

NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Study Session of December 10, 2018 held at 3:30 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

Members not present: Santiny Orozco, Clerk and Greg Lucero

a. Call to Order

Mrs. Mendoza called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Molera led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented to the Board.

A motion was by Dr. Varona and seconded by Mr. Ruiz to approve the agenda as presented to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Varona, Ruiz and Mendoza

II. Study Session

a. Presentation of Budget Revision #1 FY19

Superintendent Parra introduced Mr. Sandoval to give a presentation of the budget revision.

Adelmo Sandoval, Business Director, gave a Power Point presentation of the Budget Revision #1 for FY19.

Dr. Varona thanked Mr. Sandoval for a well-done presentation. He further asked questions regarding the federal revenues, and if the aides could be re-hired with these funds.

Mr. Sandoval explained that these additional moneys would sustain the budget the way it is.

Mrs. Kathy Scott explained that they went to a training where the auditors explained that the Legislature allowed states to receive extra money for grants. She added that, under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), were not allowed to be hired with salary equalization; therefore, they had been moved to M&O.

Mr. Sandoval also explained his experience as a business director that, it is a good practice to move people out of grants and keep the restricted recommendations that are given.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked Mr. Sandoval for his presentation.

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

1. Desert Shadows Middle School – Dr. Joan Molera

Superintendent Parra thanked Desert Shadows for hosting the board meeting and thanked the teachers for supporting their schools by being present. He introduced Dr. Molera to give a presentation.

Dr. Joan Molera, DSMS Principal, welcomed the Board and thanked the teachers and administrators for being present.

She continued with a Power Point presentation and she concluded with a presentation on her 2018-19 action plan.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked Dr. Molera for her presentation.

2. Challenger Elementary School – Ms. Christina Valdez

Superintendent Parra gave an overview and mentioned the high points of Ms. Valdez as the new principal at Challenger Elementary. He thanked her for taking over the school and making the adjustments needed.

Ms. Valdez mentioned that it was important to be visible at the school all the time and thanked Superintendent Parra for the opportunity given to her as principal at Challenger Elementary. She then thanked all the support staff in the audience.

She proceeded and gave a Power Point presentation.

She concluded with a presentation on her 2018-2019 action plan and mentioned that she felt the challenge by going into a school with high achievement in the past but was happy to be there.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked Ms. Valdez for her presentation and her leadership by taking over Challenger Elementary school.

3. Welty Elementary School – Ms. Aissa Bonillas

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of Ms. Bonillas and mentioned that she was poised for success to happen. He mentioned he had worked with most of the teachers at Welty back when he was the principal of that school, and they were all great teachers and he was happy to say Ms. Bonillas had embraced the school for success. He introduced Ms. Bonillas to give a report.

Ms. Aissa Bonillas, Welty Elementary principal, mentioned that Mr. Parra was her first administrator and it has been challenging working for him but she was very happy to do so. Ms. Bonillas gave a Power Point presentation.

Ms. Bonillas mentioned that the school had come up to a letter "B" from last year's letter "C".

She concluded with a presentation on her 2018-19 math action plan. She thanked her staff for their support.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked Ms. Bonillas for her presentation.

4. Superintendent/Governing Board Questions and Comments

Superintendent Parra made comments about the principals coming together in uniting the schools to provide the best education to all the students.

Dr. Varona made comments of the three presenting schools and the three strong comments each individual principal stated.

He also mentioned the critical emphasis for success.

He mentioned some of the challenges each school has and that he liked the way the principals' come together to understand each individual student.

He requested to have some emphasis in the physical education in future presentations.

He further mentioned that there are many dynamic teachers and he had no doubt the grade of the schools would go up.

Furthermore, he stated that the direction the district was going was good and he was happy to see that the hard work they do every day was paying off.

He thanked the teachers and parents present who took time to come and see the presentations.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mrs. Valdez for the data presentation and wished her great success.

He also concurred with Dr. Varona's comments and added that he knew there were many challenges and the students stressed out with so much work and tests but he was happy to see the staff working together to take these challenges and make them positive.

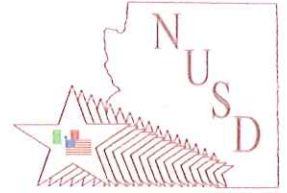
Mrs. Mendoza stated it was a great pleasure to have so much to celebrate and thanked the administrators for their hard work and closing out the presentation for 2018.

IV. Adjournment of the Study Session

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Ruiz, Varona and Mendoza

Session adjourned at 5:32 p.m.



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2018 held Immediately after the Study Session

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

Members not Present: Santiny Orozco, Clerk and Greg Lucero

a. Call to Order

Mrs. Mendoza called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

b. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra requested discussion of item IV before item III on the agenda.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion to make a change and move the Call to the Public up before the Superintendent Report and seconded by Dr. Varona for approval.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Mendoza, Ruiz and Varona

II. Approval of Governing Board Meetings

a. Approval of the Study Session and Regular Governing Board Minutes of November 26, 2018

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Ruiz, Varona and Mendoza

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

a. Superintendent Report- Discussion, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

1. Outstanding Award:

Congratulations to Ms. Hanna Milner Music Teacher at Wade Carpenter Middle School

Superintendent Parra gave a brief background of Ms. Hanna Milner and mentioned the District was happy that she had chosen to return after college to teach for Nogales Unified; he added she was a graduate of NUSD. He introduced Ms. Milner and provided her with a certificate of appreciation.

Ms. Milner mentioned a few words of gratefulness to the District and mentioned that her success comes from her father, Mr. Fred Milner music teacher at Challenger Elementary, and to all her mentors throughout her schooling at NUSD.

She concluded by thanking Dr. Soltero and Ms. Silva for their support and believing in her.

2. Outstanding Student Award:
Congratulations to Delia Atondo 12th Grade Student at Pierson High School

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview of Miss Atondo and explained that she is fighting her disease but that it has made her a very strong person with nothing stopping her from graduating and continuing her education at Pima College/Nogales.

He read a support letter from the principal, Ms. Rodriguez.

Superintendent Parra introduced Miss Atondo with a certificate of appreciation.

Delia thanked Mr. Parra for the award and stated some of her thoughts of how she has been getting stronger, and mentioned that focusing on her education has helped her to forget about her kidney problem.

Mrs. Mendoza congratulated Miss Atondo and mentioned that she was an inspiration to everyone and she was sure she would continue inspiring people with her strong efforts.

3. VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest Winners – Principal Dr. Joan Molera
 - Mikayla Lindsey, DSMS 8th grader – 1st Place (\$300.00)
 - Esteban Cervantes, DSMS 8th grader – 2nd place (\$200.00)
 - Daniel Rodriguez, DSMS 6th grader – 3rd place (\$100.00)

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Dr. Molera to make a presentation.

Dr. Molera explained about the writing contest and introduced the students who participated and won.

Mrs. Mendoza made a comment that, on a personal note, Dr. Molera had been a very good English teacher who taught her daughter to write and her daughter had become a very good writer.

4. Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest Winners – Principal Dr. Joan Molera
 - Sofia Espinoza, DSMS 6th grader (\$100.00)
 - Luis Leyva, DSMS 6th grader (\$50.00)

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview of the contest and introduced Dr. Molera to make the presentation.

Dr. Molera introduced Sofia Espinoza and Luis Leyva, the Peace Poster Contest winners.

Dr. Molera thanked the Lion's Club for their program.

5. Announcement of Special Meeting/Study Session for January 14, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. to be held at the Anita Lichter Board Room

Superintendent Parra reminded the Board that the January meeting would take place at the District at 3:30 p.m. instead of Pierson as previously scheduled.

6. The Conquistador Times - Coronado Elementary School Newspaper –
Principal Ms. Sandra Jimenez

Superintendent Parra gave an overview and mentioned to the Board that copies of “The Conquistador Times” had been provided to them for their review.

Ms. Licet Jimenez mentioned that this idea of a newspaper was from Ms. Niebla, the publisher and sponsor. She added that the members meet after school and finish their meetings at 4:30pm and explained how the idea started and what the students do in this class.

b. Governing Board Reports, Celebrations, Recognitions, Announcements

Dr. Varona congratulated a top of his class NHS senior IB student Jorge Armenta who received early admittance into Stanford University.

He also thanked all who helped with the Lion’s Club clothing project last Saturday, especially the NHS baseball team; he also thanked Interact Club President Isaac Valenzuela for presenting a picture frame with Santa and a bag of candies and the student who portrayed Santa for doing a great job. He also congratulated the Nogales Varsity Cheerleaders for providing pajamas for the project.

Dr. Varona congratulated Ms. Jimenez and Coronado School for the “The Conquistador” newspaper and said that they were doing a great job.

He further congratulated all principals who participated in the City of Nogales Lights Parade and mentioned he was happy for the students’ participation and that all had great floats.

He thanked Lincoln Elementary for the food drive donated to Senior Center and mentioned that it was great to receive all their donations.

He further thanked Interact Club member Isaac Valenzuela for the desserts provided for the Senior Center, that he had done a great job.

He thanked Welty and Bracker for working on the Hour of Code.

He congratulated Mr. Carlson for his Mickey Mouse 90th Birthday Celebration.

He concluded by stating that he was glad to hear NHS students were visiting the middle schools to promote their music program.

Mr. Ruiz concurred with Dr. Varona’s report.

He wished everyone happy and safe holidays and mentioned he was looking forward to coming back in 2019.

He concluded by stating that NUSD had a great superintendent with a good administrative team, very good teachers and he was grateful to be working with this great Board.

Mrs. Mendoza reported she was involved in the Reading is Fun and participated with the distribution of the books; she thanked the coordinators at AJ Mitchell and Mary L. Welty Elementary Schools for their help.

She further mentioned she attended a conference and had the opportunity to meet the new State Superintendent Kathy Hoffman and it had been very nice to spend time with her and that she seems to be a good advocate for education.

She concluded by thanking all who participated in the community parade and for their time and effort.

IV. Call to the Public

Martha Valenzuela spoke about the Woman's Club and the funding of the Reading is Fun Program.

She mentioned that this year approximately 2,500 books would be distributed between NUSD #1, SCVUSD#35 and Little Red School Dist. #28, and that in the spring more books would be provided to the students for them to take home.

She mentioned that the club also gives four scholarships to graduating students of Nogales and Rio Rico.

She thanked the community for their support during the fundraising for the reading program held in August at DD's Nogales store.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked her for her report.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Ruiz, Varona and Mendoza

Dr. Varona asked if there had been any objections made or filed on item "g".
Mrs. Zuniga replied that no objections or complaints had been filed.

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Approval of Out of State Travel for NHS Stunt & Cheer Teams (Anaheim, Ca. in February 21-25, 2019 for United Spirit Assoc. National Competition)
- c. Approval of Out of State Travel for NHS FBLA (New York City, NY to attend a Wall Street Training February 13-17, 2019)
- d. Approval/Award of Invitation for Bid Award for the Roofing Repair/Restoration and HVAC Replacement Project at the Jefferson Building on the Pierson High School Campus
- e. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary
- f. Approval of Classified Salary Schedule Revision to Comply with Arizona's Minimum Wage Increase to \$11.00/hr. and Ratification of Pay Increase for Hourly/Classified Employees Effective December 30, 2018
- g. Approval of 2019-2020 School Year Calendar

VI. Action

- a. Approval of Expenditure Budget Revision #1 FY19

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented to the Board.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Varona, Ruiz and Mendoza

VII. Information and Discussion - None

VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona requested information on the usage of drones at graduation. Superintendent Parra replied that the issue was under control and that any questions would be addressed directly by him.

Dr. Varona thanked the Technology Department team for all their hard work in moving all technology equipment to DSMS to assist with the meeting.

IX. Adjournment

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Mendez, Ruiz and Varona

Session was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

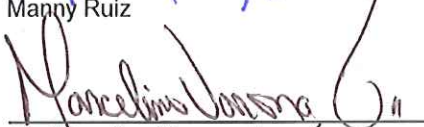
APPROVED BY THE BOARD




Barbara Mendoza President




Manny Ruiz Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member



Greg Lucero Member



Robert Roja Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
January 14, 2019