

## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2021 held at 2:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

**The following Board Members were present:**

Greg Lucero, President, Robert Rojas Clerk; Members, Manuel Ruiz, and Marcelino Varona, Jr.

a. Call to Order

**Dr. Varona called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.**

Dr. Varona asked if Mr. Cesar Lopez had been contacted to be present at this meeting. Superintendent Parra and Board Secretary, Mary T. Lopez, stated he had been informed but contact with Mr. Lopez at this time, had been unsuccessful.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Sergio Mendoza, Board President Varona's guest, led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra requested that Consent Agenda item #V-e be pulled out for discussion to make a correction and recommended approval of the agenda as presented.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lucero for approval with the requested petition by Superintendent Parra.

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

d. Presentation by Board President Dr. Marcelino Varona  
-Music Video Presentation by Former NHS Student Sergio Mendoza

Dr. Varona gave a brief background and introduced Sergio Mendoza, Class of 2000 Nogales High School graduate. He highlighted the extraordinary things NHS graduates do around our country.

Sergio Mendoza thanked the Board and gave a brief overview of his career including an explanation stating that his music knowledge came directly from Nogales High School with no other musical education afterwards.

Mr. Lucero congratulated Sergio for his video presentation a job well done.

Mr. Rojas congratulated Sergio and mentioned he was amazed by the video. He congratulated president Varona for recognizing Sergio. He further thanked Sergio for accrediting NUSD Nogales High School for his musical education and doing a great job.

He concluded with the statement that, people like him are the ones who give a name to our District.

Mr. Ruiz congratulated Sergio and mentioned that music is not easy but this District has invested in the arts and Mr. Gene Willey, the music teacher, had been an excellent teacher and that he was the one who had created the mariachi program. He added that Mr. Ken Tittelbaugh had also been an excellent music teacher.

He added that it was very apparent he was a great musician and songwriter and wished him great success in his life.

He added as a footnote, that maybe in the near future he could have a little concert/workshop for NUSD students.

He concluded by wishing him a Happy New Year and much success.

Superintendent Parra highlighted some of the projects Sergio has done in several parts of the world.

Sergio Mendoza mentioned he worked with Mexico and several artists/musicians and musical groups; he added he had been to New Zealand, Canada, North America, Europe and many other places and he had many more future projects.

Superintendent Parra stated he was extremely proud of Sergio and NUSD students and their professional growth.

Dr. Varona thanked Sergio for his presentation mentioning he was very proud of what he had achieved.

He concluded by stating that he was hopeful he could share his music with our NUSD students after being done with the pandemic.

Sergio Mendoza thanked Dr. Varona for the invitation and stated he was looking forward to sharing his talents with the students at NUSD.

e. Organization of the Board:

1. Election of Board President

Dr. Varona nominated Mr. Lucero as the next Board President for the year 2021 and he accepted the nomination.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:  
Ruiz, Varona and Rojas

2. Election of Board Clerk

Dr. Varona nominated Mr. Rojas as the next Board Clerk for the year 2021 and he accepted the nomination.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:  
Ruiz, Varona and Lucero

Board meeting taken under the new nominated Board President, Mr. Lucero at this time.

Mr. Lucero thanked Dr. Varona for doing a great job as president during the pandemic in 2020.

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of December 14, 2020

Superintendent Parra recommended approval of the minutes as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Ruiz, Varona, Rojas and Lucero

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Welcome and Introduction of New Board Member Mr. Cesar Lopez  
Superintendent Parra

Superintendent Parra requested that a formal introduction be made for Mr. Lopez once he was present in order that he may be properly recognized.

Mr. Lucero agreed with Superintendent Parra's proposition.

2. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Parra reported all students were back to online instruction.

He gave an update on the vaccines to be provided to NUSD staff.

He further mentioned the District leadership had met with the Mariposa Health Doctors and health experts and there were in good hopes to get enough vaccines coming in soon with a probability of running through February and March 2021 and have everyone's vaccines completed. He added that NUSD nurses would be helping with the distribution of the vaccines.

He further reported the increase in the benchmark of Covid-19 cases in the County.

He offered to the many teacher and staff members who are under the weather due to Covid-19 and their family members passing, his sympathy and best wishes to continue to move forward.

He concluded by reporting that AIA had sent a notice of cancelation of winter sports until further notice.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mr. Ruiz wished everyone a happy new year and to continue with the masks mandate, washing hands and following all protocols.

He expressed his condolences to Mr. Nacho Acuna's family a prior NUSD employee.

Dr. Varona concurred with Mr. Ruiz's comments and sent his condolences as well for the Nacho Acuña family.

He congratulated the administrators and staff for a job well done adding that Superintendent Parra has been doing a great job with the academics.

IV. Call to the Public

None

V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented with the exception of item "e" as previously requested.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Dr. Varona for approval with the changes requested by Superintendent Parra.

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

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Approval of Donation by Country Fair White Elephant (\$52,500 each school to receive an allocation)
- c. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary
- d. Approval of Addenda
- e. **Approval of Paid Emergency Sick Leave Benefit due to COVID-19 pandemic as a benefit of employment for the period from January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021**

Superintendent Parra made a request to amend the emergency sick leave benefit for the period from January 1, 2021 to May 2021 due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Dr. Varona for approval as requested.

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

VI. Action - None

VII. Information and Discussion - None

VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items

No requests made at this time.

IX. Adjournment of the Study Session


Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Dr. Varona for adjournment of the public meeting.

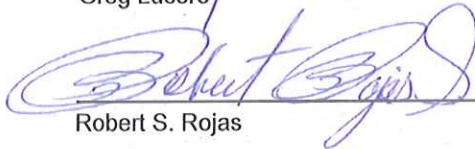
Motion carried unanimously by members:  
Ruiz, Varona, Rojas and Lucero

**Session adjourned at 2:38 p.m.**

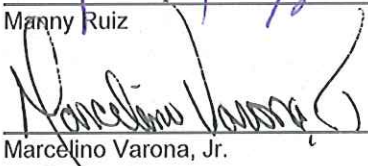
**APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
February 22, 2021

  
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Greg Lucero President

  
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Robert S. Rojas Clerk

  
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Manny Ruiz Member

  
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Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member

  
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Cesar A. Lopez Member

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