

## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 9, 2022 held at 4:00 p.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

Superintendent Fernando Parra led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra requested to remove item VII-a, from the agenda and recommended approval.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Ruiz, Lopez, Lucero, Varona, and Rojas

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of April 11, 2022

Superintendent Parra 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

Superintendent Parra made comments of appreciation to the Governing Board, Susan Segal, Esq., and thanked all principals and directors for their hard work and support; all classified and support staff and Ms. Mayra Zuñiga for always doing a great job.

He congratulated Ms. Canto for her nomination as the upcoming Superintendent and wished her the very best.

He thanked Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez for all her support, friendship, and being an advocate and doing a great job in her department.

He thanked his family for their support during his superintendency.

He continued by reporting the total percentage of teacher now at NUSD.

Congratulation to Mary L. Welty and Coronado Elementary Schools for their achievement and nomination of A+ school.

He congratulated the seniors for their Senior Projects being a great success.

He also mentioned the subjects that are to be discussed in meetings to come.

He mentioned the District Financials was in good standing thanking the late Mr. Sandoval.

He concluded stating that Ms. Canto would be presenting the final budget approval in July.

Mr. Rojas thanked him for his good words and report.

2. Announcement – Scheduling of a Special Meeting on June 27, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. for the FY23 Budget Hearing Presentation

Superintendent Parra mentioned there would be a special meeting on the above mentioned date and stated that Ms. Canto would be presenting on this date.

3. Congratulations to Mary L. Welty and Francisco Vasquez de

Coronado Elementary Schools for being (Awarded and Recognized out of Five Schools in the state of Arizona) Selected for the Imagine Learning Program-Imagine Nation School of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement.

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview.

Mr. Rojas on behalf of the Board congratulated Welty and Coronado schools for their great achievement.

Dr. Varona highlighted on the great efforts Welty and Coronado made at achieving the School of Excellence Award.

- b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mr. Ruiz wished a happy mother's day to all American/Mexican mother of the community. He made comments about Mr. Parra's ethics as a teacher and building himself to become a great leader as a Superintendent.

Mr. Lucero thanked Mr. Parra for his kind words and his leadership. He mentioned that his health was number one and wished him well in his retirement.

Mr. Lopez reported he was in the panel to being a judge for the NHS Senior Project and was very glad to have participated.

He reported he is attending the IB Conference in San Diego in July.

He mentioned his experience with Mr. Parra as a teacher and as a Superintendent.

He thanked him for all his years of service to the community.

Dr. Varona reported he attended the Welty A+ Ceremony and welcomed recognition. He mentioned it was a wonderful event and the extra effort the whole school put into receiving such great accomplishment.

He reported he had also attended the Jr. Olympics and mentioned it was a great event. He concluded congratulating Mr. & Mrs. Silva for their son's graduation from the Arizona State University in Bio-Medical Engineer.

Mr. Rojas reported he attended the Most Influential Student Award Ceremony in Sahuarita, Arizona, and stated that Ms. Canto had done a great speech.

He also thanked the Nogales International for doing such great event.

He reported he attended the Maypole event at Challenger Elementary and mentioned it was a great event.

He also reported he had attended the Jr. Olympics and it had been a very nice event, he added that the Lions Club had done a great job.

He thanked Welty Elementary for the invitation to their transitions, stating he would be attending.

#### IV. Call to the Public

Anna Doan thanked Mr. Parra for his years of service to NUSD.

She congratulate the Board for naming Ms. Angelina Canto as the next Superintendent. She read a petition from the surrounding area neighbors regarding their objection to the recommendation of new lighting other than what PHS field already has.

Susan Segal, Esq., talked about the new Adelmo Sandoval Memorial Scholarship that was going to be granted to a qualified NHS graduate with a GPA 3.5 and over.

Chris Young, Chief Administrator of the Santa Cruz County Superintendent's Office, on behalf of Mr. Velasquez, thanked Superintendent Parra for his years of service and all his assistance during his superintendency. He proceeded to read a letter from Mr. Alfredo Velasquez and in appreciation, presented him with a basket of goods.

#### V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Varona, Lopez, Lucero, Ruiz, 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 Out of State Travel for Marcia Mendoza, Magda Molina and FBLA Students Traveling to Chicago, IL (FBLA Student National Competition, June 27- July 2, 2022)
- e. Approval of Donation by Jerry Smith (\$1,000 for Jump Back to School)
- f. Approval of Donation by the Donors Choose Team (\$4,726.37 to Challenger Elementary for books, classroom basics, educational kits, games, flexible seating)

- g. Approval of Donation by The Donor Choose Team (\$2,959.21 to NHS for lab equipment, computers, and tablets)
- h. Approval of the FY2023 Tuition Rate
- i. Approval of Student Transportation Contract Renewal for Citizen School Transport for FY 22-23
- j. Award Sole Source Status to KP Mathematics for FY21-22
- k. Renewal of Sole Source Status to PowerSchool Group LLC for FY22-23
- l. Renewal of Copier/Printer Maintenance/Repair Services Contract to Valley Imaging Solutions for FY22-23
- m. Renewal of Security Monitoring Services Contract for FY22-23 TI Secur-Tec Security Systems LLC.
- n. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Kognity for FY22-23
- o. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Tyler Technologies for FY22-23
- p. Renewal of Audit Services Contract for FY 22-23 for Heinfeld, Meech & Co. PC.
- q. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- r. Approval of Addenda

VI. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action

- a. Approval of the FY2022 Expenditure Budget Revision #1

Superintendent Parra introduced Ms. Carlyle to give a presentation. Ms. Carlyle, Business Director, gave a Power Point presentation on the budget revision.

Dr. Varona highlighted that the finances still were holding a conservative approach and thanked Ms. Carlyle for the presentation.

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

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

- b. ASBA Proposed Issues for Consideration for the 2023 Political Agenda

Dr. Varona gave an overview of the political Agenda and mentioned the items the Board was in support.

He mentioned that he was reappointed to serve in the ASBA Political Action Committee to discuss all recommendations at the December annual meeting.

Mr. Ruiz made comments about the state legislature not being in support of the schools.

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Mr. Lucero recommended a roll call vote from all members.

Motion carried from members:  
Ruiz, Varona, Lopez, and Rojas with an "aye" vote, and a "nay" vote from Mr. Lucero with the motion passing four (4) to one (1) vote.

VII. ACTION

- a. Recommendation to Approve the Rescheduling of the Governing Board Meeting Scheduled for June 13, 2022 to June 20, 2022

Superintendent Parra mentioned that this item was previously removed from the agenda and, therefore, no action was needed.

- b. Recommendation to Appoint Robert M Bracker Elementary School Principal – Ms. Angel Canto

Superintendent Parra introduced Ms. Canto to give a presentation.

Assistant Superintendent Canto gave an overview and mentioned for the record the names of the committee members involved to make the decision.

Assistant Superintendent Canto stated Mr. Joshua Payne was the recommendation for Principal at Bracker Elementary and she gave a brief background.

Assistant Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

Dr. Varona asked for clarification of the final interview process and the consideration of local applicants.

Ms. Canto clarified his concern and affirmed it had been done responsibly.

Dr. Varona mentioned he had always heard good things of Mr. Payne and supported the selection.

Dr. Varona requested a roll call vote from all board members.

Motion carried unanimously with an individual "aye" vote from member:  
Varona, Ruiz, Lopez, Lucero, Mr. Rojas

Mr. Payne gave his thoughts of appreciation and thanked the Board for giving him this great opportunity.

- c. Recommendation to Appoint Mary L Welty Elementary School Principal – Ms. Angel Canto

Assistant Superintendent Canto mentioned the recommendation for Welty Elementary was Ms. Mary Beth Silva and mentioned, for the record, the names of the committee in the panel making the recommendation.

She gave an overview of Ms. Silva's background.

Assistant Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

Dr. Varona mentioned he was in full support of Ms. Silva's recommendation and gave a brief history of Ms. Silva's father who also served NUSD as an excellent teacher at Wade Carpenter Middle School.

Mr. Lucero also supported the recommendation and mentioned he was happy to hear about her success after having served as assistant principal at WCMS.

Mr. Lopez congratulated Ms. Silva and wished her the best.

Mr. Ruiz congratulated Ms. Silva and made a comment of her father to have been a great teacher. He mentioned his confidence in that the three principals would do a great job and congratulated the committee for making great recommendations.

Mr. Rojas congratulated Ms. Silva and requested a roll call vote.

Dr. Varona, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Rojas, Mr. Lucero, and Mr. Ruiz voted "aye" unanimously.

Ms. Silva thanked the Board for the great opportunity.

d. Recommendation to Appoint Lincoln Elementary School Principal – Ms. Angel Canto

Superintendent Parra made a clarification regarding the recommendations and selection process.

Assistant Superintendent Canto further explained the process and mentioned the names of the committee members involved, for the record. She mentioned the recommendation given for Lincoln elementary was Ms. Saralee Burkett giving a brief background.

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

Dr. Varona mentioned that he was in support of the recommendation and thanked Ms. Burkett for considering applying for NUSD. He further mentioned that the district she comes from has a very good standing and was looking forward to seeing good things from her expertise.

Mr. Rojas congratulated Ms. Burkett and requested a roll call vote.

Dr. Varona, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Rojas, Mr. Lucero, and Mr. Ruiz voted "aye" unanimously.

Ms. Burkett stated words of appreciation and thanked the Board for their support. She mentioned her eagerness to work at NUSD.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned that she would be starting Lincoln's school year number one-hundred-and-one (101) anniversary, the beginning of a new century.

Dr. Varona mentioned that she had the leadership and the Board's support to be successful.

Mr. Lopez congratulated the members of the committee and the leadership team for doing a great job with their recommendations.

Mr. Lucero stated he was looking forward to working with all new principals and wished them all a tremendous success.

**At this time, Mr. Rojas introduced Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez to give a special presentation.**

Ms. Mendoza Jimenez gave a Power Point presentation on Mr. Parra's long-term service at NUSD.

Mr. Rojas congratulated Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez for doing a great job with the presentation.

Mr. Rojas introduced Ms. Canto and Ms. Zuniga.

Ms. Canto gave an overview of Mr. Parra's accomplishments during his tenure as Superintendent of NUSD and introduced him with a recognition award of appreciation.

Mr. Ruiz stated words of appreciation for the impact Mr. Parra had made to the children at NUSD and wished him a very happy retirement.

Mr. Lucero stated words of appreciation and thanked Mr. Parra for all he did for NUSD.

Mr. Lopez thanked Mr. Parra and his family for all he did for NUSD.

Dr. Varona cited Mr. Parra's background history mentioning he knew him since he was 13 years old and was a student at NUSD.

He mentioned that three of his personal successes were Fernando Parra Jr., Nicolas who was in his 4<sup>th</sup> year at the University of Arizona and finally, Andres who was in his 2nd year at the UofA as well. He mentioned that all three of his children are the great successes he has made.

He congratulated him for all his achievements.

Mr. Rojas mentioned that all Board members special words were "right on", and stated it had been an honor working with Mr. Parra.

Superintendent Parra thanked the Board and wished all administrators the best.

#### VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona requested to have a presentation previously given by James Palacios, PCC Director on dual enrollment and high school programs; that this presentation be shown to the Board.

He further requested information on the A for AZ Micro Grants Applications and if NUSD is applying for these grants.

Mr. Lopez requested more information about Sodexo as to where they acquire their provisions provided for the students' school menus.

Mr. Ruiz apologized to the administration, stating he would not be able to attend some of the graduations for he had a conflict with a previously scheduled out of town business trip.

#### IX. Adjournment of the Study Session

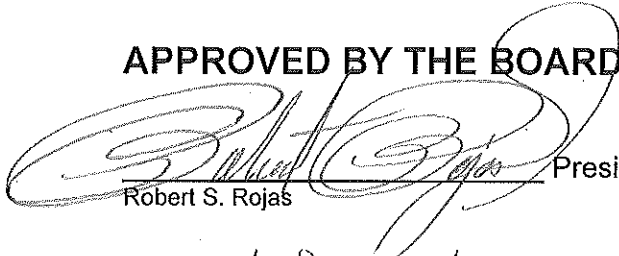
Mr. Lucero made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Ruiz for adjournment of the public meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

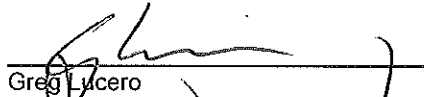
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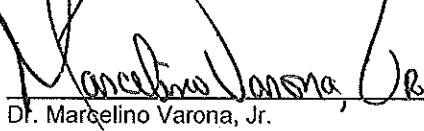
Session adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

  
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Robert S. Rojas      President

Not Present Clerk  
Manny Ruiz

  
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Greg Lucero      Member

  
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Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.      Member

Partially  
Approved Telephonically Member  
Cesar A. Lopez

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
June 13, 2022

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