing Board's packet.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked all for their presentation.

Mrs. Mendoza asked when/why schools were exceeding classroom size, if it was happening through open enrollment or throughout the regular schools boundaries registration.

Mrs. Jimenez explained that they work hard to do the planning but it's hard to calculate because the students get registered late during the year, especially kindergarten. She added that they try not to over fill the schools with open enrollment and further try to offer other schools that may have a low registration.

Mrs. Mendoza discussed more about the boundaries and possible solutions to avoid over flow in the schools.

Mrs. Jimenez explained that, for unknown reasons, some NUSD students decide to go to Rio Rico or another district leaving the slots open, but when those NUSD students return the district suffers over capacity.

Mrs. Mendoza exposed her concerns about the high capacity and the assurance that the students are getting the education needed and the teachers getting extra help so they don't get overwhelmed in order that the Board and the community's concerns are satisfied.

Mrs. Angel Canto, Asst. Superintendent, clarified her concern and mentioned that they work hard on working with all concerns and try to make everyone comfortable with their needs.

Superintendent Parra clarified about the funding the District loses when students decide to transfer to another district, especially at the elementary school level. He further continued to explain that the parents are the ones who choose the school they want their children to attend, but it is the principals' obligation to sell their school in order to keep them within the school district and therefore, try to avoid the overcapacity in the other schools.

Dr. Varona expressed his concern about substitute teachers. He mentioned that he still feels the Governing Board made a serious mistake when they voted on lowering the salary for retired teachers to return to the classrooms. He continued by stating that these were great teachers and if the District wanted them back, he believed they would be attracted by proposing a different salary. Furthermore, he stated that he believed the policy should be reconsidered in order to invite those teachers and have them reinstated in a classroom.

Superintendent Parra clarified Dr. Varona's concern and mentioned that this was a decision this Board had not taken a part on, but it was something the new administration was looking into.

Dr. Varona thanked Asst. Superintendent Canto, Mrs. Mendoza-Jimenez and Mrs. Zuñiga for their excellent report and to please continue to keep the Board informed.

VIII. Request for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona asked Superintendent Parra if the District had followed up on the replacement of headphones at Challenger Elementary computer room, as mentioned in the Board Minutes of the last meeting.


Mr. Parra mentioned that this matter had already been followed up and everything was up to par.

IX. Adjournment of the Special Meeting/Study Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Mendoza and seconded by Mr. Orozco for adjournment of the public meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

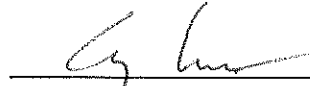
Session was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

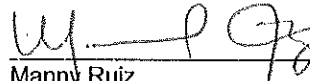


Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. President

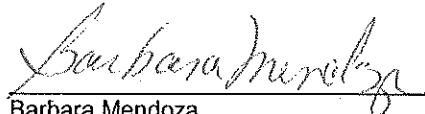
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