



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 26, 2018 held at 5:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

a. Call to Order

Mrs. Mendoza called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ruiz led all in the Pledge.

Mrs. Mendoza asked for a moment of silence in honor of the students and staff that lost their lives in the Florida shootings.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes

a. Approval of the Governing Board Regular Board Minutes of February 12, 2018

Superintendent Parra recommended approval of the minutes as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Outstanding Teacher Award:

Congratulations to Ms. Deborah Oaks, Wade Carpenter Middle School Special Education Teacher

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of Ms. Oaks' classroom behavior and personal respect for the students; he mentioned that she makes them feel very special. He further stated that this is Ms. Oaks' first year teaching at NUSD and that her motivation came from her son due to his being a special needs child.

Superintendent Parra read a perspective from Dr. Soltero explaining Ms. Oaks' education experience and how she takes care of her students.

Superintendent Parra introduced Ms. Oaks and presented her with a certificate of appreciation.

Ms. Oaks spoke words of appreciation for the staff and the administration for giving her the opportunity to work at NUSD, and mentioned she was very happy to work in a family-like environment.

2. Outstanding Student:

Salutatorian Luis Alcaraz Accepted to Stanford and Columbia Universities will be attending Stanford University in the Fall of 2018

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of the student who was recognized. He congratulated Luis' mother for doing a great job supporting her son.

Superintendent Parra gave a summary of Luis' education background.

Superintendent Parra introduced Luis Mario Alcaraz and presented him with a certificate of appreciation from NUSD and congratulated him for his great accomplishment in academic achievement.

The Governing Board congratulated him for a job well done.

Luis Alcaraz thanked his teachers, mother and friends for their help and support to get him where he is.

Dr. Varona mentioned that he read Luis' extended essays on "Mass Incarceration and the Privatization of the Prison Industry" and shared a few personal comments of what he saw in Luis. He congratulated him for his great choices and added that NUSD was proud of having such a great student.

Mrs. Mendoza wished him best of luck and thanked him for helping the Board better understand what they work for and congratulated him for his hard work.

3. School Safety Update and Training Workshops (Active Shooters)

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of trainings taking place at the schools on safety and attendance at workshops to prepare the staff the best they can.

He mentioned some of the trainings and drills that are being provided for administrators and staff to assure the safety of the schools as best as possible.

He also explained the pro-active measures that have been taken and currently working on capital projects safety push button door entrances to the schools and upgrading the security cameras at the high school.

Dr. Varona made comments that he was glad the Superintendent was taking this seriously and added that academic achievement also had to do with safety in school grounds.

Mr. Lucero mentioned that this would be a good item to be placed on a future agenda to continue the discussion on preventive measures and how the schools can engage with local law enforcement to respond in case of an emergency.

Mrs. Mendoza concurred with both Dr. Varona and Mrs. Lucero.

Mr. Orozco concurred with Superintendent Parra's statements and he said that Mr. Parra had been very active in giving the Board updated reports. He further thanked the administrators, custodians and support staff for doing what is in their power to keep the schools safe.

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

Mrs. Mendoza reported that the Legislature had met and discussed the following House Bills: HB1255, HB2112, HB2435, HB2502 and HB2371. She mentioned she was hopeful that these would be for the betterment of the schools and encouraged everyone to be in contact with their Legislator.

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

Mr. Lucero reported that in the Pima JTED Business and Industry Council, they created a subcommittee to track some legislation with interest in JTED funding and Senator Alan had submitted a bill to look at funding for freshmen level classes which the Governor had not included in his budget; he added that not much support is being given to it by the Legislators but that JTED was trying to support the bill to the end and he is hoping for the best.

Dr. Varona gave his personal comments on the House Bill on recess for elementary schools' students.

He mentioned that the 301 is dead for this legislation time, is running out and there is a need to be working to advance this legislation because additional funding is needed.

Dr. Varona congratulated NHS administration and the IB coordinator Jennifer Valenzuela for doing a wonderful job. Dr. Varona evaluated six students and all presentations were well done.

He attended Mexican Flag Day at the Consulado General de Mexico where Lincoln school participated and the students did a great job and were very well behaved.

He also attended the basketball playoff game in Buckeye, Arizona and the students were well behaved; the skill level was excellent and there was great sportsmanship.

He asked that Mr. Miranda bring the coach and players to a future board meeting to congratulate them in person.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked all the principals for their February reports.

She concluded by wishing the administrators a successful time with the Read Across America Week and to remember and make the community helpers feel welcomed.

IV. Call to the Public

None

V. Consent Agenda Items

Superintendent Parra made the recommendation for approval as presented to the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Varona and seconded by Mr. Lucero for approval as presented to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Approval/Acceptance of Donation by Santa Cruz County Superintendent Alfredo Velasquez (\$2,000 to NUSD to be used as needed)
- c. Approval of Out of State Travel for PVHS Staff Members (Staff Traveling to the National Alternative Education Association Conference in Dallas, TX on 3/7-3/10/18)
- d. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary
- e. Addenda for School Year 2017-2018

VI. Action Items - None

VII. Information and Discussion- None

VIII. Request for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona requested a future presentation of legal ramifications on the possibility of arming the security guards or other options to better protect the schools.

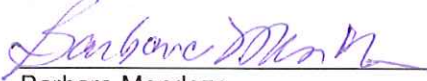
IX. Adjournment of the Governing Board Meeting

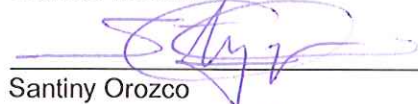
A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Lucero for adjournment of the public meeting.

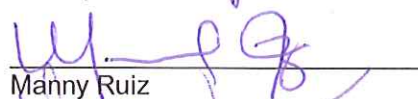
Motion carried unanimously.

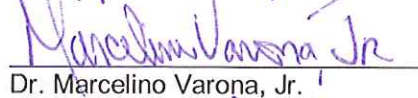
Session was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

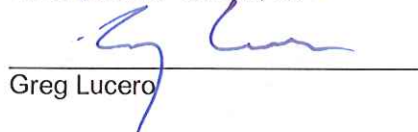
APPROVED BY THE BOARD


 _____ President
 Barbara Mendoza


 _____ Clerk
 Santiny Orozco


 _____ Member
 Manny Ruiz


 _____ Member
 Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.


 _____ Member
 Greg Lucero

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
March 26, 2018

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