



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 25, 2017 held at 5:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

a. Call to Order

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cesar Miranda, Nogales High School Principal, led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra introduced an amended copy of the personnel agenda in the consent agenda with a correction made on personnel item 3-c.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Orozco for approval of the Agenda to include the amendment made to the consent agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes

a. Approval of the Governing Board Regular Board Minutes of September 11, 2017

Superintendent Parra recommended approval of the minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz 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. Aliceson Smith, Desert Shadows Middle School
Mathematics Teacher

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview of Ms. Smith's teachings, the years she had been teaching for NUSD and mentioned that she had a total of eighteen years' experience with six years at DSMS.

He read for the record a letter of appreciation from Dr. Molera to Ms. Smith. He proceeded to introduce Ms. Smith and congratulated her for the great job she does for the students of NUSD.

Ms. Smith thanked the District and the Board for her job and letting her teach for so many years at NUSD. She also thanked Dr. Molera for trusting and believing in her.

The Board thanked her for her hard work and mentioned that they are here to support the teachers. They added that it is because of teachers like her that this District gets recognized and that the Board is here to support her and all teachers in all they do.

2. Leadership Academy Training for All Principals-District Administrators September 26-27 (Professional Development)

Superintendent Parra gave an update to the Board of the upcoming Leadership Academy Training.

He mentioned that this was for the administrators to continue to grow in the education field and having the schools work together as a team.

Dr. Varona made a comment that he likes the academy training and that it was a good thing what they were doing. He added that the Superintendent may want to consider giving the opportunity to a few possible people with potential to become administrators to attend in order that, when needed, the District can grow its own administrators.

3. Governing Board Evaluation will be scheduled for October 2017 and Superintendent Evaluation for November 2017

Superintendent Parra gave an update of the upcoming evaluations schedule.

4. Update NUSD Transportation/Wi-Fi Services for Activity Buses

Superintendent Parra gave an update on the activity buses and implementation of Wi-Fi.

5. Update District Health Inspection Reports

Superintendent Parra gave a report on the county Health Inspections reports. He mentioned that the schools are all in compliance. He added there were some changes and one of the snack bars is being remodeled and should be ready next year.

6. Nogales High School / Hosting Full Scale Active Shooter Rescue-Task Force Exercise on October 10th During the Fall Break Holiday- Mr. Cesar Miranda; Border Patrol Agent Justin Zdunczyk and SRO Ray De La Ossa

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Mr. Cesar Miranda to give a report.

Mr. Miranda explained about the project and mentioned that this exercise will take place during NUSD's fall break and only the students who will be participating will be present. He added that the community was welcome to attend but only as spectators.

Border Patrol officer Zdunczyk explained more about the exercise they plan to do.

Mr. Orozco asked if this is every year or a one-time thing.

Mr. Zdunczyk explained the plan was to do it annually, but perhaps to move to Rio Rico next year.

Dr. Varona asked about the objectives to be acquired at the end of the training. Officer Zdunczyk explained that there would be helicopters coming in and Holy Cross Hospital would also be involved and they would be looking at their pros and cons and what they can do to make this exercise successful together with the emergency services entities involved.

Dr. Varona asked that they bring back to the Board a future Power Point presentation with pictures of the exercise. He thanked them for their presentation.

Mr. Ruiz asked if they had also coordinated with emergency services at the county and thanked them for the good job they are doing.

Officer Zdunczyk clarified they had coordinated with the county emergency services as well.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked all for their time, their presentation and having this important exercise being held.

Mr. Lucero asked if the social media and parents would be notified explaining that this was only an exercise.

Officer Zdunczyk clarified that they have their media-officer and he would be taking care of all the media information needed.

Mr. Lucero asked if as a live exercise they would also be notifying the parents, teachers, and community so they know where to go and what to do.

Officer Zdunczyk explained that they would not be doing that on this specific date, that it would probably be something to go through the administrators but for this exercise the Administrators were only spectators.

Mr. Lucero thanked him for his report.

Dr. Varona added that this exercise had been done before at NHS and due to lack of communication to the community issues had risen.

He recommended that they take all precautions and make sure the community is well informed.

Police Officer Ray de la Ossa explained that this was going to be part of some Seniors Project and only seniors would be participating with parent permission and they would be taking care of notifying the public.

Mr. Cesar Miranda stated that this event would take place on Oct. 10, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and that the Board and faculty were welcome to attend as audience.

Officer Hecht of Border Patrol added an explanation about how the Border Patrol would be getting involved in partnership with local law enforcement.

The Board thanked them for their presentation.

b. ASBA Update by Governing Board Clerk Barbara Mendoza

1. Update ASBA Legislative Report

Mrs. Mendoza talked about the Legislature and Arizona reaching a critical point and policy makers reaching a point they cannot ignore anymore. She also mentioned about parents' polls showing that they want better support for teachers and education. She proceeded to read a letter from the director of ASBA expressing his views of the recent happenings in the country.

c. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mrs. Mendoza reported she had attended the Healthy Families Healthy Youths event at Wade Carpenter Middle School and mentioned that this was a great program that a great impact on the parents. Thanked WCMS for hosting it. She also thanked the community and everyone who supported the Relay for Life and congratulated Asst. Superintendent Canto for a great turnout.

Mr. Orozco reported he also attended the Relay for Life and was happy to see the great motivation on the participants and thanked everyone for their hard work and support.

Mr. Ruiz gave his condolences to the Bell family. He mentioned that Mr. Bell was the husband of Judy Bell who was a prior school board member. He further sent prayers to all the people of the disasters in Houston, Florida, and the earthquake in Mexico.

Dr. Varona said he attended Mr. Bell's burial services and mentioned that Ms. Judy Bell had been a powerful school board member.

He mentioned about a program that had been on television having to do with Mrs. Mendoza's Legislature report, and that they had talked about what is happening in education and the possible consequences.

He congratulated NHS administrators and staff for the good sportsmanship by the players and coaches during the Nogales vs. Douglas and Rio Rico games.

He reported he attended the Relay for Life, and expressed the importance to support the event. He extended his appreciation to the Color Guard from the JROTC for having done the opening of the event.

He proceeded to congratulate the teachers for taking all the students to participate.

He further congratulated Ms. Ainsa who helped with the event and Ms. Canto for her leadership of the event and Superintendent Parra and son who were also present at the event.

He continued by thanking all the principals, schools and staff for their participation.

He mentioned that overall the schools raised over \$4,700 for the Relay and would easily exceed the \$5,000 once all deposits had been made.

Dr. Varona added thanks to all the families and students for showing their support for this community event.

He concluded by mentioning that for anyone interested in finding out more about the Senior Project, he had two (2) books one called Horace's Hope, where the Senior Project started, and the other Rules for Radicals. He left the books in care of the Board's Secretary, Mary T. Lopez, for thirty (30) days for anyone interested in reviewing them.

IV. Call to the Public
None

V. Consent Agenda Items

Superintendent Parra requested approval with the indications previously made at the beginning of the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Orozco for approval as presented to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (NHS Cheer Boosters, Challenger PTC, Coronado PTC, Mary Welty PTC)
- c. Approval of Acceptance of Donation by Joanne Coogan Charitable Trust (Daniel J. Coogan)
- d. Approval of Personnel Agenda

VI. Action Items

- a. Approval of Results-Based Funding Distribution

Superintendent gave a brief review and introduced Asst. Superintendent Canto.

Asst. Superintendent Canto gave a Power Point presentation.

Copy of the presentation was provided in the agenda packets.

Superintendent Parra thanked the Board for their support and added a few comments on the funds and the guidelines to be followed.

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

Dr. Varona asked what the definition of qualified staff was.

Asst. Superintendent Canto clarified that it was classroom teachers, classroom aides and administrations.

Dr. Varona further asked what happens after the Legislature approves the final moneys.

Asst. Superintendent Canto replied that there would be one distribution in December and another one in the spring.

Dr. Varona also asked that after doing all allocations if they would bring it back to the Board for review.

Superintendent Parra made a clarification on the total allocations.

Dr. Varona mentioned that he wanted the community to be clear on the allocations.

Superintendent Parra mentioned that this District is ahead with the process and it would be brought back to the board explaining all the processes being carried out.

Mrs. Mendoza mentioned that it was important to reward all these teachers for their hard work. She asked about the open enrollment course of action at Bracker and Coronado and stated the importance of all children's right to benefit from all the good things happening at these two schools.

Superintendent Parra clarified that all schools have the same open enrollment policy and the parents are allowed to choose any school they want their children to attend. He added that all the schools are being promoted equally.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Second Read and Approval of August 2017 Policy Advisory No. 601 from Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for Recommendation of Policy Changes to Policy IJNDB – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction

Superintendent Parra explained these had been presented for first reading and the Technology Committee had reviewed it and the policy was ready for final approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval as presented to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Information and Discussion- None

VIII. Request for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona requested a presentation from the two middle school principals and high school principal on teachers penalizing students academically for disciplinary concerns and in addition would like to review the policy on the same if there is one available.

Also a presentation by Mrs. Mendoza-Jimenez and the two middle schools principals, if possible sometime in April, on the possibilities of this Board to make the decision to make an application for the Middle Years Program from the International Baccalaureate program that runs from 6th to 8th grade.


IX. Adjournment of the Governing Board Meeting

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

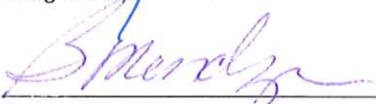
Motion carried unanimously.

Session was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD



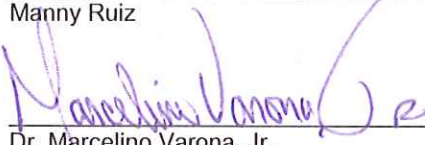
Greg Lucero President



Barbara Mendoza Clerk

not present

Manny Ruiz Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member



Santiny Orozco Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
October 23, 2017

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