



## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2024, held at 4:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

**The following Board Members were present:**

Manuel Ruiz, President; Greg Lucero, Clerk; Members, Robert Rojas, Cesar A. Lopez, and Patricia Muñozcano

a. Call to Order

Mr. Ruiz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Zuñiga led all in the pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Muñozcano for approval.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

d. Organization of the Board:

1. Election of Board President
2. Election of Board Clerk

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Muñozcano for approval.

Mr. Rojas mentioned his objections to the motion during discussion and asked that they go back to the previous agreed upon board rotation.

Mr. Ruiz made some indications regarding a change to the rotation/motion.

Mr. Lopez shared his comments regarding the Board's rotation for the organization of the board.

Mr. Ruiz stated comments of disagreement.

A roll call vote was requested and the members vote was:

Muñozcano "nay", Lopez "nay", Rojas "nay"; Ruiz "ay" and Lucero "ay"

Motion failed three to two against the motion.

Mr. Rojas made a motion nominating Mr. Lopez as the Board President and Ms. Muñozcano as the next Board Clerk.

A roll call vote was called and members vote was:

Muñozcano "ay", Lopez "ay", Rojas "ay"; Lucero "nay" and Ruiz "nay"  
Motion carried three to two in favor.

II. Approval of Governing Board Special and Regular Minutes of December 20, 2023

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Muñozcano made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval as presented.

Motion carried by members:

Muñozcano, Rojas, and Lopez

Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Lucero held their vote.

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Update

2. Congratulations Christmas Lights Parade Winners (Coronado Elementary – First Place, Bracker Elementary – Second Place, Challenger Elementary – Third Place)

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and congratulated the schools for doing a great job with their holiday floats.

3. District Spelling Bee Update

Superintendent Canto Congratulated Assistant Superintendent Aissa Bonillas for doing a great job with the program and decorations.

She gave a brief overview and congratulated Miguel Valenzuela from WCMS for obtaining first place in the spelling bee and also having won in previous years.

She also congratulated second place Ana Valenzuela, and third runner up Jozsef Kantor, Jr.

4. Bank of Yuma Donation

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview stating the District would be buying jackets for the District students with this donation.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Ms. Muñozcano congratulated the schools who participated in the lights parade and won first, second, and third place.

She congratulated the student who moved forward to the County Spelling Bee.

She concluded by congratulating Bank of Yuma for their donation.

Mr. Lopez concurred with Ms. Muñozcano's report.

He congratulated Jennifer Toombs for participating on the Bond Committee and thanked all

the participants for doing a good job in the elections.

He reported that December had been a very busy month attending the ASBA Annual Conference, the Governing Board meeting and the Governing Board retreat being very close together but all very informative.

He stated he was selected to be on the board of the ASBA Hispanic Caucus.

He concluded by thanking the staff for being present at today's board meeting.

Mr. Rojas stated it had been a very successful retreat and was excited about all the upcoming projects.

He mentioned that the Annual ASBA Conference had been a successful one and felt very comfortable with the personnel that is going into office and he saw they were good changes.

Mr. Lucero reported he had attended the Chamber of Commerce Work Force Development meeting and it had been a very productive meeting.

Mr. Ruiz reported he had also attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and there had been good dialogue and would be meeting on a business redevelopment plan.

He also met with the legislatures and mentioned that the governor is proposing possible funding for teachers and that was promising.

He further mentioned that the State is looking at a deficit that may affect the school, that the laws have many changes and makes it hard for entities but overall it had been a very interesting Legislature Leadership meeting.

#### IV. Call to the Public

None

#### V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Muñozcano for approval as presented to the Board.

Mr. Lucero requested to pull out item "e" for discussion.

Motion carried unanimously with exception of item "e" by members:  
Rojas, Muñozcano, Lucero, Rojas, and Lopez

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers
- c. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- d. Approval of Donation by 1<sup>st</sup> Yuma Bank (\$2,000 to NUSD to buy jackets for McKinney-Vento students)
- e. Approval of Fixed Asset Disposals/Transfers**

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

Mr. Lucero asked for clarification of the disposal of the value of the vehicle.

Superintendent Canto explained that the disposal would not be the same as the original value of the vehicle clarifying the sale value would be much less.

Motion carried unanimously by members:  
Lucero, Ruiz, Rojas, Muñozcano, and Lopez

- f. Approval of Out of State Travel for the Nogales High School Varsity Stunt & Cheer Team to Participate in the USA Spirit Nationals at Anaheim, CA Competition
- g. Approval of Out of State Travel for the Nogales High School Dance Team to Participate in the USA Spirit Nationals at Anaheim, CA Competition
- h. Approval of Addenda
- i. Approval of Personnel Agenda

**VI.** Action – None

**VII.** Information and Discussion - None

**VIII.** Requests for Future Agenda Items

Mr. Lucero requested future discussion on establishing the District's own Joint Technological Education.

**IX.** Adjournment

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Muñozcano for adjournment of the public meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by members:  
Rojas, Muñozcano, Ruiz, Lucero, and Lopez

**Session adjourned at 4:23 p.m.**

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

  
\_\_\_\_\_ President  
Cesar Lopez

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
Patricia Muñozcano

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Member  
Greg Lucero

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Member  
Manuel Ruiz

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Member  
Robert Rojas

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
February 12, 2024

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