



## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2023, held at 4:00 p.m.

### 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

Ms. Judith Mendoza-Jimenez led all in the pledge.

#### c. Adoption of the Agenda

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, Muñozcano, and Ruiz

At 4:01 p.m. Mr. Cesar Lopez walked into the meeting.

### II. Approval of Governing Board Special Minutes and Regular Minutes of July 10, 2023, and Special Minutes of July 17, 2023

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

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

### III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

##### 1. Superintendent Update

##### 2. Safe Return to School Required Announcement

Superintendent Canto gave an overview stating that this is a requirement from ADE and thanked Ms. Scott for taking care of the uploads.

### 3. Policy Advisory Update

Superintendent Canto gave a brief updated stating there was a need for some clarification that was to be obtained at the Law Conference the beginning of September and the policies would be brought up to the Board for first read in September and approval in October.

### 4. ASBAIT Board of Trustee Appointment (Mayra Zuniga)

Superintendent Canto highlighted that Mayra Zuñiga applied to the Board of Trustees to be part of ASBAIT, and after due process, she was selected. She added that Ms. Zuñiga is the first HR Director to serve in the insurance and this will be a 4-year term.

The Board congratulated Ms. Zuñiga.

### 5. Title I Committee of Practitioners Appointment (Aissa Bonillas)

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and stated that Assistant Superintendent Bonillas had applied for the Title One Committee of Practitioners and had also been selected to serve.

She added that Ms. Bonillas would attend her first meeting this week and the position was a three-year appointment as well.

### 6. ASBO FY22 AFCR Model Example (Clementina Carlyle)

Superintendent Canto gave a shout out to Finance Director Clementina Carlyle who received a memo for a Certificate of Excellence Award on the Financial Reports, and was asked to post it in order that it be used as a model for other schools.

### 7. First Day of School Video - Judith Mendoza-Jimenez

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school mentioning it was a great day last Wednesday and all administrators, teachers and staff welcome everyone at all the schools.

Ms. Mendoza Jimenez gave a video presentation of the staff and children happy to be back to school.

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

Ms. Muñozcano thanked you to attendees at the welcome back to school event. She further welcomed back all NUSD students and thanked the teachers for everything they do.

Mr. Lopez congratulated Superintendent Canto for her birthday.

Mr. Rojas reported he attended the IB conference along with a couple of colleagues and teachers and mentioned some of the highlights of the conference.

He thanked Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez for helping on the organization during the IB Conference trip.

He also congratulated Mr. Colgate for his support.

He reported had attended the staff Welcome Back stating it was very well planned and everyone had done a fantastic job.

He also reported had attended the Jump Back to School and it had been very well organized. He also congratulated Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez for doing a great job with the event.

Mr. Lucero reported he had attended the staff's Welcome Back and it was a very nice event.

He also attended the teacher of the year award ceremony and congratulated all NUSD teachers nominated.

He further reported he had attended the IB Conference and highlighted the sessions he attended.

He talked about the Santa Cruz County in need to have a work force development program.

Mr. Rojas added a comment regarding a San Diego teacher who praised the NUSD Board members for attending the IB Conference stating that San Diego had a very hard time having their Board Members attend.

Mr. Ruiz gave his condolences to Superintendent Canto for the passing of her uncle.

He also gave his condolences to former Board Member, Barbara Mendoza, for the passing of her father.

He reported that the welcome back was amazing and was happy to find out the District had thirty new teachers. He attended the luncheon at the old courthouse where he met the teachers and it was a great event.

He also congratulated the new principals.

He further reported he had attended the IB Conference, which was very interesting. He gave some of the highlights of the conference stating it was very technology focused. He mentioned he had to download and pick the sessions he planned to attend and was networking with many people from other states.

He concluded by congratulating the teachers of the year and classified staff of the year.

#### IV. Call to the Public

There was none.

#### V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Muñozcano,

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- c. Approval of Out of State Travel for Dr. Luis Carlos Davis, NHS Teacher to attend the 2023 Dynamic Lighting Summit in Paducah, KY, September 1-4, 2023
- d. Approval of Out of State Travel for Angel Canto and Clementina Carlyle to attend the Bruman Group Fall Forum 2023 in New Orleans, LA Nov. 28 to Dec. 2, 2023
- e. Approval of Fixed Asset Disposals/Transfers
- f. Award Sole Source Status to Off Duty Management (ODM) FY 23-24
- g. Approval of the FY2024 Intergovernmental Agreement for Placement of School Resource Officer at DSMS
- h. Approval of the FY2024 Intergovernmental Agreement for Reimbursement of Salaries and Employee Related Expenses for Fire/Medical Services at School District Events
- i. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) – The South 32 Hermosa Project – She will Connect-Technolochicas Lift Initiative – Agreement for SY23-24
- j. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office for the Elementary Robotics Afterschool Program FY23-24

- k. Approval to Provide School Meals - Mexicayotl Academy SY23-24
- l. Approval to Provide School Meals – Little Red School House SY23-24
- m. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima Community College District and the Nogales Unified School District for Dual Enrollment
- n. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- o. Approval of Addenda

**VI. Information and Discussion Items**

a. Personalized Admissions Project

Superintendent Canto gave an overview and introduced Zulema Fragozo-Garavito who connected the video call from Dr. Joseph O'Reilly to give a report to the Board.

Dr. O'Reilly gave a report on ASU-Helios Decision Center for Educational Excellence. He gave a Power Point presentation and explained the admission process for the students to attend ASU, NAU and/or University of Arizona.

Ms. Fragozo-Garavito added that this year NHS participated in a criterion called Jump Start mentioning the highlights of the project.

Mr. Lucero stated he liked that this was a great opportunity for students and congratulated them for doing a great job.

He asked Dr. O'Reilly if he interacted with the Helios Board.

He stated he did not do much interacting.

Mr. Lopez stated that the data was an amazing space and the students receive many props.

He thanked the administrators for doing a great job and for their support to the students.

Ms. Fragozo-Garavito gave a shout out to Mr. Mehta for his support with the program and for doing a great job with the students.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Dr. O'Reilly for his report and for recognizing NUSD.

He stated he was happy to hear that all three universities were participating.

He thanked them for their presentation.

**VII. Action**

a. Approval of 2023-2024 Board Governance Goals

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented stating that this item had been previously discussed at the Board retreat and explained the changes made.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Lucero, Lopez, Rojas, Muñozcano, and Ruiz

b. Approval of 2023-2024 Governing Board Goals

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented also mentioned that the goals had been discussed at the retreat.

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

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

**VIII. Information and Possible Action**

- a. Discussion and Approval to Appoint District Delegate and Alternate Delegate for Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) FY23

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Lucero made a motion recommending appoint Ms. Muñozcano as the Delegate and Mr. Lopez as the Alternate, and was seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval.

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

**IX. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

None

**X. Adjournment**

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

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

**Session adjourned at 4:56 p.m.**

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

 \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Manny Ruiz

*Not Present* \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
Greg Lucero

 \_\_\_\_\_ Member  
Robert S. Rojas

 \_\_\_\_\_ Member  
Cesar A. Lopez

 \_\_\_\_\_ Member  
Patricia Muñozcano

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
September 25, 2023

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