



## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2023, held at 4:00 p.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. Ruiz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Judith Mendoza-Jimenez 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 Mr. Lopez for approval.

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of August 14, 2023 and Special Minutes of September 11, 2023

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

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

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Canto gave a shout out to the Lion's Club for the eye-screening

program at the schools serving K-8. She further gave a brief overview of the tests provided to the students.

2. Special Meeting Reminder Oct. 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent Canto reminded the Board, as previously discussed telephonically, of the date for the financial report special meeting scheduled for October 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

She further mentioned that the NHS Sports Analytics Club were invited to attend Michigan State University for a conference and Michigan State would be paying for most of their expenses like, lodging and meals, and that this was a great opportunity for the students to present one of the projects they have been working on.

She added that this was a great opportunity for the students and travel request would be included in the October special meeting.

3. Study Session Reminder October 23, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.

Superintendent Canto briefly explained to the Board about their upcoming evaluation, and further how to proceed with the link they would receive by email.

4. School Facilities Board Update

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview explaining the projects that are starting and mentioned the construction work at PHS should start at the beginning of November 2023.

5. Enrollment Update for 10th Day

Superintendent Canto introduced Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez to give a Power Point presentation.

Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez explained the total enrollment in each school.

She mentioned she would come back with a 40<sup>th</sup> day and a 100<sup>th</sup> day enrollment report as well.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez for her report and stated he was glad to see the continuation of steady numbers.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Ms. Muñozcano thanked the teachers, staff and schools who submitted their art projects to the Santa Cruz County Fair.

She congratulated Ms. Evangeline Landa for winning best of show that she would be presenting her project at the State County Fair.

She reported she had attended the Law Conference in Phoenix. She mentioned it had been a great conference and that they talked about policy and new laws that need reviewing.

Mr. Lopez reported he also had attended the Law Conference and it was a great conference and record booking attendance.

He further thanked the administrators, teachers and staff for all they do.

Mr. Rojas reported he attended the Sonoita Fair as an acting judge, along with several administrators, and it was good representation from the administration. He stated there were excellent projects and he had enjoyed it much, and the lunch was good.

He further attended the ASBA Law Conference along with his colleagues and it was a great conference. Furthermore, he attended Saturday's Delegate Assembly along with Ms. Muñozcano and Mr. Lopez and highlighted that Ms. Muñozcano did a great job representing NUSD.

He also reported he attended the Roberta Bracker Memorial Civic Award ceremony awarded to Santa Cruz County School Superintendent Alfredo Velasquez, and that it had been a very nice event.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mr. Rojas and members of the Lion's Club for doing a great job with NUSD students in getting them their eyeglasses.

He congratulated Alfredo Velasquez for receiving the Roberta Bracker award. He stated that Mr. Velasquez was a former teacher and a wonderful person. He further commended him for all he does for NUSD.

He also reported he attended the ASBA Law Conference and highlighted the importance of the subjects attended.

He concluded mentioning he was stunned to find out in the conference that one in every three teenagers contemplate suicide.

#### IV. Call to the Public

None

#### V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Lopez, Muñozcano, and Ruiz

- 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. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (Robert Bracker Elementary PTC)
- e. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (NHS Band Boosters)
- f. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (NHS Cheers Boosters)
- g. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (NHS Football Booster)
- h. Approval of the AZ DES Inter-Governmental Agreement Amendment for the Transition to Work Program FY 23-24
- i. Approval of the FY2024 Capital Plan to the School Facilities Oversight Board
- j. Approval of Fixed Asset Disposals/Transfers
- k. Approval of Out of State Travel for Mark Foreman, NHS Teacher to attend the Vectric/Axiom CNC Training in Nashville, TN, October 15 – 20, 2023

- l. Approval of Out of State Travel for Marcia Mendoza and 5 FBLA Students to attend the 2023 FBLA Fall National Leadership Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, November 9-12, 2023
- m. Approval of the Memo of Understanding between the Nogales Unified School District #1 and Intermountain Health Center, Inc.
- n. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Promoting Healthy Students/Safe Schools Initiative
- o. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- p. Approval of Addenda

VI. Information and Discussion

- a. First Read of January 2023 Policy Advisory from Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for Recommendation of Policy Changes to: (New) Exhibit – **IJL- E** Library Materials Selection and Adoption, Policy **JFABDA** – Admission of Students in Foster Care, Regulation – **JFABDA-R** – Admission of Students in Foster Care, Exhibit **JHD-EB** – Exclusion and Exemptions from School Attendance, and (New) Exhibit **KB-EC** – Parental Involvement in Education; and May and July 2023 Policy Advisory from Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for Recommendation of Policy Changes to: Policy **IGA** – Curriculum Development, Policy **IGD** – Curriculum Adoption, Policy **IJJ** – Textbook/Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption, Policy **JLCD** – Medicines/Administering Medicines to Students, Regulation **JLCD-R** – Medicines/Administering Medicines to Students, and) Exhibit **JLCD-EB** – Medicines/Administering Medicines to Students (Arizona Seizure Action Plan)

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview on the background of the policies and introduced Asst. Superintendent Aissa Bonillas to give a presentation.

Ms. Bonillas gave a Power Point presentation explaining the changes on each.

Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez continued with the presentation on Medicines/Administering.

Superintend Canto made a clarification regarding the curriculum adoption stating the meetings were open to the public.

Mr. Rojas asked for further clarification.

Ms. Bonillas stated these meetings on curriculum adoption and minutes would be posted on the website.

Mr. Rojas asked the superintendent if there were any concerns from staff about the changes.

Superintendent Canto stated these were statutory requirements and explained the process the administration takes in order to get them approved by the Board.

Mr. Rojas thanked Superintendent Canto for the explanation.

Superintendent Canto mentioned that attending the Law Conference was very helpful because all the questions in this area were discussed at the conference.

VII. Action - None

VIII. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action - None

IX. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Cesar Lopez NUSD requested information on the budget carry over.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lopez for adjournment of the public meeting.

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

**Session adjourned at 4:43 p.m.**

### APPROVED BY THE BOARD

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

 \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
Greg Lucero

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
October 23, 2023

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