



## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

**The following Board Members were present:**

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

Member not present: Manuel Ruiz was excused from this meeting due to being out of town on a business trip.

a. Call to Order

Mr. Lucero called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Varona led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Orozco and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes

a. Approval of the Governing Board Regular Board Minutes of February 13, 2017

Superintendent Parra recommended approval of the minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Orozco and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval of the Governing Board Minutes as presented to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

a. Superintendent Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

1. Outstanding Teacher Award:  
Congratulations to Ms. Lizyvette Lopez, Teacher at Mary Welty Elementary

Superintendent Parra gave a brief education background of Ms. Lizyvette Lopez, how she started as a student-teacher and excelled to be a great teacher. He also mentioned the educational programs she was involved in and the good job she does. He introduced Ms. Lopez, teacher at Mary Welty Elementary, and presented her with a certificate of appreciation from NUSD.

Ms. Lopez stated words of appreciation to the Board and the administration and mentioned that the Nogales Community had been very good to her and was happy to have returned to give back to her community.

Dr. Varona stated that he was glad of the new tradition of presenting certificates of appreciation to the teachers for their accomplishments and he further mentioned that he saw Ms. Lopez's parents having a great deal to do with her success. He congratulated Ms. Lopez for her success and her parents for their support.

2. Update - Water Quality-Desert Shadows Middle School, NUSD Water Quality Screening and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Public School Drinking Water Lead Screening Program

Superintendent Parra gave an update on the water quality at DSMS. He informed the Board that starting in January ADEQ in conjunction with SFB (School Facility Board) would be making water screenings free of charge to the district.

3. Governing Board Retreat set for June 27, 2017

Superintendent Parra informed the Board that the tentative date for the next Board Retreat was being planned for June 27, 2017; he further explained that as soon as the reservations of the venue were confirmed, the exact date and time would be presented at a future meeting.

4. A-F Town Hall Meeting/March 1, 2017 at the County Complex 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Superintendent Parra gave an update on the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for March 1, 2017. He further stated that Assistant Superintendent Canto would be attending the meeting and an update on the A-F accountability would be presented at a later time.

Mr. Lucero asked if he knew what kind of public notice was used to announce the meeting to the community.

Superintendent Parra explained that the District had received the notice from the Arizona State Department and also from County Superintendent Alfredo Velasquez's office, but had no knowledge of what resource had been used to notify the community.

b. ASBA Update by Board Member Barbara Mendoza

1. ASBA Update

Mrs. Mendoza gave a brief update on Proposition 123, monies to increase salaries for teachers; she further spoke about ASBA's focus on Legislature and funding for education.

c. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Dr. Varona reported he attended Flag Day Ceremony at the Mexican Consulate and mentioned that hopefully next year NUSD elementary schools would be able to participate in the event.

He also reported he had read all the schools' reports and mentioned the highlights of all the good things that were being reported around the district.

He concluded by congratulating Lincoln school for their recycling program.

Superintendent Parra clarified that all sites in NUSD participate in the recycling program as a whole.

Mr. Orozco also reported he had attended Flag Day Ceremony. He also performed with the Mariachi Plata in Sierra Vista in an event where they honored the soldiers and the Veterans and it had been a very nice experience.

Mrs. Mendoza reported she had attended the memorial of Ms. Denise Blake, former Superintendent of Patagonia, Arizona and prior employee of NUSD. She asked for a moment of silence in her memory.

Mr. Lucero reported he had attended the Legislature and had met with many legislators where the discussion was on House Bills (HB) and where they stand on education at this moment.

IV. Call to the Public  
None

V. Consent Agenda Items

Superintendent Parra made the recommendation for approval as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Orozco and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Acceptance of Donation by Grammy Foundation - Loren Fishbein (\$2,000 to NHS to be used for the music program)
- c. Approval of Out of State Travel for PVHS Staff Members – March 7-10, 2017 (National Alternative Education Association Conference 2017 in Dallas, TX)
- d. Increasing the Threshold for Imagine Learning of up to \$250,000.00 for FY17 and Future Years
- e. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary

VI. Action Items- None

VII. Information and Discussion – None

VIII. Request for Future Agenda Items

None

IX. Adjournment

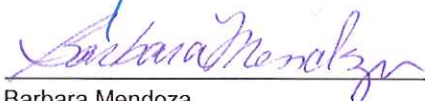
A motion was made by Mr. Orozco and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for adjournment of the public meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

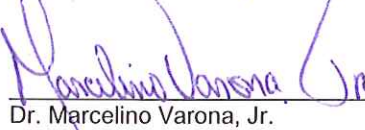
**Session was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.**


**APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

  
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Greg Lucero President

  
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Barbara Mendoza Clerk

  
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Manny Ruiz Member

  
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Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member

  
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Santiny Orozco Member

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
March 27, 2017

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