

NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2021 held at 4:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Robert Rojas, Clerk (acting President); Members Manuel Ruiz, Marcelino Varona, Jr., and Cesar A. Lopez (appeared telephonically partially due to technical difficulties)

Member not present: Greg Lucero, President

a. Call to Order

Mr. Rojas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Varona led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra 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 23, 2021

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Varona, Ruiz, and Rojas

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Parra offered his condolence to Ms. Nidia White, Business Department staff member, for the passing of her mother.

He reported the Class of 1981 had visited the District Building for their 40th Class Reunion and he had received very positive comments.

He mentioned Ms. Scott was the Class of '81 Sponsor and had also been part of the reunion.

He reported that the vision screening at all schools, was completed and gave recognition to the Lion's Club for their involvement in this project.

He thanked the Governing Board and Leadership Team for attending the Pima JTED Joint Governing Board Meeting, stating that it had been a very good and positive experience.

He thanked the Gov. Board for attending the ASBA Law Conference where Ms. Canto made a presentation with a great outcome.

He reported that the administration was working on planning and scheduling the Winter Board Retreat.

He informed the Board that many parents had sent messages of how appreciative they were of receiving the letters sent to the IB students and thanked Ms. Scott and the Board for their support.

He congratulated Ms. Scott and the Leadership Team, for NUSD was one of the first to be approved for the ESSER III Funding Plan.

Dr. Varona congratulated Ms. Scott on the same subject, stating it was a great accomplishment.

He reported that safety protocol testing implementation continues following all CDC guidelines, trying to provide a safe environment for everyone and it had made a significant difference.

He mentioned the reports that will be presented to the Board during the winter retreat, including the spring district's data.

He further reported he had received a letter/email from a former NUSD student and NHS graduate, Stanford class of 2024, and read the letter for the record.

Mr. Rojas thanked Superintendent Parra for his reports.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

(At this time Board Member Mr. Cesar Lopez joined the meeting telephonically)

Dr. Varona reported he attended the Pima JTED meeting at the new campus, mentioning the highlights of the meeting. He added that each school district had the opportunity to speak for a few minutes.

He thanked Assistant Superintendent Canto for her excellent presentation.

He attended the ASBA Law Conference and highlighted a presentation done on Fentanyl, adding it was a very strong presentation on a topic to be taken seriously.

He mentioned the conference sessions he attended and the highlights of each session.

He made comments on the principals' reports, mentioning that Mr. Colgate was asking for volunteers for next February (SY22) and he was interested to be placed on the volunteer list.

He concluded mentioning the main highlights taken place at the Delegate Conference on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

Mr. Ruiz concurred with Dr. Varona's comments and mentioned they also saw the fourteen programs NHS has from the JTED program.

Mr. Rojas reported he, as well as Dr. Varona, also attended the JTED meeting, the ASBA Law Conference and Delegate Assembly, and it had been a great experience.

He mentioned a representative from ASBA had approached him asking about how NUSD was impacted by the pandemic, and what the success of the District was. He mentioned what his answers had been, the good Governing Board the District has done, the great leadership of Superintendent Parra, and the overall great staff of the District; furthermore, that the retention of teachers is mainly due to education being the number one importance for NUSD. He mentioned he was very happy the District had been especially noticed by ASBA.

IV. Call to the Public

Mr. Frederick, teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, mentioned the school had just celebrated its 100 years of existence. He further spoke about the carryforward funds and IBN.

V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

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

- a. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- b. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- c. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers
- d. Approval of Donation by ASBAIT (Jessica Coffey) (1,125.00 for Employee Health and Wellness Incentives, Activities, and Programs)
- e. Adoption Recognition of Booster Organizations (NHS Cheer Booster)
- f. Approval of the AZ DES Inter-Governmental Agreement Amendment for the Transition to Work Program FY 21-22
- g. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary

Mr. Lopez's call disconnected at this time (4:35 pm)

VI. Information and Discussion

- a. First Read of July 2021 Policy Advisory from Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for Recommendation of Policy Changes to Policy BDF- Advisory Committees; Policy BEDD – Rules of Order; Policy BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings; Policy and Regulation BIB – Board Member Development Opportunities; Policy DIE – Audits/Financial Monitoring; Policy DJ – Purchasing (Purchasing Ethics Policy); Policy EEAEA – Bus Driver Requirements Training and Responsibilities; Regulation GBGB-R – Staff Personal Security and Safety; Policy GCB – Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation; Policy GCF – Professional Staff Hiring; Policy GCH – Professional/Support Staff Orientation and Training; Policy GDB – Support Staff Contracts and Compensation; Policy GDF – Support Staff Hiring; Policy IC- School Year; Policy and Exhibit IHA – Basic Instructional Program; Policy and Regulation IHAMB – Family Life Education; Policy IHAMD – Instruction and Training in Suicide Prevention; Policy IJ – Instructional Resources

and Materials; Policy IJJ – Textbook/Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption; Regulation IKE-RB – Promotion and Retention of Students; Policy IMB – Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues; Policy and Exhibits JFAA – Admission of Resident Students; Policy and Exhibits JFAB – Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students; JFB – Open Enrollment; Regulation JICA- RB – Student Dress (Cloth Face Coverings); Policy JK – Student Discipline; Policy JKD – Student Suspension; Policy JKE – Student Expulsion; Policy, Regulation and Exhibit JLCB – Immunization of Students; Policy JLF – Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection; Policy KB – Parental Involvement in Education; Regulation KI-RB Visitors to Schools (Cloth Face Coverings)

Mayra Zuniga, HR Director, explained the policies for the record, giving a Power Point presentation.

Mr. Lopez returned to the meeting telephonically (4:40p.m)

Dr. Varona raised a question with regard to IHAMD Student ID on National Suicide prevention.

Superintendent Parra clarified his concern.

Ms. Zuniga continued with the Power Point presentation.

Dr. Varona mentioned he was in accord with the District wearing masks and stated that it should be the parents' decision if a child/student shall wear a mask and recommended for any public comments to go through the NUSD's attorney first.

Superintendent Parra made a clarification that the Board had already authorized the Superintendent to make the decision about the masks.

He added that based on legal counsel advice, he would bring the issue back to the Board for further discussion and consideration.

He mentioned that legal counsel had seen it and said the best decision made was for all NUSD to use masks.

He stated that he would ask for the Board's discretion, once it is brought back for discussion.

Dr. Varona suggested a call for a special meeting to have only this item placed on the agenda and that the public can give their input prior to the September 26, 2021, expiration.

Mr. Rojas thanked Ms. Zuniga for her presentation.

Mr. Lopez lost complete contact from his telephonic call (5:06 p.m.)

b. Presentation of FY21 Annual Financial Report (AFR)

Superintendent Parra mentioned Mr. Sandoval had a presentation and that, for the record, he wanted to revisit the recommendations previously made.

He highlighted the discussion made with IBN regarding projected budgets and proposals.

Superintendent Parra stated for the record that he was the superintendent who recommended the IBN process to be adopted as a District Policy. He asked Ms. Zuniga to highlight the salaries in the last five years for the record.

Ms. Zuniga proceeded with Superintendent Parra's request for the record.

Superintendent Parra made a few more clarifications regarding the raises that have happened during the last five years.

Adelmo Sandoval, Business Director, gave a Power Point presentation.

Mr. Rojas stated he supported Mr. Sandoval's financial reports and mentioned he had always done a good job.

Mr. Sandoval made extra comments on Pop 301 spending during FY21.

VII. Discussion and Possible Action
a. Superintendent Recruitment Update

Mayra Zuñiga, HR Director, reported that there had only been one qualified applicant.

Mr. Rojas gave the direction to place this item on discussion and action at the next board meeting and also to have the NUSD's attorney present in all the meetings where the school superintendent search will be discussed.

Dr. Varona made a motion to bring this item back to the Board at the October meeting with specific items for the Board to take action on the search. Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion for approval.

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

VIII. Information, Discussion and Possible Action
a. 21-22 Nogales Unified School District Instructional Time Model

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Ms. Canto to give a presentation adding this was yet to be presented to the State.

Angel Canto, Assistant Superintendent, gave a Power Point presentation.

Superintendent Parra made a recommendation to approve as presented.

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

Mr. Rojas asked if the public wished to acknowledge this item and make comments.

There were no comments or questions raised by the public.

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

IX. Action

- a. Approval of FY21 Annual Financial Report (AFR)

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Varona, Ruiz and Rojas

X. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Dr. Varona requested that the District's legal counsel review the issue regarding masks and be present at a possible special meeting scheduling before the September 26, 2021 deadline.

Superintendent Parra clarified that legal counsel had been reviewing and giving advice to the District on how to proceed with the subject, and he would notify Ms. Segal to be present at the meeting if deemed necessary.

XI. Adjournment

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


Dr. Varona stated Mr. Rojas had done a good job with the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Varona, Ruiz and Rojas

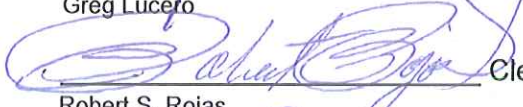
Session adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
October 25, 2021

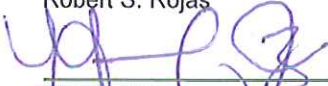
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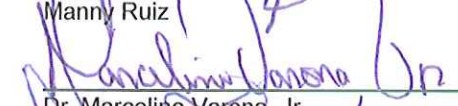
Greg Lucero President



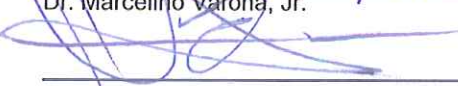
Robert S. Rojas Clerk



Manny Ruiz Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member



Cesar A. Lopez Member

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