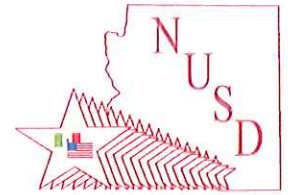


Nogales Unified School District No. 1



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

a. Call to Order

Mr. Lucero called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Frederick, Lincoln School teacher, led all in the pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes

a. Approval of the Governing Board Regular Board Minutes of January 30, 2017

Superintendent Parra recommended approval of the minutes as presented.

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

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

a. Superintendent Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

1. Outstanding Teacher Award:

Congratulations to Mr. Roberto Cruz, Special Education Teacher at DSMS and Ms. Terry Montañó, Special Education Teacher at NHS

Superintendent Parra gave a summary and explained the reason for the recognitions. He further gave an overview of the outstanding teacher, Ms. Terry Montañó, of her accomplishment during her tenure at NUSD and gave a brief review of Ms. Montano's achievements. He introduced Ms. Montañó and presented her with a District's certificate of appreciation.

Mrs. Montaña expressed her gratitude to the district for her acknowledgement, and further thanked the people she works with every day who have helped accomplish her goals.

Dr. Varona made a few comments on the background of the Ciardulli family who have been great people in the community and Ms. Montaña being an heir following their footsteps.

Superintendent Parra gave a review of Mr. Roberto Cruz's way of teaching and the connection he makes with the students and the teachers. Superintendent Parra introduced Mr. Cruz and presented him with a District's certificate of appreciation.

Chris Miranda, DSMS Assistant Principal, also provided Mr. Cruz with a school certificate as a token of appreciation and spoke words of gratitude for the way he takes care and helps the students.

Mr. Cruz thanked the Board and the District for the acknowledgement and spoke of his appreciation for NUSD.

2. Music Teacher, Mr. Cesar Manjarrez, University of Arizona Graduate, joining NUSD as Music Teacher at Coronado Elementary

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of Mr. Cesar Manjarrez background.

Mr. Manjarrez spoke some words of appreciation and mentioned his first day at Coronado had been a great one, and he was looking forward to a great year. He also mentioned what had made him follow a career as a music teacher.

3. NUSD Presenting at The Equity Event, April 6, 2017 – Request and Invitation from Ms. Tracey Benson, Associate Executive Director – Arizona School Boards Association – Presentation on NUSD/Nogales High School Graduation Rate

Superintendent Parra gave an update on the upcoming Equity Event to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, and mentioned that NUSD would be presenting at this event. He further added that NHS had one of the highest percentages in graduations around the state and this was one of the reasons the District had been selected to be recognized for the great things happening at NUSD.

4. Update on Lunch Program Services/Summer and Holiday Break Meal Program – Mr. Eduardo Bañuelos and Mr. Adelmo Sandoval Presenters

Superintendent Parra gave a brief update and read from a Spanish magazine a article that talked about, the reasons students work better by eating a good breakfast.

Adelmo Sandoval gave a Power Point presentation on the lunch program that NUSD provides during the school holidays.

Mr. Eduardo Banuelos gave a review and update of the service they provided.

5. NUSD #1 Teacher Job Fair - to be held Tuesday, March 21, 2017,
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Superintendent Parra gave a report and mentioned the schools which would be participating in the event.

- b. ASBA Update by Governing Board Clerk Barbara Mendoza
 1. Update ASBA Legislative Report

Mrs. Mendoza gave an updated and read for the record the Legislative Report and House Bills to be presented for consideration to the state. She further mentioned about an upcoming Webinar on expansion of funding scheduled for February 15, 2017. She further mentioned that on March 6, 2017, at the state capitol there would also be a lobby day for anyone interested.

Mr. Lucero made a comment about where the law stands as far as supporting funding for public education.

2. ASBA Equity Challenge/Equity and Equality in Education (NUSD DATA)

Mrs. Mendoza gave a report on the expectations by ASBA on local Boards' participation and involvement with the Equity Event.

- c. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mrs. Mendoza attended the Third Annual Festival of Dance at DSMS and mentioned that these children had done a fantastic job. She was very proud to see the work the school is doing with the children.

Mr. Orozco attended the Annual Festival at DSMS; he mentioned that it was a great event and the children had done a great job.

Dr. Varona attended a meeting with Governor Ducey during a visit from Homeland Security and was happy to see that Governor Ducey favored positive relations with Mexico. Also, on behalf of the community, he thanked him for having a positive focus in support of education.

He also attended the Arizona Department of Transportation meeting held at NHS cafeteria and mentioned it had been an interesting meeting but stated that the changes placed on the table had brought in some concerns to the community. He mentioned that the District should have a NUSD representative in these meeting to keep an eye on this issue and make sure it does not affect the entrance to the high school.

He reported he had also attended the Third Annual Festival of Dance at DSMS and congratulated Mr. Cruz for a job well done. He mentioned it had been a great event and was glad to have seen Mr. Cruz honor the student who had just passed on, adding that he felt it had been meaningful to the family.

He further mentioned his thoughts on Senate Bills - HB1282 changing of teachers' evaluations and HB2377 which removes student academic data from being used in principals/teachers evaluation.

IV. Call to the Public

Mr. Larry Frederick made a clarification about Teacher/Staff pay increases, "Cry Babies" comments made by a member of the Chamber of Commerce for the State of Arizona. He further mentioned that Mr. Manjarrez finished his schooling at Lincoln Elementary, and he was happy to see his success.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Superintendent Parra recommended approval of the consent agenda as presented.

Dr. Varona requested that item "h" be discussed separately.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Orozco for approval of the Consent Agenda with exception of item "h" as requested by Dr. Varona.
Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- c. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- d. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers
- e. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers
- f. Award of Request for Quotes RFQ1617-01 for the FY17-18 Cell Phone Services
- g. Award of Request for Quotes RFQ1617-01 for the FY17-18 Network Equipment
- h. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary**

Motion by Dr. Varona and was seconded by Mr. Ruiz for approval.

Dr. Varona made a comment in reference to the employment of Cesar Manjarrez and mentioned that it was nice to see the District employ people from this community who decide to come back and give to their community.
He welcomed Mr. Manjarrez and mentioned he had a good family background of music.
Mr. Ruiz also welcomed Mr. Manjarrez to NUSD.
Motion carried unanimously.

- i. Approval of 2017-2018 School Year Calendar

VI. Information and Discussion

- a. Enrollment Update 100th Day Census
Superintendent Parra gave a brief update of the 100th day census.

Judith Mendoza-Jimenez, Student Services Director, gave an update with a Power Point presentation of the District enrollment.

Dr. Varona mentioned that he saw everything going in the right direction. He mentioned that Mrs. Rodriguez, Principal at Pierson Vocational High School, was doing a great job turning the school around with its enrollment and congratulated her.

b. Quarterly Writing Assessment Report – Writing Samples – Mrs. Angel Canto

Superintendent Parra gave a brief update.

Asst. Superintendent Angel Canto gave an overview with a Power Point presentation of the assessments.

Copies were provided to the Board in their packets.

Dr. Varona made comments and asked what the actual percentage was in comparison to the teachers focusing on cursive writing.

Asst. Superintendent Canto explained that the District was still including cursive writing in their teachings and it would continue to be included in third grade.

Dr. Varona stated the importance to continue teaching the students this form of communication.

c. Video Presentation on Public School Funding

Superintendent Parra introduced Ms. Toombs.

Ms. Toombs, PEN president, gave a brief overview and presented a video on academic success.

After the video Ms. Toombs made comments and provided the Board with informational cards that included cuts to K-12 education since 2009.

Dr. Varona gave a brief enlightenment about supporters for education.

Mr. Ruiz also mentioned that it was important to speak up and make a difference for the State and Legislature to obtain support in education.

Mr. Lucero made a comment that with lack of dollars it was grave to push Kinder as a full day as needed, but there was no need for additional burden at this time.

VII. Request for Future Agenda Items
None

VIII. Adjournment of the Special Meeting/Study Session


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

Motion carried unanimously.

Session was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
February 27, 2017



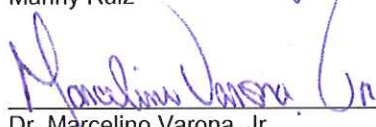
Greg Lucero President




Barbara Mendoza Clerk



Manny Ruiz Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member



Santiny Orozco Member

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