

# Nogales Unified School District No. 1



## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Study Session of October 26, 2020 held at 3:00 p.m.

### I. Attendance:

**The following Board Members were present:**

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

a. Call to Order

Dr. Varona called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ruiz led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

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

### II. Study Session

a. Evaluation of School Board/Board Self Evaluation

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Ms. Mayra Zuñiga to give a presentation.

Dr. Varona mentioned that he had previously talked to Asst. Sup. Canto and Ms. Zuñiga and asked them to give only a summarized report and a full report and discussion be done at the December meeting.

Ms. Zuniga and Ms. Canto gave a Power Point presentation explaining to the Board, Standards 1-Conduct and Ethics, 2-Vision, 3-Structure, 4-Accountability and 5- Advocacy. Ms. Canto further cited the Governance and Government Goals.

Mr. Rojas mentioned he was pleased with the process, that it was very thorough and informative.

He asked about the long term funding for the maintenance of the school buildings and said there should be a plan to maintain the buildings.

Dr. Varona addressed the administration and stated for Assistant Superintendent Canto to take note of Mr. Rojas' concerns in order that they be discussed at the Board Retreat during the summer of 2021.

Mrs. Mendoza mentioned that the low areas she saw were a long-term plan for maintenance and technology, and agreed that there should be a strategic plan in place as to where the District would like to go in technology, maintenance and construction.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned about the planning on technology as well and he stated he was satisfied with the process the District is following.

Mr. Lucero asked what the policy on mask wearing was. He concurred with the Board member's previous comments and added the need to focus on the areas that need achieving and to have a long-term plan as well. He further mention he saw the need to have a special meeting to discuss the long-term areas.

Dr. Varona asked to specify the question. Mr. Lucero clarified he was talking about the focus on the issues that have yellow and red marks on the report.

Dr. Varona asked if he wanted a special meeting to deal with the issues. Mr. Lucero said he did, and Ms. Mendoza, Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Rojas agreed.

Superintendent Parra made a clarification on the Board's concerns and mentioned that the administration is doing everything possible to stay on track and being accountable and that the Board has done a great job in these areas/standards. He will schedule a study session in December to explain and discuss all in more detail as requested by the Board.

III. Adjournment of the Study Session

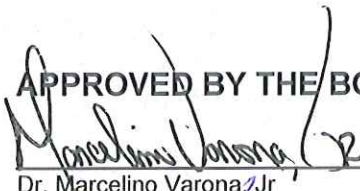
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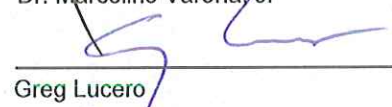
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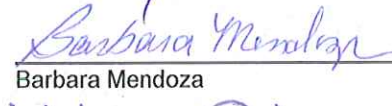
**Session adjourned at 3:45 p.m.**

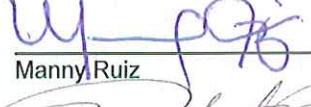
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Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
November 9, 2020

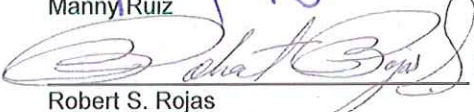
**APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

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 Clerk  
Greg Lucero

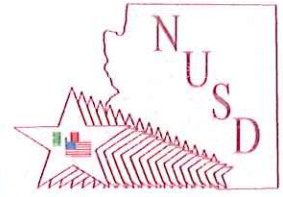
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## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2020  
Held immediately after the Study Session

I. Attendance:

**The following Board Members were present:**

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

a. Call to Order

Dr. Varona called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

b. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Ruiz, Rojas, Mendoza, Lucero and Varona

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of September 14, 2020 and October 8, 2020

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

Mrs. Mendoza made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Ruiz for approval.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Mendoza, Ruiz, Lucero, Rojas and Varona

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Congratulations to the Governing Board for Recognition of ASBA Activities/Training Award and for Receiving the ASBA Total Boardmanship Award

At this time, Superintendent Parra made a point of order mentioning a student had just lost his battle with cancer and sent the family condolences on behalf of NUSD.

Dr. Varona, on behalf of the Governing Board, sent their condolences to the family as well.

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview of the certificates received by Mrs. Mendoza, Mr. Rojas and Dr. Varona and introduced them with their ASBA certificates. He further mentioned that this is the second time the Board has received the Total Boardmanship Award a very prestigious award that not many accomplish and getting it for a second time talks very highly of our Governing Board. He congratulated the Governing Board for a great accomplishment.

2. Congratulations and Recognition to Mary L. Welty Earned A+ School of Excellence Award – Principal Aissa Bonillas

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Ms. Aissa Bonillas who appeared telephonically.

Ms. Bonillas gave a background detail of the process for the recognition.

Dr. Varona stated that her great effort did not go unnoticed by the Board and congratulated her and the school for a job well done.

Mr. Ruiz congratulated Ms. Bonillas, the staff and parents for earning such prestigious accreditation. He added he was looking forward to celebrating with the school and parents once possible.

Mr. Lucero congratulated Ms. Bonillas and her staff and mentioned that these recognitions are what makes the Board proud.

Mr. Rojas congratulated Mrs. Bonillas the staff, teachers and the parents for a great recognition. He further mentioned he was especially proud of Welty because over thirty-eight years ago he had started his teaching career at that school.

Mrs. Mendoza congratulated Ms. Bonillas and her staff for their hard work to receive this recognition and for making NUSD proud.

Superintendent Parra congratulated Mary Welty and mentioned it was another great thing for NUSD. He further mentioned he was very proud and was looking forward to be able and celebrate soon with the school.

3. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Parra gave an update on the hybrid instruction and mentioned that overall attendance had been 45% of students attending and some plans had to change due to parents changing their minds for students to attend in person instruction but everything had run smoothly.

He also explained that some students had tested positive of Covid-19 along with some NUSD teachers being exposed and family members. He added that the decision by the advisory committee had been made with certain factors of concerns and the recommendation to return to online installation supported by the local medical experts. He further mentioned he had gotten the support from the teachers and the parents for having made this decision.

He concluded by stating that the decisions made are always for the well-being and safety of NUSD students and staff and was hoping for the situation to improve.

Mr. Lucero commended Superintendent Parra for his quick and hard decisions made and for the hard work, he and his administration is doing.

Dr. Varona recommended that all good comments by the Board be placed in the Superintendent's evaluation and the comments show at the next meeting.

4. NUSD – High School Summer School/Arizona State University Program Update Report – Principal Tim Colgate; Ms. Angel Canto, Assistant Superintendent

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of the summer school process and stated it had been very successful. He introduced Assistant Superintendent Canto to give a detailed report.

Ms. Canto gave a Power Point presentation explaining ASUPD Summer Learning Opportunities and the total students who had participated. She introduced Mr. Tim Colgate whom appeared telephonically to give his overview of the program.

Mr. Colage spoke about Open Scale Courses Enrolled and mentioned that NUSD had the largest partnership by far who participated and that they will feature this in the ASU newspaper as well as other newspapers.

Superintendent Parra thanked the NHS, the teachers, and Mr. Sandoval for coming up with the funding to support the program.

5. 40th Day Enrollment Report – Ms. Mendoza–Jimenez, Student Services Director

Superintendent Parra gave an overview and introduced Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez to give an update.

Mrs. Mendoza presented to the Board a chart with up to date enrollment numbers.

6. Update Boy Scout Building/Lincoln Elementary and District Parking Lot Erosion Sidewalk Repair Project/Partnership City of Nogales

Superintendent Parra gave a brief update and mentioned that the District got together with City officials and are doing an audit of the old building. He further mentioned that the City has agreed that they do not have a need for the building and NUSD can definitely use it for a classroom for preschoolers or other needs.

He also reported that the erosion on the sidewalk on Plum Street/NUSD parking, the City had agreed to partner to work on the project. He added that legal counsel had been working on the legal documents on the agreement and it was being presented under the Consent Agenda at this meeting to proceed with this project.

Dr. Varona told an anecdote about the old boy scouts' building when he was a young man.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mrs. Mendoza thanked the Board for having nominated her the alternate representative to attend the ASBA Delegate assembly, and stated it had been an interesting meeting.

Mr. Rojas thanked Ms. Mendoza for taking over the delegate assembly that he was unable to attend due to a family emergency.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mrs. Mendoza for her representation and hoping she would continue to volunteer for NUSD after she leaves the Board in December.

Dr. Varona reported he had attended a webinar on What Does it Mean to be Color Blind; webinar on Suicide Prevention Students of Color Part 1 & Part 2, that they were all very interesting and important.

He added that the Suicide Prevention was a new state law ARS 15-120 and it was to be implemented this academic year.  
He stated he would be asking the District for future updates on how NUSD is implementing it into the District.

IV. Call to the Public  
None

V. Consent Agenda  
Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mr. Lucero and South-32 for the Hermosa Project Technolochicas support.

Dr. Varona echoed Mr. Ruiz's comments.

Superintendent Parra thanked Mr. Lucero for the Technolochicas Project and also Mr. Alfredo Velasquez, Santa Cruz County Superintendent, for the Robotics Project.

Dr. Varona stated he was looking forward seeing marvelous robotics come out of NUSD.

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

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers (August 2020)
- c. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers (September 2020)
- d. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit (Period ending 8/31/2020)
- e. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit (Period ending 9/30/2020)
- f. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (NHS Booster Band)
- g. Approval of Fixed Asset Disposals
- h. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Santa Cruz County School Superintendent for the College Career Readiness and Educational Opportunities (C-CREO) Program SY20-21
- i. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) –The South 32 Hermosa Project–She Will Connect Technolochicas Lift Initiative Agreement for SY20-21
- j. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Nogales for NUSD District Building Parking Lot Repair Project
- k. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office for the Elementary Robotics Afterschool Program SY20-21
- l. Approval of the Pathways to Teaching Agreement with the Arizona Board of Regents
- m. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary

VI. Action  
a. Approval of the School Board Self-Evaluation

Mr. Lucero made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval as discusses in the Study Session.

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

VII. Information and Discussion and Possible Action - None

VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Mr. Rojas mentioned he wanted the Superintendent's updates to continue as previously requested.

Dr. Varona recommended to Superintendent Parra that Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez work on a future report on the implementation of the new suicide prevention law.

IX. Adjournment

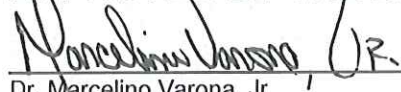
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Motion carried unanimously by members:

**Session adjourned at 4:48 p.m.**

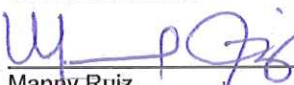
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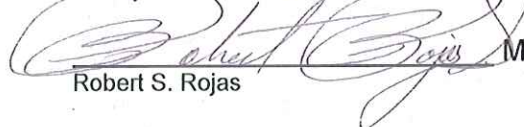
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