



## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 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., and Cesar A. Lopez

Member not present: Greg Lucero

a. Call to Order

**Mr. Rojas called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.**

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Varona led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of August 22, 2022

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

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

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Superintendent update
2. Update on Nogales High School Parking Lot Project

Superintendent Canto gave an overview of the project in progress in conjunction with Mr. Islas' assistance.

3. Nogales High School Robotics Update

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the Robotics program to take place during the school year.

**Board Member Cesar Lopez arrived at 4:08 p.m.**

4. Support Services Maintenance Facility Update

Superintendent Canto gave a Power Point presentation giving an overview of the plan to take place of the disposition and clean up.

Dr. Varona made a comment about the picture in the Power Point and Superintendent Canto clarified his concern.

Mr. Lopez thanked Mr. Islas for having cleaned up the area that had been disturbing the neighborhood.

Mr. Ruiz made comments that it was important to keep people happy and thanked Mr. Islas for acting fast to keep the area clean.

Mr. Rojas thanked Superintendent Canto for making it happen with immediate attention.

5. School Facilities Board Project Update

Superintendent Canto gave a brief update on the project.

6. Scheduling of a Special School Board Meeting for the Week of October 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent Canto mentioned there was a request for a special meeting due to Business Department deadlines.

The Board members agreed to the date and time suggested.

7. Assessment Presentations Delayed

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and mentioned there would be a follow-up and would bring this back to the Board.

She further mentioned that the presentation of all elementary schools would be on the special meeting of October 3, 2022, and the middle schools and high schools at the regular meeting of October 24, 2022.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mr. Ruiz reported he attended the ASBA Law Conference in Phoenix, along with his colleagues, and he mentioned a few of the highlights of the sessions he attended.

Mr. Cesar Lopez mentioned he also attended the ASBA and it had been a good conference.

Dr. Varona mentioned he received the NHS Adobe and everything was put together very well. He congratulated Dr. Luis Carlo Davis, sponsor, for doing a great job. He mentioned that all schools are being monitored and everything is going very well in academic achievement.

He commended Lincoln, Bracker, Welty, Challenger and AJ Mitchell for mentioning 9/11 in their principal's reports. He congratulated the schools for doing a good job with their reports.

He reported he had done the visions screening at Challenger elementary and commended Cynthia Bustamante, school nurse, for having everything in order.

He also reported he notice during the screening Mr. Payne, Principal at Bracker Elementary, was very popular with his students, and that the school had great energy.

He further reported he attended the ASBA Law Conference and mentioned the sessions he attended. He highlighted he missed interacting dialogue with the principals after the session on the issue of how to communicate with students with problems.

He also highlighted the Legislative Committee's development at the Delegate Assembly stating it was an interesting session.

Mr. Rojas mentioned the principals' reports were very resourceful and commended the principals for doing them.

He reported he attended the Open House at Carpenter Middle School and met all teachers, stating they were very young, and he made a comment about how that school had inspired him to be a teacher back in the day.

He further mentioned that everything was very organized, and helpful, talking as a parent.

He mentioned his daughter is very happy to be attending Wade Carpenter Middle School.

He further mentioned he attended the Law Conference, along with his colleagues, adding he attended the legislative session along with Dr. Varona who was supporting various policies. He mentioned some of the highlights that went on with the policies and how the legislators work.

#### IV. Call to the Public

None

#### V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Ruiz, Lopez, Varona, and Rojas

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- c. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers
- d. Approval of Donation by Salvation Army of Green Valley ( \$2,000 to AJ Mitchell for tennis shoes for students)
- e. Approval of Donation by Mary Fink (\$1,000 to NHS Girls Golf Team)
- f. Approval of Donation by Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation Inc. (\$1,000 to NHS Softball Team)

- g. Approval of Donation by United States Air Force (Thomas F. Wegner) ( \$3,770 to the AZJROTC program to be used for computers for the classrooms)
- h. Adoption/Resolution of Booster Organization (NHS Band Booster)
- i. Adoption/Resolution of Booster Organization (NHS Football Booster)
- j. Approval of IFB AJ Mitchell Elementary Weatherization/Roof Project Change Order
- k. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Funding for AJ Mitchell Automatic Door Operator Project
- l. Approval of Out of State Travel for Exceptional Services Team to attend the 2023 Council for Exceptional Children Convention and Expo in Louisville, Kentucky from March 1-4, 2023
- m. Approval of Out of State Travel NHS IB Instructors to attend the Florida Association of IB World Schools Workshop in St. Pete Beach, FL from Dec. 7-10, 2022
- n. Approval of Out of State Travel for Dr. Luis Carlos Davis NHS Teacher to attend the 2022 Sports Photo Summit in San Francisco, CA from Nov. 10-13, 2022
- o. Approval of Out of State Travel for Luke Brannen NHS Teacher to attend the Florida IB 2022 Face-to-Face Workshop in St. Pete Beach, FL from Nov. 13-16, 2022
- p. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) funding for Pierson High School Roof Redesign for Structural Repair, New HVAC Project
- q. Approval of School Facilities Board (SFB) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) funding for Nogales High School Building F Roof Repair Project
- r. Award Sole Source Status to BMI Systems Group for FY23
- s. Approval of Fixed Asset Disposals/Transfers
- t. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary

**VI. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action Item**

- a. Suspension of Governing Board Policy BGB Policy Adoption for Amendment and Approval of Policy GCD – Professional/Support Staff Vacations and Holidays

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and recommended approval as presented.

Dr. Varona made a motion to suspend Governing Board Policy BGB and approve policy GCD and adding to the school calendar Juneteenth for FY23, and was seconded by Mr. Ruiz for approval as presented to the Board.

Dr. Varona mentioned he was glad to have the support of the Superintendent Canto to add this holiday to the calendar to support the African-American community.

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

- b. Boy Scout Building Lot Division

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and recommended approval as presented.

Dr. Varona made a motion to authorize Superintendent Canto to proceed with City of Nogales to acquire the above-mentioned property and was seconded by Mr. Lopez for approval as presented to the Board.

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

VII. Information and Discussion

- a. First Read of August 2022 Policy Advisory from Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for Recommendation of Policy Changes to: Policy JRR – Student Surveys, (New) Regulation JRR-R – Student Surveys, Policy KI – Visitors to Schools, Regulation KI – R Visitors to Schools, (New) Exhibit KI – E Visitors to Schools, Policy KB – Parental Involvement in Education, Regulation KB-R – Parental Involvement in Education, Exhibit KB-E – Parental Involvement in Education, Policy IHAMB – Family Life Education, Regulation IHAMB-R – Family Life Education, Policy JLCB – Immunizations of Students, Regulation JLCB-R – Immunizations of Students, Exhibit JLCB-E – Immunizations of Students, Policy JLCC- Communicable Infectious Diseases, Policy GBGCB – Staff Health and Safety, Policy DIA – Accounting System, Policy IHA – Basic Instructional Program, Policy JLDA – School Counselors and Psychologists, Policy JICFA – Hazing, Exhibit JICFA-EB – Hazing, Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements, (New) Policy JJIA - Intramural Sports, Policy JJIB – Interscholastic Sports, Regulation JJIB-R – Interscholastic Sports, Policy EE – Transportation Services, Policy EEAEA – Bus Driver Requirements, Training, and Responsibilities, Policy JF – Student Admissions, Policy IJL – Library Materials Selection and Adoption, Regulation IJL-R – Library Materials Selection and Adoption, Policy IJNC – Resource Centers/Media Centers/School Libraries, (New) Regulation IJNC-R – Resource Centers/Media Centers/School Libraries, (New) Exhibit IJNC-E – Resource Centers/Media Centers/School Libraries, Policy IMD – School Ceremonies and Observances, and Policy IMB – Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues.

HR Director Mayra Zuñiga, Asst. Superintendent Aissa Bonillas, and Student Services Director Judith Mendoza-Jimenez, explained the policies with a Power Point presentation.

Dr. Varona expressed his opinion in regards to a policy stating, that he saw no need for any teacher to communicate with students after 5:00 p.m.

He further mentioned how to avoid the State coming to tell the District/Board what to do was by doing the right things at home.

He also mentioned that he receives a monthly disciplinary action list from the District and in the last two years, he has not received anything on hazing and that was a big plus for the District.

Mr. Lopez echoed Dr. Varona's comments, adding there was need to stand up to the Legislatures and fight for your believes getting critical for justice and dignity. He thanked everyone for their hard work with the policies and regulations.

Mr. Ruiz made comments regarding laws passing and Legislature accusing the Federals Government. He added that trying to talk to them was frustrating because it is not possible to get through.

He recommended that people go vote and be aware of their choices for all positions so the Legislature does not put more burden on the school districts.

Dr. Varona added some comments and asked Superintendent Canto to consider having good guidance to the principals to be consistent with the teachers in properly addressing K-12 students on sensitive issues.

VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items

None


IX. Adjournment

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, and Rojas

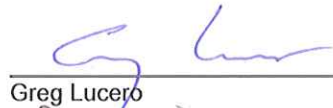
Session adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

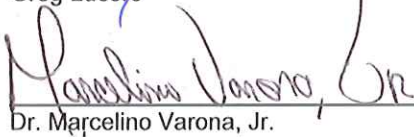
**APPROVED BY THE BOARD**


  
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Robert S. Rojas President

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
October 24, 2022

  
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Manny Ruiz Clerk

  
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Greg Lucero Member

  
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Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member

  
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Cesar A. Lopez Member

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