



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 29, 2023, held at 11:30 a.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

Board Member not present:

Greg Lucero, Clerk

a. Call to Order

Mr. Rojas called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Patricia Muñozcano 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:

Rojas, Muñozcano, and Ruiz

II. Call to the Public

No call to the public.

III. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Personnel Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Muñozcano, and Ruiz

IV. Action

a. Recommendation to Appoint Fco. Vasquez de Coronado Elementary School Principal

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the recommendation process; she mentioned the names of the committee members and thanked them for their hard work in their participation.

She further gave a brief overview of Mr. Freddy Villalon's background.

She recommended approval of Mr. Villalon's appointment as the new principal of Coronado Elementary school as presented to the Board

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

Mr. Rojas congratulated Mr. Villalon and wished him good luck.

He further congratulated the committee and thanked them for their valuable time and doing an excellent job.

Ms. Muñozcano congratulated Mr. Villalon and the committee and stated a few words of support.

At this time, Mr. Lopez joined the meeting - 11:35 a.m.

Mr. Lopez congratulated Mr. Villalon and stated he was happy to have him onboard.

Mr. Ruiz stated that Mr. Villalon had big shoes to follow, that Coronado school had many expectations and he believed he would do a great job. He congratulated him and thanked the staff and the committee for their support.

He welcomed him to the NUSD family.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Lopez, Muñozcano, and Ruiz

Mr. Villalon made a few comments of appreciation to the Board and stated that he was privileged of being part of the Coronado and NUSD team, and that he was looking forward to working together with his staff and the children of NUSD.

b. Recommendation to Appoint Pierson High School/NUSD Online Principal

Superintendent Canto mentioned the interview process and stated the names of the committee members for the record.

She further gave a brief overview of Mr. Jigar Mehta's background.

She mentioned she was pleased to recommend Mehta for the position for she had worked with him and was an excellent candidate.

She recommended approval of the recommended appointment as presented.

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

Ms. Muñozcano thanked Mr. Mehta for applying and congratulated him.

Mr. Lopez mentioned he was excited to have him onboard as a principal, and was looking forward to his work.

Mr. Rojas congratulated all who participated in the selection committee. He mentioned some of his personal experiences as a teacher and the need to have to be there for the students on a daily basis.

He mentioned that the Board's focus are the students and to support all the principals. He concluded thanking the committee for doing an excellent job.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned that it was great to see the teacher of the year become a principal and was very excited to see him grow.

He thanked Ms. Lillian Bernal for stepping up and doing a great job at Pierson as interim principal for the past years.

He thanked the staff at Pierson for being present at the meeting and helping the students achieve their goals.

He further mentioned he had confidence in Mr. Mehta's leadership and commitment to the students.

He concluded stating he was looking forward to working with him and to see great things flourish.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Mr. Lopez, Muñozcano, Rojas, and Ruiz

Mr. Mehta spoke words of appreciation and humility thanking the Board for their confidence in him to be able to achieve the principal position.

He mentioned he was excited to begin this chapter in his life and make the students successful ones.

V. 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, Lopez, and Ruiz

Session adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Not Present President
Manny Ruiz

[Signature] Clerk
Greg Lucero

Not Present Member
Robert S. Rojas

[Signature] Member
Cesar A. Lopez

[Signature] Member
Patricia Muñozcano

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
July 10, 2023

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