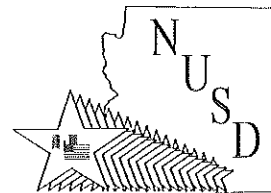


Nogales Unified School District No. 1



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Study Session of April 24, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

Member not present: Santiny Orozco

a. Call to Order

Mr. Lucero called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Parra 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. Study Session

a. Pierson Vocational High School Presentations and Overview

Schedule:

1) 3:30p.m.-3:40p.m. –

-Introduction/Overview- Ms. Berenice Rodriguez, NHS Principal

Superintendent Parra welcomed everyone to PVHS campus and introduced Mrs. Rodriguez, school principal.

Mrs. Rodriguez welcomed the Governing Board, Administrators and parents for their presence.

Jesus Aragon and Alexis Castillo – Grey Pack – Gave the School tour to the Governing Board.

Delia Atondo, Eduardo Bustamante and Dafne Murrieta – White Pack – Gave the School tour to principals and parents.

- 2) 3:40p.m. 4:20p.m. - Ms. Rodriguez
- Lead Groups/Classroom Visits

Walk through the School grounds:

The Grey Pack – Alexa Castillo and Jesus Aragon invited the Governing Board to visit the classroom and gave them a tour.

The White Pack – Delia Atondo, Eduardo Bustamante and Dafne Murrieta, invited the administrators, parents and community to the school tour.

The first stop was the History of the Gym which was built in 1922. It followed by stopping at the Print Shop where the guides explained the Print Shop Program and how it helps the students.

We followed to visit Ms. Pat Mendez's Class where she introduced Clarissa Torres and Issac Amavisca, two of her students. The students explained about the Video Club and the exciting things they learn in this program.

The following class was by Mr. Mark Nash and Liza Calza. The ELD Program students Lizette Lozorio explained about History; Luz Quezada explained the great help they get by the teachers; Isaac Canizales and Angel Andrade spoke about Imagine learning, Work book and Edgenuity programs. The students were very knowledgeable and excited to be in this class.

Next visit was with Mr. Battu, Math Teacher. The Students Jackelin Rodriguez explained about ECAP (ACCIS) and introduced the guests with a Career Research Project worksheet that the students use. German Cañez explained about Reality check; Álma Quezada explained about Career Goal and Jackelin Rodriguez explained about Career Cluster; Esmeralda Cano explained about Financial Aid and German Cañez made closing statements mentioning all the good things they learn in this class.

Next stop was Ms. Usha and Ms. Lindsey Young's classroom. The students Ricardo Morales and Jose Mercado spoke about Edgenuity, their projects and writing assignments they accomplished with the use and help of Blended Learning.

Next stop was Mrs. Fredericks – TSW (Transition from School to Work) Class

Roberto Garibay and Manuel Romero spoke about their enthusiasm with this class and how it has helped them look at a broader future with great goals when they thought no one could help.

Ms. Trujillo also TSW Class

Marcos Fragozo and Lizette Figueroa, students, explained how the teachers have helped them make decision on continuing their education after graduation to a college and the world of business.

Final stop was the Weight Lifting Gymnasium with Mr. Brad Beach. Elian Castro, student, explained the equipment they use and the training they receive from the coach in order to acquire the required exercise your body needs and how to do it right so you don't get hurt.

Presentations of School Programs:

4:25p.m. Regroup In Gymnasium

- Theater Club – Ms. Rodriguez; Ms. Concannon, Sponsor

Ms. Concannon gave a brief explanation of the theater program and introduced the students' participants.

Ms. Concannon gave a slide show presentation of the students' work.

- STUCO – Alan Burruel and Sylvia Rojas, PVHS Students' Presenters
Alan Burruel STUCO President & Student Body President.

Alan Burruel spoke of his experience attending Pierson Vocational High School. Silvia Roja STUCO President & Technology member also spoke about her experience attending Pierson Vocation High School.

They also spoke about the "Be Kind Movement" throughout PVHS.

- December 2016 Graduates – Video Presentation

Ms. Rodriguez introduced Ulises Peña, student at PVHS.

Ulises Peña gave a quick review of the classes provided to seniors and the type of scholarships they can apply to. He gave a Power Point presentation explaining the school requirements in order to graduate and the help they receive in order to continue their education at a college or university.

In addition, a video of graduates was shown with the graduates' input about PVHS and their next step to education.

- Parent Perspective – Mr. Cañez and Ms. Montoya

Mr. Canez spoke about his experience with his son attending PVHS and his satisfaction with the teachers and principal.

Ms. Montoya spoke about her experience with her son attending PVHS and making a change improving to a positive behavior. She mentioned she was very happy with the teachers and principal.

- Professional Development - Mr. Beach; Mr. Inzunza

Mr. Beach spoke about his experience working at PVHS and the students working hard for their goals.

He mentioned that receiving the confidence from the teachers gives the students more motivation to follow through their education.

Mr. Inzunza spoke about the success of the students who attend PVHS. He also spoke about a few of the points of the Standards of Quality and Program evaluation.

- Academic Achievement Update – Ms. Rodriguez, Principal

Ms. Rodriguez spoke about the Vision of Excellence for PVHS and the 2016/2017 strategies used. She showed a Power Point presentation.

- Closing Statement – Ms. Rodriguez

Ms. Rodriguez made closing statements by thanking the students, teachers, support staff and parents for their hard work and help.

III. Questions and Comments by the Governing Board/Superintendent

Superintendent Parra thanked Ms. Rodriguez for her hospitality.

Ms. Mary Tachiquin-Lopez, Governing Board Secretary, mentioned the names of the students who helped with the school's presentations in the tours.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked the students and teachers for their presentations. She congratulated them for a job well done.

Dr. Varona spoke about his experience back when he attended PVHS as Nogales High School.

He mentioned that he was impressed by the comments made by the parents.

He thanked the teacher for coming back to Nogales to teach and take care of their community students.

He spoke about the misconception of PVHS being an alternative school when it started and having come a long way and becoming a great school.

He further congratulated Ms. Rodriguez for having a Student Body President for the school.

He congratulated each classroom and all students for their readiness in their presentations and for being articulate with their thoughts.

He congratulated Ms. Rodriguez for the change in culture and the richness having been seen, for the excellent teachers and impressive presentations from the students.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned that this school has come a long way especially by seeing students now with ideas and attending programs to become nurses, doctors and criminal justice students.

He congratulated Ms. Rodriguez for her great accomplishment, her great leadership and for the success of the school.

He concluded by congratulating the students for their hard work and great success.

Mr. Lucero stated he had enjoyed going to the school and taking the tour. He mentioned that the feedback gotten from the teachers, students, and parents, had been very positive and was happy to hear about the great success.

He commended the students for having done a tremendous job. He also thanked them for their presentations and mentioned he was glad to have seen their participation in the education that is getting them prepared for the world.

He mentioned Superintendent Parra some of the faults he saw in the classroom and recommended that maintenance take care of it. He further mentioned some of the work needed in the weight room including updated equipment.

Mr. Lucero concluded by thanking Ms. Rodriguez for the great presentations.

IV. Adjournment of the Special Meeting/Study Session

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Session was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

There was a short break before the Regular Meeting started.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Not Present President
Greg Lucero

Barbara Mendoza Clerk
Barbara Mendoza

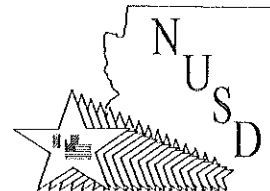
Manny Ruiz Member
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Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member
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Santiny Orozco Member
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Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
May 8, 2017

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NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2017
Held Immediately after the Study Session**

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

Member not present: Santiny Orozco

a. Call to Order

Mr. Lucero called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

b. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra requested that Item b of the Consent agenda's date be corrected to June 3, 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Dr. Varona for approval with the corrections requested by Superintendent Parra.
Motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes

a. Approval of the Governing Board Regular Board Minutes of April 10, 2017

Superintendent Parra recommended approval of the minutes as presented.

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

At this time the agenda was moved to the Call to the Public.

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

a. Superintendent Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

1. Outstanding Teacher Award:

Congratulations to Mr. Brad Beach, Science Teacher at Pierson Vocational High School

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of Mr. Brad Beach's family background, starting with his father who was also previous NUSD teacher, including his wife, his sister, and his brother and mentioned that this made a special family line trade. He also spoke about his wrestling experience as a teacher and having served as a Marine.

He further mentioned the pride he has brought to the school for his commitment.

Mr. Beach was introduced by Superintendent Parra with a NUSD award and was congratulated by the Governing Board.

Mr. Beach thanked the Governing Board and the District and mentioned he was very humbled to receive the award.

2. Special Olympics – Student Recognition – Presenters Ms. Judith Mendoza Jimenez and Mr. Tobias Canto
Superintendent Parra gave an overview of the program.

Ms. Judith Jimenez mentioned the medals received by the Special Olympics students and introduced Mr. Tobias Canto.

Mr. Canto, Special Ed Teacher, introduced the students who participated in the Special Olympics and provided them with a certificate of accomplishment.

Mrs. Jimenez made final comments that when the students were receiving their medals the public kept saying "Nogales, again?" and it was a great feeling making them feel very special.

3. Congratulations to Our New Air Force Jr. Reserved Officer Training Corps Cadet Commander Alan Ramirez

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of Alan Ramirez accomplishments. He congratulated him for his great representation, and his excellent accomplishment.

Dr. Varona gave a background of when the program started. He mentioned he had seen many great things come out from this program. He further mentioned that Alan Ramirez is a great leader who follows all steps of the program. He complimented Col. Belch for his instruction and mentioned that Alan Ramirez's accomplishment speaks volumes of the program and his commandment. He also thanked Alan's mother for her support.

Alan Ramirez spoke words of appreciation and gave his experience as a cadet in the JROTC. He mentioned that it was a great program where they start with all types of students and at the end of the day they end up being a big happy family. He commended all the cadets in the JROTC for always doing a great job.

Mr. Lucero congratulated him for a job well done and wished him luck.

4. Congratulations to our Wade Carpenter Middle School Essay Contest
Winners: Ramon Maken 6th grade and Dafne Caballero 8th grade;
"Women Who Inspire Me" Essay Writing Contest – Held by U.S.
Congressman Raul Grijalva

Superintendent Parra introduced Dr. Soltero to speak about the Essay Contest.

Dr. Roman Soltero, WCMS Principal, recognized and introduced the two student winners, Ramon Maken and Dafne Caballero.

Ramon Maken mentioned the background of his essay and his inspiration being his mother.

Dafne Caballero also mentioned that her inspiration of her essay had been her mom.

5. Update: Healthy Student Grant – Presenters Ms. Judith Mendoza-Jimenez
and Ms. Teresa Sprigg

Superintendent Parra introduced Ms. Judith Jimenez to explain the Healthy Student Grant.

Ms. Teresa Sprigg, program director, gave a power point presentation on the overview of the program.

Rene Grijalva, A.J. Mitchell and Welty Elementary counselor, explained about Tier I (Universal Intervention) and how the program is implemented at schools.

Jasmin Ornelas, Lincoln and Challenger Elementary counselor, explained about teaching the students respect using the Character Counts program.

Ana Karen Lopez, Bracker and Coronado Elementary counselor, explained about a couple of situations that were handled by students themselves using the Character Counts skills and the Be Kind teachings.

Ms. Sprigg concluded by stating that they will be entering into their 3rd year and their focus.

Mr. Lucero made a comment of his approval of the program and thanked them for their presentation.

Dr. Varona mentioned he was a big believer of the program and requested to include another presentation at the summer board retreat and review whether there would have a job available for these counselors next year.

Superintendent Parra mentioned this issue would also include discussion of the program's grants and teachers' salaries and potential absorption of the program by the District.

6. Challenger Elementary Field Partnership with the City of Nogales - Ribbon
Cutting Ceremony Celebration

Superintendent Parra mentioned that he and Mr. Bachelier, of the City of Nogales, had talked about Challenger's field and about the city's planned celebration of the partnership between NUSD and the City of Nogales on the Challenger Elementary Park and that he requested to be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony only. He further mentioned that the future date would be announced.

Dr. Varona cited, to make sure this would only be a ribbon cutting and not a political event that could be a conflict.

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

Mrs. Mendoza reported that ASBA continues to fight the empowerment scholarship accounts and that they had asked Governing Board's throughout the state to consider a resolution against the move of legislatures and was happy to see it was an item on this agenda; she also reported that Senator Lesko wanted to continue to advance with these accounts, and that it was important for everyone to contact their legislatures and voice out that we are against this bill.

She further reported about Governor Ducey budget and educators not looking up at getting even a 1% raise and advised them to make sure they would contact their legislatures and make it noted that they do not agree with this.

She mentioned other undesirable Governor Ducey's projects with the budget and further, a new bill SB1042 to be presented and ASBA considering it to be an insult to teachers.

She concluded by saying that it was important for people to contact their legislators in order to have their voice heard.

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

Mrs. Mendoza reported she had attended the "Kids Cook Too" event downtown Nogales at the "Mercadito" and she was happy to see the high school students and food services people involvement and thanked them for their service to the community. She mentioned it had been a great event with a big crowd.

Dr. Varona attended Air Force JROTC award ceremony where it was not only a change of command, but also their own award/convocations and interesting that one cadet got into the Navy Diving School. He mentioned it had been a great event.

He further expressed his disappointed for not having been invited by NHS but instead was invited by a parent.

He reported he had attended Earth Day at Lincoln School, very well organized and the environment was well stressed to the students. He further payed recognition to the Olympians and mentioned it had been very well done.

He thanked Dr. Romero for inviting him.

He also reported he had attended the Santa Cruz County Teacher of the Year breakfast by County Superintendent Alfredo Velasquez and was happy to see that NUSD had a great partnership on this.

He mentioned that PVHS looks great, that the school's Apaches look great and was happy to see it was being well kept.

He congratulated Mr. Arias for Challenger's participation in the Junior Olympics and mentioned it had been a great event.

He mentioned that A.J. Mitchell is also doing a good job but just needs a little more practice.

School reports:

He was glad that the schools finished with the testing. He also made a clarification of his comments about having misgivings about the standards/classifications of the tests that the comment referred to the state not to the staff.

He congratulated Bracker for their growing healthy fish.

He concluded by congratulating all the schools for their reports.

Mr. Lucero thanked Ms. Rodriguez and her staff for their hospitality and doing a great job. He further recognized the technology team (Alex Lopez, Adan Ibarra and Chris Bierle) for their support and effort.

IV. Call to the Public

Mr. Larry Frederick invited the Board to the Charles Mingus Celebration. He also mentioned his appreciation for Board's position against ESA and reminder of continued need to address salary compression.

Georgina Tavera spoke about the NHS Jazz Band need for support.

Damian Moreno, NHS student, spoke about Mr. Doug Tidalback's resignation as the music teacher and expressed his sadness.

Alex Buelna, NHS student, spoke about Mr. Doug Tidalback's resignation and their sadness to hear he had left the program.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Superintendent Parra requested for the consent agenda to be approved as presented with the correction of date on item "b" (June 3, 2017) as previously requested.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Dr. Varona for approval of the consent agenda as presented and corrected.

Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Approval of Request Permission for Nogales High School FBLA to Travel from June 17-July 3, 2017 to Anaheim, California to the FBLA National Leadership Conference
- c. Approval of Donation by Shipley Family Foundation (Mary Ley) (\$2,000.00 to NHS to be used for the boys' track team)
- d. Approval of Donation by University of Arizona Santa Cruz County Extension 4-H Program (Amanda Zamudio) (\$6,500.00 grant to DSMS to be used for the renovation of a sloping hillside)
- e. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary

VI. Action Items - None

VII. Information and Discussion and Possible Action

a. ASBA – Governing Board Resolution Opposing Expansion of Education Savings Accounts (SB1431)

Dr. Varona, as a courtesy to the community, asked for the Governing Board Clerk to read the Resolution for the record.

Mrs. Mendoza read the ASBA's Resolution presented which was included in the Board's packets.

Dr. Varona made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Mendoza to approve the Resolution Opposing Expansion of Education Savings Accounts.

There was discussion by Dr. Varona on schools being properly funded and the legislature being inappropriate with their laws.

Mr. Ruiz made comments of discontentment.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked the Board for their support for the resolution and mentioned she supported the resolution and was also in support for the teachers and students' education.

Mr. Lucero mentioned it was very unfortunate and didn't see any prompt resolution but as a Board would do their best to support the schools.

VIII. Request for Future Agenda Items

IX. Adjournment of the Special Meeting/Study Session

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Not Present President
Greg Lucero

Barbara Mendoza Clerk
Barbara Mendoza

Manny Ruiz Member
Manny Ruiz

Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member
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Respectfully Submitted,
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