

## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 26, 2018 held at 4:00 p.m.

### I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

Board Clerk, Santiny Orozco, was not present.

#### a. Call to Order

Mrs. Mendoza called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

#### b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Colgate led all in the Pledge.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked Mr. Colgate for having hosted the meeting at his school.

#### c. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Parra requested to remove from the agenda item 5-L - Salary Schedule.

Dr. Varona requested to set aside for discussion consent agenda item 5-N.

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

### II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes

#### a. Approval of the Governing Board Regular Board Minutes of February 26, 2018

Superintendent Parra recommended approval of the minutes as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Parra asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Reynaldo Arias who had passed away this past Friday while on the job at DSMS.

**III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information**

**a. Superintendent Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements**

1. The following Items will be Presented for Information and Discussion at the Regular Board Meeting of April 9, 2018:
  - Arizona Auditor General NUSD Spending Report-Fiscal Year 2017
  - Update on the 2018-19 ASBAIT Renewal Increase Notice
  - First Read Policy Advisory 2018

Superintendent Parra gave a summary and explained these items would be brought back for discussion at the meeting of April 9, 2018.

2. Legal Counsel Presentation at Board Meeting of April 23, 2018
  - Federal Law-Gun Free Schools Act and Gun-Free School Zone Act (District Staff/Guards to Carry Firearm on School Grounds)

Superintendent Parra gave a brief summary and reported a presentation would be brought to the Board at the Board meeting of April 23, 2018.

3. Outstanding Teacher Award:
  - Congratulations to Ms. Gynna Rosas Teacher at Bracker Elementary School

Superintendent Parra gave a brief summary of Ms. Rosas' educational background. He mentioned she was always in control of her students and she could relate to each one of them. He further mentioned that she was a NHS graduate and he was very proud for her accomplishments. Furthermore, he added that she has been at Bracker for the past three years and that her teaching has been very inspirational.

Superintendent Parra and the Governing Board presented her with a certificate of appreciation.

Mrs. Rosas spoke words of appreciation and thanked her work peers and principal for their support. She mentioned that everything is done with love for the students.

4. Outstanding Student:
  - Santiago Merino Student at Bracker Elementary

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of Santiago Merino's education. He mentioned the classes he is having success in and how proud he has made the district to have such a good role model.

Superintendent Parra presented Santiago Merino with a certificate of appreciation.

Santiago mentioned he was very proud to be a student at Bracker Elementary.

Mr. Merino, Santiago's father, stated that his son was a very good son. He mentioned they had arrived in 2015 and he had worked very hard to learn English and that as parents, they were very proud of his accomplishments. He thanked the Board for their support.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked Santiago and mentioned that these types of children are the ones who make the District proud.

5. Bracker Elementary Parent Perspective – Principal Tim Colgate and Mr. Robert Nicolaus

Superintendent Parra introduced Mr. Colgate to introduce his guest speaker.

Mr. Colgate introduced Mr. Robert Nicolaus.

Mr. Nicolaus mentioned that he, together with his family, came from Douglas, Az. He further mentioned they presently live in Rio Rico and came to NUSD on open enrollment. He mentioned that all the staff, including Mr. Castillo (school security), were great with the students.

He added his congratulations to Mrs. Rosas for her nomination.

He also mentioned they like volunteering at the school and that they were very happy to have their children attend Bracker and that Mr. Colgate was a great principal.

Furthermore, he mentioned that they, as well as their children, liked all the programs they have at the school.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Mendoza thanked him for his perspective and for having his children attend NUSD.

6. NHS Student Paulette Diaz/Senior Project Gun Control

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of Paulette Diaz's project.

He mentioned that he was also proud of the students who worked on the "Be Kind" – Senior Project presentation, adding that it had been a great success.

He further mentioned he appreciated her hard work and introduced her to say a few words to the Board.

Paulette Diaz, NHS student, mentioned she had decided to make this her Senior Project to provide the community with gun control awareness information and to be involved with Legislature to have people vote.

Mrs. Mendoza mentioned that this is giving attention to the entire community and that today the Board was passing a resolution on gun control.

On behalf of the Board, she thanked her for her hard work.

7. NHS Metromatematicas Program and Career Readiness and Educational Opportunities (CREO) Recognition – Congratulations to Mr. Mehta and the NHS Students 1<sup>st</sup> Place Isaac Valenzuela, Juan Arvizu and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Briceida Lopez, Carolina Durazo and Mayra Robles

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview of Mr. Mehta's hard work and stated that the results of success with the students were evident.

Superintendent Parra introduced Mr. Mehta, NHS math teacher.

Mr. Mehta introduced the students who participated in the Metromatematicas program.

Mr. Mehta stated a few words of appreciation and thanked Mr. Velasquez SCC School Superintendent for bringing the program to NUSD.

He introduced his students and they gave a short presentation of the projects each had worked on at the workshop they attended.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked them all for their great demonstrations.

8. Santa Cruz County and NUSD Partnership ERATE County Consortium Update – Alex Lopez, Technology Director

Superintendent Parra gave an overview and introduced Santa Cruz County Superintendent Alfredo Velasquez to give an update.

SCC School Superintendent Alfredo Velasquez gave an overview of the partnership between Nogales Unified School District and Santa Cruz County. He thanked Alex Lopez and Mr. Parra for their hard work in making the partnership with the Consortium happen. Furthermore, he thanked Superintendent Parra and Mr. Lopez for their support and mentioned he was looking forward to working together.

Technology Director Alex Lopez gave a summary and overview of the partnership of the consortium.

Dr. Varona thanked them for working together for the betterment of all students.

b. ASBA Update by Governing Board Clerk Barbara Mendoza

1. Update ASBA Legislative Report

Mrs. Mendoza gave an update on the Legislation passing and sending the continuation of Proposition 301 to Governor Ducey and they were hoping for success.

c. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Dr. Varona congratulated the community project done by NHS National Technical Honor Society, under the leadership of Octavio Valenzuela, the group provided a variety of desserts to the Senior Center and they did a wonderful job. He also attended the Eagle of the Month breakfast at WCMS and he enjoyed seeing the Jazz Band playing, making it a great event.

He reported he attended the WCMS Science Fair and there had been plenty of parental support and lots of recognition on STEM, and that the projects had been tremendous. He reported he had attended a workshop on Equity in Phoenix and it had great information and an overall great presentation.

He also mentioned that Mr. Brannen's class at NHS presented a documentary produced by the students on border checkpoint. They enlightened their presentation on how they are treated as border town residents. This program was made by juniors and was very well done.

He also attended the unveiling of the Senior Project by Robin Mariscal "Be Kind". He stated it had been a great presentation and mentioned she had gotten members of the track team to help.

Superintendent Parra added that the school and the District had also helped with the funds to make the "Be Kind" Mural project possible.

Mr. Lucero thanked all the teachers involved in getting the attention of the Legislators. He recognized Mr. Velasquez for all his help and hard work for all he does for the schools in the county.

He thanked Mr. Colgate for inviting Mr. Nicolaus to do the parent perspective speech and mentioned that Mr. Nicolaus' father had been an educator and a coach in Douglas. He reported that he had also attended the Equity conference, and that there had been three great speakers, and that it had been a very inspirational conference. He concluded by reporting he had attended the Santa Cruz Valley National Recognition.

Mr. Ruiz congratulated Mrs. Rosas and Santiago for their recognitions and Mr. Colgate for the great staff, students and supportive parents he has. He attended Ms. Avila's project "Enough is Enough" held downtown where the guest speakers talked about gun safety and control. He mentioned he was glad to see students were getting involved.

Mrs. Mendoza reported she had read at Lincoln school for the Read Across America event and she had received 72 thank you cards from the students. She mentioned she had a wonderful time and it was always a great joy to read to them. She reported she had attended the Science Fair at WCMS and congratulated Dr. Soltero for a well-organized program and added that she was happy to see the students' involvement. She concluded by reporting she had also attended the ASBA Equity conference and it had been very interesting and inspirational.

Dr. Varona having previously missed one item of his report, in addition thanked Mrs. Bonillas for inviting him to read at the Reading Across America event and mentioned he had greatly enjoyed reading to the students. He concluded by thanking Mr. Colgate for his great leadership.

#### **IV. Call to the Public**

SCC School Superintendent Alfredo Velasquez thanked Pat Preciado for getting together Reading Across America and thanked George Silva for helping to buy over 800 books to give out to students in the district. He further thanked the District for their support of CREO and asked that they continue supporting the Metromatematicas program.

Dr. Varona mentioned that the Metromatematicas has been very crucial and important in the schools and thanked Superintendent Parra for opening the doors to the program and making it possible.

Superintendent Parra stated he planned to continue to support the program.

Mr. Frederick spoke about the resolution on gun control and that PEN backed up the control of guns on school campuses. He further thanked the Board for bringing this resolution to better the schools.

#### **V. Consent Agenda Items**

Superintendent Parra recommended approval with the exception noted at the beginning of the meeting.

Dr. Varona requested to set aside for discussion items N and K.

An amended motion was made by Mr. Lucero and seconded by Mr. Ruiz for approval of the Consent Agenda with the exceptions noted above.

Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers (November 2017)
- c. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers (December 2017)
- d. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers (January 2018)
- e. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers (February 2018)
- f. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit (11/30/17)
- g. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit (12/31/17)
- h. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit (1/31/18)
- i. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit (2/28/18)
- j. Acceptance of Donation by Grower Alliance, LLC (Luis A Caballero - \$1,711.11 to NHS Baseball Teams and Coaches)
- k. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary**

A motion was made by Dr. Varona and seconded by Mr. Ruiz for approval of the Personnel Agenda Summary as presented to the Board.

Dr. Varona welcomed to the NUSD family Angel Ortega the new NHS Athletic Director.  
Motion carried unanimously.

- l. Approval of Salary Schedules for School Year 2018-2019 – **Item removed**
- m. Approval of Pay-Period Schedule for School Year 2018-2019
- n. Approval of Contracts/Wage Notice Language for School Year 2018-2019**

A motion was made by Dr. Varona and seconded by Mr. Ruiz for approval of Contracts/Wage Notice Language as presented to the Board.

Dr. Varona discussed line item #22 of the contracts and mentioned that he was not in accord with the discrimination and sexual orientation language that was being used, that he was not in favor of the way it was specified. He recommended that the administration look into it to improve the language.

Mrs. Zuniga clarified that the current language in the policy was identical to the law requirements. She further mentioned that the current language changes needed to be done to the current school policy in order to have the same language in all future documents.

Dr. Varona mentioned he was in support, but that he was also looking forward to seeing all changes done.

Dr. Varona asked for specification of the policy numbers.

Mrs. Zuniga stated that the policies were AC, ACA and GBA.

Motion carried unanimously.

## VI. Action Items

- a. Amendment of Teacher Evaluation 2017-2018 Handbook

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Asst. Superintendent Angel Canto to give a presentation.

Assistant Superintendent Angel Canto explained the amendments made to the handbook.

Mr. Frederick spoke in support of the changes.

Dr. Varona gave his opinion on the evaluation changes, and mentioned for the record his disappointment on the State's input on the evaluation.

Superintendent Parra made comments that they are trying to keep up with the State and thanked the Board for their understanding and added that he was hopeful there would be no more changes.

Dr. Varona asked that Mrs. Zuniga read the changes for the record.

Mrs. Zuniga read for the record the three changes made to the handbook.

A motion was made by Dr. Varona and was seconded by Mr. Lucero for approval as presented to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Discussion and Possible Action**

- a. Consideration and Possible Adoption of a Safety Resolution Proposed by the Arizona School Boards Association for the Safety of Our School Campuses

Superintendent Parra asked Mrs. Mendoza for the resolution to be read for the record.

Mrs. Mendoza read the Resolution for the record.

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

Dr. Varona mentioned that this resolution was being supported wholeheartedly by the Board and this was being done in good faith for the well-being of the safety of the schools. Dr. Varona stated to let us never forget, that what happened at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, could also happen in our schools.

Mrs. Mendoza mentioned it was important to make our campuses as safe as they could be without the need of teachers being armed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. Request for Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Lucero requested the updating of superintendent evaluation.

Dr. Varona mentioned to also remember to update the schools' board evaluation. He further requested an updated report on Wade Carpenter Middle School's investigation. He also requested for Superintendent Parra with the assistance of Mrs. Zuñiga, to come back with some kind of appropriate verbiage on policies AC, ACA and GBA on equity and equality.

**IX. Adjournment of the Governing Board Meeting**

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


Motion carried unanimously.

Session was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

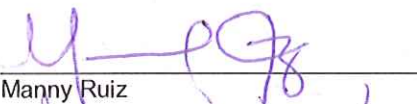
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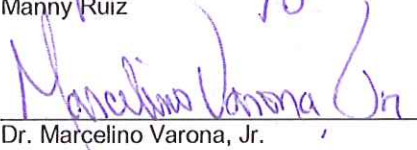
 President  
Barbara Mendoza

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary

 Clerk  
Santiny Orozco

April 9, 2018

 Member  
Manny Ruiz

 Member  
Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.

 Member  
Greg Lucero

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