



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2022, held at 4:00p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

a. Call to Order

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Varona led all in the Pledge.

Dr. Varona asked for a point of privilege and it was granted.

Dr. Varona asked for a moment of silence for the tragedy of Ukraine, making it noted that NUSD is thinking and praying for them and the families of the 109 children recently killed.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Assistant Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Dr. Varona requested that Consent Agenda Item 'r' be set aside for discussion.

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

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of February 28, 2022

Assistant Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

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

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Superintendent Update

2. Recognition of NHS Advanced Art Students to Represent Arizona in the America Celebrates National Holiday Display

Assistant Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the students and their display in Washington and introduced Mr. Colgate to give a presentation and introduce the students.

Mr. Colgate introduced Ms. Carolina Lopez, students' instructor, to present the awards and gave a brief overview. He introduced the students with a certificate of appreciation handed out by Ms. Lopez.

Board Member Lopez expressed his appreciations for the parents' support and the students attending the board meeting. He invited them to stay for the meeting if desired.

Mr. Rojas thanked the parents and students for being present and excused them from the meeting.

3. Announcement - Save the Date – Tentative Date for NUSD Retirement Dinner, Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and mentioned that all was set to move forward with set date considering everything continued to go well as of this date.

4. Announcement – June 2022 Governing Board Retreat

Assistant Superintendent Canto gave an overview and asked the Board to confirm the date that would work best for them in June. The Board discussed June 22 & 23, 2022 for the possible retreat and mentioned they would confirm after checking their calendars.

5. Update Assistant Superintendent Position

Assistant Superintendent Canto gave an overview and background and introduced the upcoming new assistant superintendent to take over the position starting July 1, 2022.

Dr. Varona mentioned that it was always good to have an NHS graduate come this far in their educational career and leadership.

He added that his grandchildren were very happy to attend last year's summer school at Welty School and their desire to stay in Nogales; unfortunately, their parents' residence was not in Santa Cruz County.

He also spoke about the challenges all elementary schools have and the need to bring them up.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned that between Ms. Bonillas and Ms. Canto the Board knew they would do a good job as leaders for the District. He congratulated Ms. Bonillas.

Mr. Lucero agreed with his colleagues' comments and wished Ms. Canto and Ms. Bonillas good luck, congratulating them both.

Mr. Lopez congratulated Ms. Bonillas.

Mr. Rojas mentioned that he knew Ms. Bonillas was going to be successful and that he was looking forward to seeing her in action in her new position. He congratulated Ms. Bonillas.

Ms. Bonillas thanked Assistant Superintendent Canto for the great opportunity. She stated she was committed to the wellbeing of the District and the students. She further thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Assistant Superintendent Canto congratulated Ms. Bonillas.

6. Facility Request Process

Assistant Superintendent Canto gave an overview and explanation of the process for facility/fields requests adding that Pierson field was different because it was additionally open to the community.

Mr. Lucero asked for clarification if it was exclusive use of the field or public use as well.

Assistant Superintendent Canto clarified that Pierson was open to the public as well.

Dr. Varona asked as a future agenda item for further clarified of the information he was seeking.

7. Nogales High School Student Parking Lot

Assistant Superintendent Canto gave an overview and explained the process to use NHS parking. She mentioned that there was also supplement parking which students also need to be eligible in order to use the parking area on the campus. She further explained that the students who have been parking outside NHS school premises in undesignated areas are the ones who carry the burden to be towed away by the businesses. She added that the businesses had been approached to consider fencing their area in order to avoid students from parking there, and some have already done so.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mr. Ruiz congratulated Ms. Canto on her new grandchild. He also sent condolences to Blanca Gomez Administrative Assistant at Challenger and her husband Tavo, for the loss of their son.

He reported that he had attended the Santa Cruz County Soccer League Opening and in talking to Mayor Garino, it was mentioned the possible planning to move the lighting to Pierson Field to have better lighted field at night.

Mr. Lopez congratulated Ms. Canto for her new grandchild.

Dr. Varona echoed Mr. Ruiz's comments and congratulated Ms. Canto as well. Dr. Varona further stated that he would not support Pierson extra lighting without checking first with the neighborhood before making the decision and also including the Board.

Mr. Rojas agreed with Dr. Varona's comments and recommended to check with the neighborhood and make sure they agree to have the extra lighting.

IV. Call to the Public

Mr. Frederick spoke about looking forward to having the PEN/IBN meetings in person and on a regular basis.

V. Consent Agenda

Dr. Varona requested that in addition to his previous request to set aside item "r", that item "d" also be set aside for discussion.

Assistant Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented with exception of item "d" and "r" as requested by Dr. Varona.

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

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

- 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 James Manson (Baseball Batting Cage with a value of \$3,000. to Desert Shadows Middle School)**

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

Dr. Varona thanked Mr. Manson for his donation to Desert Shadows and added that this would be an addition to the school to help the students with their academic achievement.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mr. Manson for his great donation.

Mr. Lucero thanked Mr. Manson for his donation.

Mr. Lopez congratulated Mr. Manson for the award received by his daughter and thanked him for the donation.

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

- e. Approval of Out of State Travel for Marcia Mendoza to Chicago, IL (NBEA Convention on 4/12-15/2022)
- f. Approval and Award of Invitation for Bid of IFB 2021-10-03 PHS Gym Roof/HVAC Repair Project to LOR Construction Inc.
- g. Award Sole Source Status to the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Cruz County for FY22-23
- h. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Creative Product Sourcing Inc. for FY22-23
- i. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Gander Publishing for FY22-23
- j. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Scholastic Incorporated for FY22-23

- k. Renewal of Sole Source Status to the United States Postal Service for FY22-23
- l. Adoption of FY22 Resolution: Auxiliary Operations Fund Treasurers
- m. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- n. Approval of Addenda
- o. Approval of Salary Schedules for School Year 2022-2023
- p. Approval of Benefits Schedules for School Year 2022-2023
- q. Approval of Contracts/Wage Notice Language for School Year 2022-2023
- r. **Approval of Insurance Renewal ASBAIT, Delta Dental and AXA through BC/BS for FY2022-2023**

Ms. Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lucero.

Dr. Varona made a clarification regarding the renewal of the insurance and recommended that the District continue progressing to look for another insurance health group coverage.

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

VI. Executive Session

The Governing Board may call an executive session Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(2) & (A)(8).

(2) Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law (8) Discussion or consideration of matters relating to school safety operations or school safety plans or programs.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lopez.

Dr. Varona made a clarification to the public that the executive session was regarding the safety in the schools and parents' concerns that had been brought up.

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

Board exited to executive session at 4:54 p.m.

Dr. Varona requested that Ms. Bonillas attend the meeting.
Board President Rojas asked Assistant Superintendent to invite Ms. Bonillas to the meeting.

VII. Reconvene Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Lopez to reconvene the regular meeting.

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

Meeting reconvened at 5:55 p.m.

VIII. Action – None

IX. Information and Discussion Items – None

X. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona requested information regarding the lease agreement at Challenger School field.

He also asked for a report on the Auditor's General Report; further, he asked for an agenda item on the possibilities available on the development of a high school baseball field.

XI. Adjournment of the Study Session

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

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

Session adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

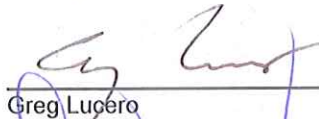


Robert S. Rojas President

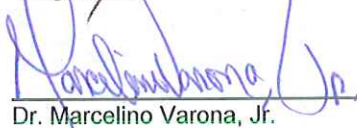
Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
April 11, 2022



Manny Ruiz Clerk



Greg Lucero Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member



Cesar A. Lopez Member

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