I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:
Manuel Ruiz, President, Dr. Marcelino Varona Jr., Members: Barbara Mendoza, Greg Lucero, and Robert S. Rojas

a. Call to Order

Mrs. Mendoza called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Linda Lyons, ASBA Bboard Member, led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval.

Dr. Varona made a motion and seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval of the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Varona, Mendoza, Rojas, Lucero, and Ruiz

d. Organization of the Board:

1. Election of Board President

Dr. Varona made a motion and seconded by Mr. Rojas for nomination of Mr. Ruiz as Board President.
Mr. Ruiz accepted.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Lucero, Rojas, Mendoza, Varona, and Ruiz

2. Election of Board Clerk

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and seconded by Mr. Lucero for nomination of Dr. Varona as Board Clerk.
Dr. Varona accepted.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Mendoza, Rojas, Lucero, Ruiz, and Varona
e. ASBA Governing Board Recognitions/Awards

1. Congratulations to NUSD Governing Board Recipient of the Lou Ella Kleinz Award Excellence in Governance
2. Congratulations to NUSD Governing Board Recipient of the Total Board Award

Superintendent Parra introduced Ms. Linda Lyons to announce the Lou Ella Kleinz Award and the Total Board Award.

Ms. Lyon stated words of appreciation and mentioned that these awards were provided to the Board due to the hard work of everyone and the Board’s professionalism and involvement in educational programs.

Ms. Lyons presented each individual Board Member with a personalized plaque.

Mr. Ruiz, on behalf of the Board, thanked Ms. Lyons for the awards and for taking the time of coming down to Nogales.

II. Spring 2018 Individual School Review AzMerit Results – Percentage Scores/Academic Progress – Goals and Improvement Plans:

1. Nogales High School – Mr. Cesar Miranda

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview mentioning that there were a couple of changes on the presentation and the Board was provided with new copies.

Superintendent Parra introduced Mr. Cesar Miranda, NHS Principal to give a presentation.

Mr. Miranda welcomed Mr. Rojas to NUSD Governing Board.
He also congratulated Dr. Varona as the new elected Board Clerk and Mr. Ruiz as newly elected Board President.
Mr. Miranda gave a Power Point presentation.
He concluded by presenting the school’s goals and action plan.

2. Pierson High School – Ms. Berenice Rodriguez

Superintendent Parra introduced Ms. Rodriguez and he made the clarification that the achievement numbers at PHS were smaller than the regular high school and asked to take in consideration the school had a smaller group of students.

Ms. Rodriguez gave a Power Point presentation
She mentioned that the absences had been reduced by 50%.
She concluded her presentation with the school’s goals and action plan.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked Ms. Rodriguez for her presentation.

3. Superintendent/Governing Board Questions and Comments

Mrs. Mendoza made comments about their strategies and she stated that she was in hopes to have them implemented and to see good results.

Dr. Varona agreed with Mrs. Mendoza’s comments.
He mentioned that he liked the idea of the Blended Learning and he supported it.
He also mentioned that the community was proud of Pierson and supported the school.
He made a suggestion for future reference to give a valid statistical analysis. He mentioned he received mixed messages on the NHS analysis.

Mr. Lucero concurred with Dr. Varona’s and Mrs. Mendoza’s comments and added a few comments on the deficiencies of NHS. He also mentioned that there was a need of being more objective.

Mr. Ruiz made comments of how hard the students have it currently with all the pressure on their testing. He hoped that the high school could meet with middle school teachers and find a structure to raise the bar so when middle school students get to high school they are better prepared. He thanked Mr. Miranda and Ms. Rodriguez for their presentations.

Mr. Parra mentioned these were the last two presentations of the school year and that he appreciated the Board’s comments. He mentioned the changes to be expected. He concluded by mentioning the challenges Pierson High School and Nogales High School face.

Mr. Ruiz made final comments regarding each principal’s responsibility to achieve.

Dr. Varona mentioned he supported Superintendent Parra for his transparency to the Board and his leadership

III. Adjournment of the Study Session

Mr. Lucero made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for adjournment of the public meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by members: Varona, Ruiz, Mendoza, Lucero and Rojas

Session adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

[Signatures of the Board members]

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
February 11, 2019

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NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
GOVERNING BOARD
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2019
Held immediately after the Study Session

I. Attendance:
The following Board Members were present:
Manuel Ruiz, President, Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., Clerk; Members: Barbara Mendoza,
Greg Lucero, and Robert S. Rojas

a. Call to Order
Mr. Ruiz called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

b. Adoption of the Agenda
Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Lucero requested that Consent Agenda item "V-c" be discussed separately and
cused himself from voting due to conflict of interest.

Discussion by the Board and agreement to discuss separately Agenda item "V-c".

Motion made by Mr. Lucero and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval with the changes
requested by Mr. Lucero.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Ruiz, Varona Mendoza, Lucero and Rojas

II. Approval of Governing Board Meetings Minutes
a. Approval of the Study Session and Regular Governing Board Minutes of December 10,
   2018

Motion made by Mrs. Mendoza and seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval as presented.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Ruiz, Mendoza, Varona, Lucero and Rojas

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information
a. Superintendent Report- Discussion, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements
   1. Welcome and Congratulations to Newly Elected Board Members Robert
      Rojas and Re-elected Board Member Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.

Superintendent Parra made comments that the present Board Members have been
working together and working out successfully for the District. He welcomed Mr.
Rojas for joining the Governing Board and welcomed Dr. Varona for his re-election.
2. Superintendent Outstanding Award:  
   Congratulations to Support Services Department

Superintendent Parra mentioned the names of the Support Services employees who are up for retirement.  
He further mentioned all the work they have done with Districtwide projects and the funds the District has been able to save.  
He stated that two of the people who will not be easy to replace were Miguel Martinez and Jesus Sandoval and further, that they have been a big asset to the District.  
He concluded by stating that Support Services was one of his best department throughout the district.

Superintendent Parra welcomed the Support Services staff and introduced the department with a certificate of appreciation.

Mr. Islas spoke words of appreciation for his staff and thanked the Superintendent and the Board for the certificate and their support.

3. Superintendent Outstanding Student Award:  
   Congratulations to Gregory Kory 5th grade Student at Challenger Elementary School

Superintendent Parra gave a brief background of Gregory Kory.  
He congratulated him and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Gregory Kory thanked the teachers and principal for all their help and the District for his certificate.

4. Congratulations to Our NUSD Combined Choir for their Outstanding Performance at the 53rd Annual Holiday Concert at the State Capitol this past December 2018

Superintendent Parra recognized the music teachers for their hard work and read a certificate of appreciation signed by Governor Ducey.

Mr. Frederick gave a brief overview of the students' performance and a summary of the competition; he thanked the Board and the Superintendent for their support.

Superintendent Parra made final comments of appreciation.

5. In Appreciation for Donations  
   -NUSD Thanks the White Elephant, Inc. for their Significant Donation to NUSD Schools  
   -NUSD also gives a Special Thanks to Arizona Minerals, Inc. for their Donation

Superintendent Parra thanked the White Elephant for their great donation to be distributed districtwide and for their yearly support.  
Additionally, he thanked the Arizona Minerals, Inc. for their donation to the Robotics Club.
Dr. Varona highlighted Mr. Lucero's efforts in stepping out in helping NUSD financially.

6. Announcement
   Governing Board Retreat/Training Scheduled for June 12, 2019

   Superintendent Parra gave the Board an update of the next Board Retreat.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Dr. Varona attended the Arizona Webinar on Hispanic Education and mentioned the highlights of the conference, stating that it had been very educational. He thanked Dr. Soltero and Ms. Silva for their invitation to the Eagle-of-the-Month breakfast on this past Friday. He stated it was a great event and thanked Dr. Soltero and Ms. Silva for their leadership.

He reported he attended the basketball game at NHS and mentioned that the best game of the night had been the freshmen's game and added that he was proud of their great composure in behavior. He attended a Ted-Talk on the importance of exercise, and he read an article in the Coronado Elementary newspaper by student Mia Leon entitled, Opinion: Should Students Have Longer Recess; the article had many valid points on physical education, he said. He thanked Superintendent Parra, Ms. Canto, Mr. Sandoval, and Mrs. Mendoza for attending the new Governing Board Members swearing in ceremony held at the County Complex.

He concluded by congratulating the principals for their reports and accomplishments.

Mrs. Mendoza reported that the Mariachi was at the ASBA Conference; the crowd had enjoyed them very much and had done a great job. She also attended the combined choir event held at the State, and mentioned that the choirs did a great job and the children were wonderful. She thanked the superintendent for giving them all these opportunities.

Mr. Rojas reported that he attended the ASBA New Board Members Conference. He mentioned that he has been very welcomed by NUSD and everyone has made him feel very welcome. He thanked Adelmo Sandoval for taking the time to teach him about the reports. He thanked Superintendent Parra for welcoming him and making him feel at home, and congratulated him for doing a great job with the schools. He added that he had very good and positive comments made about NUSD at the ASBA Conference. He also thanked Alex Lopez for doing a good job. He further thanked Angel Canto and Superintendent Parra and everyone for making him feel welcome at the District's winter staff training. He stated that he was looking forward to working with all and staying positive.

Mr. Lucero reported he attended the ASBA Conference and mentioned that everyone at the conference made positive comments about the Mariachi. He concluded by thanking all who attended for their support.
Mr. Ruiz welcomed Mr. Rojas and thanked him for his positive comments about the District's staff.

He further congratulated Mrs. Mendoza for having finished her two years of service in the ASBA Board.
He congratulated the ROTC, the Color Guard, and the Mariachi for their performance and added that NUSD has many good programs and students.

Furthermore, he mentioned that the choir was great at the State performance and they had done a great job.
He thanked the Board Members for allowing him to be president and mentioned that he was looking forward to graduations and school events.
He thanked the staff for submitting the Board's name to ASBA and in receiving the award.
He concluded by congratulating the retirees from Support Service and wished everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

IV. Call to the Public
None

V. Consent Agenda Items

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented to the Board.

Dr. Varona requested to discuss separately item "g" and Mr. Lucero as previously requested, recused himself from item "c".

Motion made by Mr. Rojas and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval with exception of items "g" and "c".

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Rojas, Mendoza, Varona, Ruiz and Lucero

a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
b. Approval of Donation by Country Fair White Elephant ($149,000 each school to receive an allocation)
c. Approval of Arizona Minerals Inc. Donation ($5,000 for NHS Robotics Club)

Motion made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval.
Mr. Lucero recused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Mendoza, Ruiz, Rojas and Varona

d. Approval of Shipley Family Foundation ($2,000 to Bracker Elementary School)
e. Approval of Country Attorney (George Silva) Office Donation ($1,310.55 for Boy's NHS Basketball Program)
f. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for NHS Dance Team (NHS Dance Team Boosters Nationals Competition to Anaheim, California on February 22-24, 2019)
g. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary

Motion by Mr. Lucero and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval.
Dr. Varona thanked Mr. Frederick for his years of service and mentioned he was a great asset to the district. Mr. Ruiz echoed Dr. Varona’s comments and thanked all the people retiring this year.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Varona, Ruiz, Mendoza, Lucero and Rojas

h. Approval of Teacher Evaluation System Verification Statement of Assurance

VI. Action - None

VII. Information and Discussion - None

VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona requested a future presentation by Mrs. Canto on PSAT statistical report only as an informational feedback. He also asked to keep the Board up-to-date with HB2008.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Mendoza and seconded by Mr. Lucero for adjournment of the public meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Mendoza, Lucero, Ruiz, Varona and Rojas

Session adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
February 11, 2010

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