



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of April 23, 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

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. Dina Sanchez led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Varona made a motion and seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval to include the consent agenda.

Superintendent Parra requested to move Item #VII information after adoption of minutes.

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Meetings Minutes of April 8, 2019

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

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

***ITEM #VII - discussed at this time**

- a. Presentation of Proposed NUSD Maintenance & Operation Override Budget Increase
- b. Recommendation by NUSD Override Committee

Superintendent gave a brief overview and introduced Mr. Sandoval to give a presentation.

Adelmo Sandoval, Business Director, gave a Power Point presentation on the NUSD maintenance & Operation Override and the programs it funds supports.

Dr. Varona thanked Mr. Sandoval for the presentation and mentioned he made it clear and understandable.

Superintendent Parra thanked the committee for their time and introduced them for the record.

Maya Robles NHS student & Yuselmi Contreras PHS student and committee members, made a presentation on the committee's decision concerning the override. Maya stated her personal basis opportunities it would affect without the override. Yuselmi added that without the override, PVHS students would miss out many of the opportunities they now have.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked the committee and mentioned the years the override has benefited the schools and was hopeful the community would vote for the recommendation.

Dr. Varona echoed Mrs. Mendoza's words and mentioned he was impressed with the students' passion for what their schools offer. He inquired to the committee if they felt \$600,000 would make a difference.

Mrs. Sanchez explained she believed that without the override the impact would affect the lunch meals, as the increase would help students pay for these meals as well as the ability to retain quality teachers now supported by the override.

Mr. Astengo stated, "We cannot lose the override" and explained the investment passing the override they will be putting into the students' education. He added that it is essential and a good investment for the future of the students' education.

Dr. Varona confirmed that it was essential for high quality of students' education.

Mr. Rojas thanked the committee members and the students for their presentation. He added he was in support of the override.

Superintendent mentioned they had a follow-up with the committee and they had taken in consideration the economy finances of the community; he stressed that this county has the lowest override rate of 6.39% statewide.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned it was a modest increase and that it was an investment in the students and the teachers. In advance, he thanked the community for their support because the investment is in the students of the community.

Dr. Varona made the recommendation of the District working with the possibility of the Tucson Symphony Program coming down to Nogales to do a field day with NUSD students.

Dr. Varona asked for clarification of the override timeline process.

Superintendent Parra explain that the resolution and timeline factors would be presented at the May 13, 2019 meeting for the Board's consideration.

Dr. Varona inquired if the District knew at this time if it was going to be an all-mail ballot and/or voting poll.

Mr. Jim Giel, Gust Rosenfeld Esq., clarified that the District could state their pleasure but it was the County's call for their preference on the election depending on the jurisdiction of the polling/voting places and if other entities were involved.

Mr. Ruiz made further clarification on the voting options.

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Announcement – Special Meeting, Presentation of the Annual Expenditure Budget Revision #2 FY19, May 13, 2019, at 3:30 p.m. Regular Meeting will Proceed Immediately After

Superintendent Parra announced there would be a Special Meeting with a budget presentation at the May 13, 2019 meeting; therefore, the meeting would start at 3:30 p.m.

2. Reminder – Retirement Dinner Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn Americana Hotel

Superintendent Parra reminded the Board of the upcoming retirement dinner.

3. Update District-Wide AzMERIT State Assessments- Ms. Angel Canto

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

Assistant Superintendent Canto gave an overview on the students' testing and mentioned everything had been going well. She added that the AzMERIT was ending on the upcoming Friday, and that students were doing all tests online.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Ms. Canto for the report and update.

4. Superintendent Outstanding Student Award:
Congratulations to Wade Carpenter Middle School Students: Javier Lopez, 6th Grade, and Aolanis Gutierrez, 7th Grade, Essay Contest Winners for "Women Who Inspire Me"

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview of the contest process and the students' presentations.

He introduced the students and presented them with an award.

5. Superintendent Outstanding Award:
Congratulations Mr. Alfredo Lopez, Nogales High School Head Custodian

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of Mr. Lopez's work ethics and on a personal basis, how much he helped him during his tenure at NHS.

Dr. Varona mentioned that Alfredo Lopez has saved an uncountable amount of funds to the District because of his work knowledge, best handy man ever known. He said he was very grateful for all Alfredo has done for NHS.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mr. Lopez for all he has done for NHS and the school district.

6. Congratulations to Francisco Vasquez de Coronado Elementary School – Arizona Educational Foundation's A+ School of Excellence Award – Ms. Sandra Jimenez, Principal

Superintendent Parra congratulated Coronado principal, teachers, students, staff and parents for all their hard work to become an A+ school and introduced Ms. Jimenez to give a presentation.

Ms. Jimenez invited the Board to their school's A+ Celebration to be held on May 17, 2019.

She gave an overview of the process of the application to be eligible to be named an A+ school.

She mentioned the four items the school used in their application:

Growing by Learning; Cultivating Leaders; Global Citizenship; Persuading Excellence.

She thanked her whole school community for participating in any way and the Administration and Board Members for the support they receive from each one.

Mr. Ruiz thanked everyone, and congratulated Ms. Jimenez and the school for a great achievement.

Mr. Rojas congratulated Ms. Jimenez agreeing with her speech and mentioned that she was a leader, leading by example.

He added that he was happy that NUSD had a leader as a principal like her.

Mrs. Mendoza congratulated Ms. Jimenez and the whole school and mentioned she was looking forward to the celebration.

Dr. Varona stated that it was a wonderful example and great culture in the school, praised Ms. Jimenez for great leadership and echoed Mr. Roja's comments.

He congratulated all of Coronado's members and mentioned it was a wonderful achievement to be recognized statewide. He added it was great recognizing the "Be Kind" atmosphere.

He mentioned he was sorry would not be attending the May 17 celebration due to a previous commitment.

7. Culinary Arts Program:

- Culinary Arts Student Presentation

- Culinary Arts Appreciation and Recognition of Mr. Kirk Lok, CTE Program Partnership: Nogales High School Culinary Arts Students; Culinary Arts Teacher, Ms. Marisela Parra

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Ms. Marisela Parra to give a report.

Ms. Parra, NHS Culinary Arts instructor, spoke about their experience on the field trip and gave a Power Point presentation of their venue while in San Francisco.

The students talked about their different experiences and the things they enjoyed the most.

Ms. Parra thanked the administration and the Board for allowing them to take the trip.

Mr. Rojas congratulated Ms. Parra for being a great enthusiastic teacher and commended her for taking the responsibility of taking them to San Francisco and bringing them back safe.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked Ms. Parra for her passion doing the best for the students.

Dr. Varona made a comment that he hoped they would go to the Americana Hotel and open up a bakery in town.

Ms. Parra introduced Mr. Lok and presented him with a gift of appreciation. Superintendent Parra also introduced Mr. Lok with a certificate of appreciation.

Mr. Lok shared the positive moments the students experience while on the trip and that they are glad to see the inspiration it brings to the students.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mr. Lok for investing in the children and the community and for his service to this community.

Mr. Lok mentioned that his California office is now looking into relocating to this area hearing all the good things going on in this community.

a. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Dr. Varona reported he attended a listening session with Mr. Howard Schultz at the 1904 courthouse where several high school students, members of the FBLA, attended as well. Mr. Schultz was impressed with the inquisitive questions the students asked and complemented the students for the way they portrayed themselves.

He also attended an ASBA webinar on the state of the LGBTQ education in Arizona and learned that one of the problems they had was on the bullying policies, that this specific group is not covered under the policy. He recommended the District look into this.

Dr. Varona congratulated all administrative professionals for Administrative Professional's Day.

He also congratulated all the librarians for National Librarians' Month.

He complimented the principals for their reports and mentioned some of the highlights of each school.

Mr. Ruiz concurred with Dr. Varona's report in regards to the students' meeting with Mr. Schultz and congratulated them for doing a great job.

IV. Call to the Public

NHS student Nicola Gorman asked if the Board had had a chance to review his letters/reports submitted to the office and if the Board had made a decision.

Monica Trejo (and Giovanna Grijalva) spoke about NALEO – National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed officials opportunities.

Larry Frederick introduced incoming PEN President Ms. Vanessa Garcia, teacher at Lincoln Elementary.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Motion made by Dr. Varona, was seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval.

Mr. Ruiz thanked all for their donation.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Ruiz, Varona, Mendoza and Rojas

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Acceptance of Donation by Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office (Alfredo Velasquez) (\$1,000. for school activities to Lincoln Elementary)
- c. Acceptance of Donation by Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office (Alfredo Velasquez) (\$2,000. for school activities to Welty Elementary)
- d. Acceptance of Donation by Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office (Alfredo Velasquez) \$1,000. For school activities to Coronado Elementary)
- e. Acceptance of Donation by Bracker Parent Council (Carolina Barnett) (\$1,052.93 for student awards and fieldtrips)
- f. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary

VI. Action - None

VII. Information and Discussion

The following items were discussed after the adoption of the agenda.
Please see above.

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VIII. Information and Discussion and Possible Action

- a. ASBA Proposed Issues for Consideration for the 2020 Political Agenda

Superintendent Parra gave a brief orientation on the political agenda.

Dr. Varona mentioned the five items to be considered on his behalf and the Board agreed to have action on them at the next board meeting.

IX. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona mentioned he would like to see possible coding disposition on the proper way to get involved with different aspects of integrating and implementing it into the elementary schools.

Mr. Ruiz went back to reports –

He thanked Mrs. Mendoza for inviting the White Elephant to the Woman's Club Fashion Show and the group being very grateful for her thoughtfulness.

X. Adjournment of the Study Session

Motion made by Mr. Rojas, was seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for adjournment of the public meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Mendoza, Varona and Ruiz

Session adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Not Present

Manny Ruiz President

Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr

Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr Clerk

Barbara Mendoza

Barbara Mendoza Member

Greg Lucero

Greg Lucero Member

Robert S. Rojas

Robert S. Rojas Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
May 13, 2019

(For exact statements made during the Board Meeting, you may request a copy of the DVD)