

## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2023

### 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

Mayra Zuñiga, HR Director, 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 Mr. Lopez for approval.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Lopez, Lucero, Muñozcano, and Ruiz

### II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of April 17, 2023

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Lucero, Rojas, Lopez, Muñozcano, and Ruiz

### III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

##### 1. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Canto reported she was happy to provide an update on the wage notices issued stating that approximately 97% professionals were turned in, and others approximately a 98.8%. She added that they were very strong numbers and was very pleased with the high return percentage.

She further gave an overview of the MESA program, which made it to the Nationals.

She gave a shout out to the teachers and students, and congratulated them for a job well done.

She concluded by thanking Tractor Supply for donating supplies for the Earth Day Project.

2. Nogales Lions Club Annual Junior Olympics Event Update

Superintendent Canto gave an overview thanking the Lion's Club for doing a great job in sponsoring this event and stated it was a wonderful event.

3. Congratulations - Desert Shadows and Wade Carpenter Middle Track Season

Superintendent Canto gave a shout out to DSMS and WCMS for doing a great job with their participation in the track season.

4. Epaches Esports Rocket League Champions

Superintendent Canto reported the Epaches did amazing and made it to finals taking 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 4-0 score.

5. Southern Arizona High School (SAHS) Film Festival Awards

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview stating some of the highlights of the film festival and congratulated everyone involved for doing an amazing job.

6. Arizona Department of Homeland Security Cyber Readiness Award

Superintendent Canto reported that Alex Lopez had applied for a great grant and he was able to secure a \$260,000 grant for his department.

She thanked him for making the approach and putting interest in this.

She further mentioned for the record some of the items the funds would be used for.

7. Congratulations to all transitioning Kinder, Fifth, and Eighth Grade Students and Graduating High School Seniors

Superintendent Canto stated that a list of all transitions and graduation ceremonies were handed in to all Board Members along with some of the schools' events invitations.

She congratulated everyone for a great year and wished everyone successful ceremonies.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Ms. Muñozcano congratulated all students that were transitioning and graduating. She further thanked the teachers for their help at the Lincoln beautification project. She thanked the parents, teachers and staff that attended on a Saturday to make the cleanup possible.

Mr. Lopez congratulated everyone for the end of the year transitions and graduations. He reported he was part of the committee in the Bond and Override and mentioned some of the highlights.

He also reported he had attended the senior projects at NHS and it had been very interesting, and congratulated the students for doing a great job.

Mr. Rojas reported on the ASBA county director and stated that Ms. Williams the Director representing Santa Cruz County had decided to retire and he would be attending a special meeting in Phoenix to find a replacement.

He further mentioned that this week he would be calling on board presidents for a luncheon to discuss and checkout what issues they would like to discuss at the ASBA County meetings.

He mentioned Superintendent Canto did a fantastic job reporting on the school events. He stated he together with Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez had attended the senior projects at NHS and students had done a fantastic job sharing great information in their presentations. He congratulated Ms. Lopez who organized the event.

He congratulated Ms. Marcela Parra for doing a great job with the culinary class and providing all volunteers a great lunch.

He also reported he had attended the Arizona19 Most Influential Youth Award Ceremony organized by Mr. Coppola, Drew Sanchez, and Superintendent Canto and it was a great event.

Mr. Miranda DSMS Principal also did a great job decorating the school to make the event a great success.

He mentioned all the positive highlights that happened at the event.

He thanked Luis Andrade, Security Director, for doing a great job in keeping everyone safe. He mentioned was happy to see everything was going great and was looking forward to next year.

He reported he attended the Retirement Dinner and it had been very successful dinner.

He concluded reporting he had attended the cleanup at Lincoln elementary together with Ms. Muñozcano and all parents who volunteered to attend. He stated everyone did a great job making it a successful event.

Mr. Lucero echoed Mr. Rojas' comments.

At this time, Mr. Rojas added to his report by congratulating the recipients of the Arizona19 Most Influential Youth Award stating their names for the record: Grecia Solorio, Juliana Martinez, Maria Jose Moraila, Irvin Bonillas, and Lexan Cueva.

Mr. Lucero congratulated the administration, faculty, staff, parents, and students for making it to another successful year and wished everyone a very nice summer.

Mr. Ruiz gave a shout out to the parents for all their support given to the students throughout the school year.

He made a comment about the different journeys Kinder and 8<sup>th</sup> graders would be taking by moving to the next grade level.

He excused himself for not being able to attend Pierson High School's graduation due to a previous commitment.

He congratulated Wade Carpenter and Desert Shadows' students for moving on to the high school and become Apaches. He wished them the best of luck.

He reported he attended the NUSD retirement dinner stating it was a great event.

He also attended the Santa Cruz County Superintendent meeting and mentioned the highlights of the meeting especially the subject on the protection of the students.

He stated the Baseball team was playing tonight send them good vibes so they could move on into the playoffs.

IV. Call to the Public

Mr. Alejandro Martinez spoke about his program and thanked Ms. Saralee Burkett, Lincoln School Principal, for lending them the premises for their basketball practice.

V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Lopez, Lucero, Muñozcano, and Ruiz

- 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 Out of State Travel NHS FBLA Advisor and Students Attending the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA (Date of trip 6/25-7/01/2023)
- e. Approval of Donation by Valle Verde Rotary Club (\$3,500 to the Jazz Band to Perform at the Valle Verde Rotary Club Jazz in the Desert)
- f. Approval of Donation by Arizona State University (\$2,500 to DSMS for STEM program supplies)
- g. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations
- h. Adoption of FY24 Resolution: Investment & Reinvestment of District Monies
- i. Adoption of FY 24 Resolution: Ratification of Vouchers
- j. Adoption of FY24 Resolution: District Bank Accounts/Signature Authority
- k. Adoption of FY24 Resolution: Designee for General Fixed Assets Maintenance & Disposal
- l. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Techsmart for FY23-24
- m. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Gander Publishing for FY23-24
- n. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Tyler Technologies for FY23-24
- o. Renewal of Award for Sole Source Status to Scholastic Incorporated for FY23-24
- p. Renewal of Sole Source Status to BMI Systems Group for FY 23-24
- q. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Follett School Solutions for FY23-24
- r. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Rosetta Stone for FY23-24
- s. Approval of the FY2023-2024 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) by and between Pima County Joint Technical Education District and Nogales Unified School District
- t. Approval of Cooperative Contracts FY24
- u. Approval of Fixed Assets Disposal/Transfers
- v. Approval of the SAIS Outreach Program Agreement with Vail School District for FY23-24
- w. Approval of Student Transportation Contract Renewal for Citizen School Transport for FY23-24
- x. Approval of Proposed School Year 2023-2024 Governing Board Meeting Schedule
- y. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- z. Approval of Addenda

VI. Action Items

- a. Approval of Textbook Adoption – English Language Arts for Grades 6-8

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and introduced Asst. Superintendent Aissa Bonillas to give a report.

Ms. Bonillas reported the highlights and named the committee members who had helped with the adoption of the textbooks.

She thanked IT Director Alex Lopez and his department for their help sending notices to the parents.

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

Mr. Lucero asked for clarification if it was ADE or Federal requirement on the Bid process.

Ms. Bonillas clarified that it was Federal, adding that the price would be \$600,000 dollars to be paid with the ESSER money to cover for the next five years.

Superintendent Canto further explained that the District is also looking into elementary, middle school and high school science, math, and social studies, for next year with a figure of about the same amount.

Mr. Lucero thanked them for the information and clarification.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Lucero, Rojas, Lopez, Muñozcano, and Ruiz

b. Approval of Textbook Adoption – English Language Arts for Grades 9-12

Assistant Superintendent Bonillas gave a brief overview of the books to be adopted and recommended the Board's approval.

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

Mr. Lucero asked if she could state the amount for the record.

Ms. Bonillas stated it would be \$700,000 to cover for the next five years.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Lopez, Lucero, Muñozcano, and Ruiz

c. Approval of Textbook Adoption – Advanced Placement – English Language Arts for Grades 11-12

Assistant Superintendent Bonillas gave a brief overview of the books to be adopted and recommended the Board's approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Lopez, Muñozcano, Lucero, Rojas, and Ruiz

**VII.** Information, Discussion, and Possible Action

a. Approval of the FY2023 Expenditure Budget Revision #1

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and introduced Clementina Carlyle, Business Director, to give a presentation.

Ms. Carlyle gave a Power Point presentation on the FY23 Expenditure.

Mr. Lucero mentioned he saw these were conservative numbers and he was glad to see the Administration's conservative work.

Ms. Canto mentioned everything was being done as conservative as possible.

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

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

**VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

No requests.

**IX. Adjournment**


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


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


Session adjourned at 4:52 p.m.


**APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

  
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Manny Ruiz President

  
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Greg Lucero Clerk

  
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Robert S. Rojas Member

  
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Cesar A. Lopez Member

  
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Patricia Muñozcano Member

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
June 12, 2023

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