

NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD Minutes of the Meeting of February 25, 2019 held at 4:00 p.m.,

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Manuel Ruiz, President, Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., Clerk; Members Barbara Mendoza, and Robert Rojas

Board Member not present: Greg Lucero

a. Call to Order

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Mendoza led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra made the recommendation to approve the Agenda, including the Consent Agenda, as presented to the Board.

Mr. Rojas made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval.

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Meetings of February 11, 2019

Mrs. Mendoza made a motion and seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval.

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

At this time, Superintendent Parra mentioned the stands for both flags had been ordered to replace the old ones.

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Announcement: State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ms. Kathy Hoffman
 - Visitation to Lincoln Elementary School
 - Meet and Greet Luncheon Americana Hotel on Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Superintendent Parra made an announcement and mentioned that the principals and administration would be attending and invited the Board to attend as well.

2. Congratulations to the 2019 IB Diploma Candidates!
Excellence in Academic Achievement!

Superintendent Parra congratulated the students for doing a great job and thanked board members Mr. Rojas and Dr. Varona for helping with the judging.

3. Video Presentation: "Very Special Festival of Dance" – Desert Shadows Life Skills Class

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and made a video presentation. He congratulated the students who participated and Mr. Cruz for the caring of the students as well.

He further congratulated Ms. Acosta for the passion she has for the program and the care for the students.

4. Superintendent Outstanding Teacher Award:
-Congratulations Mr. Roberto Cruz and Ms. Claudia Acosta, Special Education Teachers Desert Shadows Middle School
-Congratulations to Ms. Nancy Maytorena; Ms. Valeria Cervantes; Ms. Paola Maldonado, and Ms. Melissa Rascon Special Education Support/Instructional Staff

He congratulated all the teachers, support staff for doing a great job and the care they provide for the students.

He recognized the program and the people who make it happen.

He introduced the teachers and staff and presented them with an award.

He also introduced the Skills Club students and presented them with an award.

Dr. Molera complemented the students for their help and support and doing a great job.

Ms. Acosta mentioned a few words of gratitude, thanking the District for all their support.

Mr. Cruz mentioned that the state standards are what they follow and they use them as a tool and make it work for the students to enjoy it.

He thanked the District for their support.

Mr. Ruiz thanked all the staff for their hard work and doing a great job.

He also thanked all the parents for their support.

5. Superintendent Outstanding Student Award:
Congratulations to the Life Skills Class Desert Shadows Middle School

Superintendent Parra congratulated and introduced the Skills' Club students to the Board.

6. Congratulations to Daniel L. Woodburn, Fifth Grade Student at Francisco Vasquez de Coronado Elementary 2018-2019 County Spelling Bee Winner

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview of Daniel and introduced him with a certificate of appreciation.

Mr. Rojas congratulated Daniel and shared a story of when he was working at Coronado and Mrs. Woodburn's (Daniel's mom) discipline of getting Daniel to school on time despite their residence in Tucson.

Mr. Ruiz congratulated Daniel for a job well done.

7. NUSD Override Election November of 2019 Process and Procedures:
 - Composition of Override Committee
 - Election Laws and Policies
 - Board Consideration and Approval (Committee)
 - Override Study Session/Committee's Recommendation
 - Resolution
 - Public Meetings and Education of Override

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview of the process to be taken to get the override going and to present it to the community.

Mrs. Mendoza asked if the District knew if other initiatives or other items would be places on this Election Day.

Superintendent Parra replied that for NUSD it would only be these items but county-wise, at this moment, he did not know.

Dr. Varona asked if the override would take place this Nov. 2019.

Superintendent Parra replied he was correct.

Dr. Varona made the recommendation to consider having male and female members plus high school students on the committee.

8. Update Facility (Capital Projects) Report:
 - School Restrooms
 - SFB Pending Projects
 - James Clark Auditorium/Chiller Unit
 - NHS Student Parking Lot

Superintendent Parra gave a brief update on the facility projects going on around the school district.

Dr. Varona made a clarification for the record regarding the savings the District makes by Mr. Islas looking out for the District, and thanked Support Services for doing most of the repairs.

9. Update on SB1014 English Language; Instruction/Alters (ELL) Program- Ms. Angel Canto

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

Assistant Superintendent Canto gave a report and mentioned that, in summary, they looked forward to the changes.

Mrs. Mendoza congratulated Ms. Canto for serving on the committee.

Dr. Varona spoke about the new law and mentioned that this was an example where legislature thinks they know everything on education and now they understand they were not doing it right.

Mr. Ruiz made comments about the test changes made during the years and the challenges these bring to teaching and at the end of the day, the schools trying to do the best for the students.

Superintendent Parra clarified that the bilingual education staff has worked hard and, now that they are going back to the previous way, they are happy because it is what has always worked best.

10. Instructional Leadership Teams/Training Classroom Observations; Nogales High School, Wade Carpenter Middle School and AJM Elementary School

Superintendent Parra gave a brief update.

11. Completed/Implementation Status:

Arizona Auditor General Follow-up Report – Mr. Adelmo Sandoval and Ms. Angel Canto

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Adelmo Sandoval, Business Director, and Asst. Superintendent Canto to give a Power Point presentation on Finding #1 and Finding #2 of the Arizona Auditor General Report.

Dr. Varona stated that this report was proof of the transparency of this District and congratulated Superintendent Parra, Asst. Superintendent Canto and Mr. Sandoval for doing a great job.

Mrs. Mendoza congratulated the district for working together and displaying the State of Arizona how NUSD does business.

Mr. Rojas gave complements to the administration for the great job they are doing.

Mr. Ruiz congratulated the administration for doing a great job and for showing transparency in the audit.

He thanked Superintendent Parra, Asst. Superintendent Canto, Mr. Sandoval, and Mr. Islas and all administrators for their hard work.

12. Wide Area Network (WAN) Update – Mr. Alex Lopez

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Alex Lopez, Technology Director, to give a report.

Mr. Lopez thanked the administration for making this possible and gave a Power Point presentation on technology update.

Mr. Lopez commended his team for their hard work and their daily support.

Mr. Ruiz made a comment and commended the technology team for doing a great job.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked Mr. Lopez and his team for the hard work they do to benefit the staff and students of the District.

Dr. Varona made a clarification for the record that only 10% is coming out from the District thanks to ERATE he added that the District was doing a good thing and furthermore, this was an important reason to get the override back on track.

Superintendent Parra added that when you surround yourself with good people, you do not have to worry about the job getting done and that works well for all.

Mr. Ruiz stated that this type of initiative is what makes this District great.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Dr. Varona reported he had attended the student of the month celebration at WCMS and PHS and they were both great. He was happy to hear great comments from the students. He also attended the Equity Conference, it was a great conference and he had enjoyed the Hispanic speaker very much.

He also attended the IB Extended Assay Presentation on February 21 at NHS. He mentioned that these bright students and presentations were excellent and the students were without notes. He congratulated German Parra, Jorge Armenta, Francisco Zazueta, Marcelo Artana, and Alexander Ramirez for their presentations and he extended his congratulations to Ms. Valenzuela for doing a great job.

He further reported that he had attended the District's Job Fair and it was great. The principals' interviews looked excellent and he calculated they had about 80 people show up. He congratulated Alma Trujillo, Richard Paco and Lety Sol for doing a great job with the event; furthermore, he congratulated the HR Director, Mayra Zufiga and her department for their professionalism and hard work.

He also attended the NHS basketball playoff game in Phoenix, and mentioned that they did not win but did a great job and showed great sportsmanship. He was further happy to see the NHS Cheerleaders perform for the half time.

He thanked Ms. Kathy Scott for the awesome PR in the local newspaper and congratulated her for a job well done.

He thanked the schools' principals for their informative reports.

Mr. Rojas reported he had attended the Equity Conference in Phoenix and mentioned it was very informative and useful to him, and he enjoys attending the ASBA conferences. He further reported he had attended the IB presentations at NHS and the students were fantastic and did a great job.

He concluded by stating that he was looking forward to visiting AJ Mitchell and he had been asked to read tomorrow, Tuesday 2/26/19.

Mr. Ruiz congratulated the District, stating he was happy to hear everything was going well at the schools.

IV. Call to the Public
None

V. Consent Agenda Items

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Varona, Rojas, Mendoza and Ruiz

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Approval of Out of State Travel for Staff Member to Attend the ASCD Empower 19 Conference March 15-19, 2019 (Chicago, IL)
- c. Approval of Out of State Travel for Staff Members to Attend the Tyler Technologies Conference April 6-10, 2019 (Dallas, TX)
- d. Approval of Out of State Travel for NHS Culinary Class March 20-24, 2019 (San Francisco/Petaluma, CA)
- e. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary

Mrs. Mendoza highlighted that the NHS Culinary trip was in partnership with Mr. Kirkman Lok, owner of the Quality Inn/Americana Hotel, who was donating the hotel arrangements for the students on their trip to San Francisco. She also thanked all the partnerships the District gets throughout the community.

Mr. Ruiz recommended the District send a nice thank you letter to Mr. Lok for his great donation.

He also stated that it was a great way to learn and a great class.

He further mentioned the Board would be looking forward to a report on their return.

VI. Action

- a. Approval of 2018-2019 Board Governance Goals

Superintendent Parra recommendation to approve with recommendations of changes of language in highly qualified teachers.

Dr. Varona made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Varona, Mendoza, Ruiz and Rojas

VII. Information and Discussion

- a. First Read of Policy Revision for Policy AC Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity and Policy GBA Equal Employment Opportunity

Superintendent Parra introduced Mayra Zuñiga, HR Director, to review the Policy. Ms. Zuñiga gave a Power Point presentation reviewing the revisions.

VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items

No requests

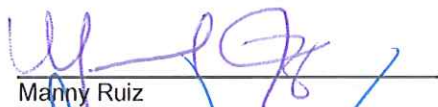
IX. Adjournment

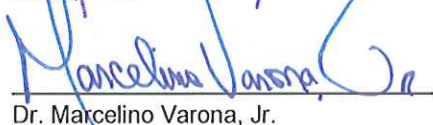
Mr. Robert made a motion and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for adjournment of the public meeting.


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


Session adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

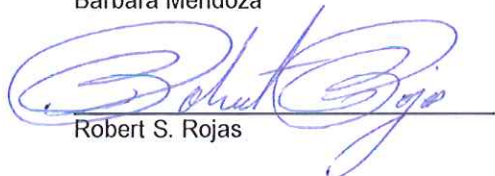
APPROVED BY THE BOARD


 _____ President
 Manny Ruiz


 _____ Clerk
 Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.


 _____ Member
 Greg Lucero


 _____ Member
 Barbara Mendoza


 _____ Member
 Robert S. Rojas

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
March 25, 2019

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