

NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the June 12, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

Not present: Board Clerk Barbara Mendoza and Member Santiny Orozco

a. Call to Order

Mr. Lucero called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Varona led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Varona requested to set aside Item VII-i for discussion.

A motion was made by Dr. Varona and seconded by Mr. Ruiz for approval of the agenda, with exception of item VII-i.

Motion carried unanimously.

II. Executive Session

A motion was made by Dr. Varona and seconded by Mr. Ruiz to enter into executive session.

The Board left the regular meeting to enter into the executive session at 4:02 p.m.

III. Return to regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and second Dr. Varona to return into the regular meeting at 4:12 p.m.

IV. 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 Dr. Varona and seconded by Mr. Ruiz for approval of the Governing Board Minutes as presented to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

a. Superintendent's Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

1) Congratulations to NUSD for being awarded the ASBAIT Annual Wellness Member of the Year Award!

-The Recognition is for a consistent and well established wellness program year over year. Wellness Coordinators: Alma Trujillo and Arlene Garcia - Awarded Certificate and \$2,000.00 - Update by Mrs. Mayra Zuñiga

Superintendent Parra introduced Mrs. Mayra Zuñiga to give a report. Mrs. Zuniga gave an overview of the program and spoke of the good work the coordinators have been doing in getting the program moving and the recognitions they had received.

2) Overview of the 2016-17 School Year and Positive District Environment- Culture

Superintendent Parra congratulated the schools and principals for their end of the year programs and gave an overview of the graduates. He further mentioned the names of the colleges/universities the students, who will follow a post graduate education, will be attending.

Superintendent Parra read and shared his letter of appreciation addressed to the Governing Board, thanking them for their support.

Mr. Lucero thanked Superintendent Parra for his kind words.

Dr. Varona thanked Susan Segal, Esq., for her hard work and support. He also thanked Superintendent Parra for his letter to the Board and he stated, would reserve his comments for the superintendent evaluation.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mr. Parra, the District Administration, principals and staff for a job well done.

3) Leadership Training and Professional Development:

- Arizona Department of Education: Leading Change Conference June 14-16, 2017
- Administrative Seminar June 22-23, 2017
- Leadership Academy Training for All Principals and District Administrators September 26-27, 2017 Sponsored by the Trust

Superintendent Parra made the Board aware of the upcoming conferences and seminars and mentioned that these meetings would bring great trainings to continue with great leadership.

4) Overview-Update Pima JTED Presentation – Presenter Ms. Angel Canto

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

Asst. Superintendent Angel Canto gave a Power Point presentation with updates and overview of the JTED program and classes offered.

Superintendent Parra added that NUSD would also be making this presentation to Pima JTED.

Mr. Lucero mentioned that there was talk about a mining company opening and possibly hiring close to 800 people; he further mentioned that it seems they were in communication with the Community College Representative to start working with Pima JTED and start a program to get people trained and get them ready because the company plans to start hiring as early as the first quarter of 2018.

Superintendent Parra made a comment that because NUSD is part of Pima JTED being part of the satellite program, the NUSD students could be sent out to get the training.

Dr. Varona made comments that Pima Community College is working closely with the mining program to get the agreement, and the importance to train the students as much as possible to keep those jobs here in the community.

He further thanked Ms. Canto for her presentation.

Dr. Varona made a comment about the JROTC and the whole NHS leadership not having attended the Camp at Ft. Huachuca; he added that he expects full cooperation from the administration on this with future full attendance.

Superintendent Parra mentioned that the leadership has been addressed on the issue.

Mr. Ruiz added that education is very important in economic development. He mentioned that he was happy to see the program offered and others that can be added, that it was important for many opportunities to be available as the economic development plan takes place in the community because it was important to good well trained a competent workforce.

He thanked Asst. Superintendent Canto and Superintendent Parra for the great effort they are putting in getting the program going.

- b. ASBA Update by Board Member Barbara Mendoza
 - 1) Update - ASBA Legislative Report

Susan Segal, Esq., was asked if Dr. Varona could make a report on behalf of Mrs. Barbara Mendoza.

She replied that he could give his own report, but not on behalf of Ms. Mendoza.

No report was given.

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

Dr. Varona thanked A.J. Mitchell for the kindergarten transition adding, that it was a wonderful event and very enjoyable.

He thanked Welty elementary for the invitation to the 5th grade transition; he mentioned that it was very well organized and he enjoyed the Senior Walk having the high school graduates at the event.

He reported he had attended the ASBA Summer Leadership conference and reminded the administration that the Law Conference in September 6-8, 2017 had been changed to the JW Marriott Resort and encouraged the administration to attend if possible.

He further reported that the ASBA Santa Cruz County meeting will take place on October 3, 2107 but the location has been scheduled yet.

He mentioned the trainings he and his colleagues had attended at the Law Conference. He recommended inviting Sam Glen, a humorist, artist and inspirational speaker to the School Welcome Back.

He also shared, for the record, information on the "Best" and "Worst" Teachers, According to Reddit.

He further made comments on a book of history and political science sent to him by a former student, Fernando Parra, Jr., "Footnotes1: A Journal of History" which contains great information. He mentioned some of the highlights of the book and recommended it to anyone interested in reading it. He left the book with the Board's secretary, Mary Tachiquin-Lopez, for ten days for public viewing. (Book to be returned to Dr. Varona by June 26, 2017)

Mr. Ruiz apologized to the principals for not having been able to attend their schools' transitions and graduations.

He brought a reminder that June 14, 2017 was Flag Day, a very important day not only to celebrate our Country's Flag, but also because it was the 442nd anniversary of the US Army, that if anyone knew any US Army soldiers to remember to recognize and thank them for their service.

Mr. Lucero reported he had attended the NHS graduation ceremony and it had been a great event.

He also reported he had attended the Leadership Conference in Flagstaff.

He mentioned the sessions attended at the conference and the best educational session he enjoyed.

VI. Call to the Public

There was no call to the public.

VII. Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Dr. Varona and seconded by Mr. Ruiz to approve the consent agenda with exception of item "i".

Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- c. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations vouchers
- d. Approval of Request for Travel – Workshop in Las Vegas, NV for Gilbert Velez on June 26-30, 2017
- e. Approval of Out of State Travel for PVHS Staff Members to Orlando, FL on June 24-28, 2017
- f. Approval to Exceed the \$100,000 Threshold with CDWG for Fiscal Year 17-18
- g. Adoption of FY18 Resolution: Designee for General Fixed Assets Maintenance & Disposal
- h. Approval of the Employee Leasing Services Agreement with Educational Services Inc. (ESI) for FY18

i. Approval of Student Transportation Contract Renewal for Citizen School Transportation FY18

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

Dr. Varona requested an update on what will happen with seven new buses equipped with seatbelts.

Susan Segal, Esq., made comments about the buses and mentioned that the policy will talk about the procedures to take place.

Superintendent Parra added that they were working on the policy and the contract and furthermore, that they've been working with Ms. Segal to get it done.

Adelmo Sandoval gave an overview of the implementations of the policy.

Dr. Varona made comments about a reference made by District #35 of two of their traveling buses being equipped with Wi-Fi and would like to have the District look into it.

Superintendent Parra mentioned he thought it was a good idea.

Mr. Sandoval mentioned that the Wi-Fi idea would be mentioned to Citizens to possibly be incorporated in the buses.

Motion was carried unanimously.

- j. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima JTED and NUSD
- k. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for School Resource Officer
- l. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for use of Facilities
- m. Approval of Personnel Agenda

VIII. Action Items

- a. Approval for Advertisement for a Public Hearing on July 12, 2017 Regarding the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget Allocation of Monies Related to the Intended 1.06% Teacher Salary Increase Pursuant to Law 2017, Ch.305, §33

Superintendent Parra gave an overview and mentioned that the 1.06% teachers' salary increase will be brought to the Board for approval as a separate item.

Dr. Varona reviewed discussions made at the ASBA Conference and the Legislature decisions.

A motion was made by Dr. Varona and seconded by Mr. Ruiz.
Motion carried unanimously

- b. Second Read and Approval of February and April 2017 Policy Advisory from Arizona School Boards Association and Interest Based Negotiations Policy for Recommendation of Policy Changes to Policies: Manual and Administrative Regulations – Introduction, BGD – Board Review of Regulations, DIE – Audits/Financial Monitoring, DJE – Bidding/Purchasing Procedures, GCCA – Professional/Support Staff Sick Leave, IJNDBA – Website Accessibility, JFABD - Admission of Homeless Student,

JFB - Open Enrollment, JFBA – Unsafe School Choice, JLCC – Communicable/Infectious Disease, JR – Student Records, JRR – Student Surveys, LBD – Relations with Charter Schools, EEAG – Student Transportation in Private Vehicles, EEB – Business and Personnel Transportation Services, EFDA – Collection of Money/Food Tickets, JL- Student Wellness, HA – Interest Based Negotiations, HA – Meet and Confer, HH – Employee Meet and Confer Organizations, and HD – Meet and Confer Procedures

Superintendent Parra gave an overview and mentioned this was the second reading and was for final approval and consideration by the Board.

Mrs. Mayra Zuniga explained in a summary the policies to be replaced and the changes.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Information and Discussion

a. Budget Factors FY2018

Superintendent Parra thanked the IBN committee for their hard work in helping to make this a successful process and also thanked the Leadership Team for their work and input for this report.

He further stated for the record that the board had supported the raises for all employees and thanked them for their support on the increase in salaries.

He made comments about the insurance staying the same without any increases and this being great news.

He made comments about the many good things happening in the District and that he was happy to finally starting to see us come out of the recession of ten years.

Mr. Sandoval, Business Director, gave a Power Point presentation on the budget factors and all funding.

Superintendent Parra made a comment of the additional budget items, and elementary physical education position not being replaced at this time.

Mrs. Zuniga took over the Power Point presentation and explained about the salaries pay increases, additional teacher increase 1.06% and IBN Pay Increase Proposal FY18.

Dr. Varona asked for clarification of what was going to happen with the funds for the Elementary Counselors.

Superintendent Parra gave a summary of the history of the counselor positions. He added that this was a grant that may not continue and that the positions were not guaranteed. He added that the District will do their best to keep the positions as long as possible. He mentioned it was a difficult decision not only for the individuals, but also for the wellbeing of the elementary schools.

Mrs. Zuñiga continued with the Power Point and explained that there were also teacher vacancies at the middle school and high school that the District has not been able to be filled and it has been a struggle.

Ms. Kathy Scott, Grant Director, explained more about M&O and grant monies and the positions that get paid through these funds.

Dr. Varona mentioned that his main concern was the counseling program and he would like to have this discussed at the Board's retreat.

He thanked Mr. Sandoval and Mrs. Zuniga for the great report.

Mr. Lucero made suggestions of things to be addressed at the Board Retreat to bring better programs to the District.

b. First Read of Revision to Policy EEAE Bus Safety Program related to Transportation of Students/Passengers and Seatbelts in Buses

Superintendent Parra mentioned that a Summary of the policy had been given to the Board for their review and introduced Mrs. Zuniga to explain the additions to the policy made. Mrs. Zuniga gave a Power Point presentation and explained the proposed changes.

Superintendent Parra mentioned a couple of items that were not on the previous reports and had been added on this presentation.

Dr. Varona asked if the passengers included student and parents/adults.

Mrs. Zuniga mentioned that all adults were included.

Dr. Varona asked that a consistency of words as "will" or "shall" be included in the policy.

Mr. Lucero asked if this would also be included in the handbook language.

Mrs. Zuniga clarified that this would be included in the Student handbook.

Superintendent Parra added a few comments with more clarification.

X. Request for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona inquired about Superintendent Parra, Mrs. Canto and Mr. Islas comments of what idea they had when talking about the JTED program and planning to remodel the Culinary Arts classroom to make it a commercial kitchen. He commented on a two-story building and/or what can be done to remodel the present building and also update the math and science classrooms.

Mr. Lucero asked for future study sessions on this topic or item for the Board's retreat.

Superintendent Parra mentioned that this is work in progress and the District is working together with JTED to have an industrial renovated kitchen and it will be brought up at the Study Session/Board Retreat.

Susan Segal, Esq., mentioned that this item would be best brought up for discussion at the Board's Study Session/Board Retreat and that she would be adding a limitation of expense by JTED monies.


XI. Adjournment of the Governing Board Meeting

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

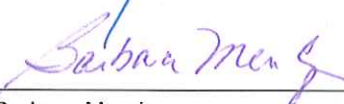
Motion carried unanimously.

Session was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD



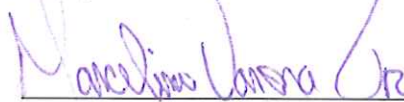
Greg Lucero President



Barbara Mendoza Clerk



Manny Ruiz Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member



Santiny Orozco Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
June 26, 2017

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