



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on January 23, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

I. Opening of Meeting:

Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Manny Ruiz, President, Greg Lucero, Clerk; Members, Robert Rojas, Cesar Lopez, and Patricia Muñozcano

a. Call to Order

Manny Ruiz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Muñozcano led all in the pledge.

c. Adoption of Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lopez to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Regular Minutes of December 12, 2022, and Special Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2023

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

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

III. Governing Board Superintendent information

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

1. Superintendent Updates

Superintendent Canto congratulated Ms. Kathy Scott and Ms. Irma Fontes' collaboration for working together in obtaining a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Education to be used for NHS teachers to complete their computer science development and provide a Stipen for them.

2. NHS – Frank Reed Road Construction Traffic Update

Mr. Juan Andrade, City of Nogales, gave an update on where the Frank Reed Road construction stands to this moment, adding that according to the contractor the project will be finished by the end of February 2023.

Mr. Lucero asked if there would be an opening ceremony after the road was finished.

Mr. Andrade stated he would bring back that information at a future meeting.

Mr. Rojas thanked Superintendent Canto for adding this item to the agenda. He mentioned that he would like Mr. Guerra to return and give a before and after report.

He asked Mr. Guerra if during the construction he had received any negative comments from the community that would be important to be discussed with the Board at this time.

Mr. Andrade mentioned he had received some negative comments at the beginning of the construction regarding the width of the sidewalk but other than that, everything seemed to be going in a good direction. He added that they have seen the students enjoying walking the new sidewalks and that was a good sign.

Mr. Guerra further added that the designed was 95% completed.

Mr. Rojas added a few more comments regarding the importance of the students' and community's safety to have this job well done and thanked Mr. Guerra for his report.

Mr. Lopez thanked Mr. Andrade for his presentation and for highlighting all the important things, adding Mr. Colgate's and the Administration's collaboration was very important.

He mentioned he supported the cutting ribbon inauguration, as well as his colleagues.

Ms. Muñozcano thanked Mr. Andrade for making a priority the safety of the students.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mr. Andrade for his report adding that projects tend to run late due to lack of material but having a finishing date of this project of end of February was a good.

He added was looking forward to seeing the walking path finished which was the next phase of the project.

Superintendent Canto thanked all city representatives present for attending the meeting.

3. District Spelling Bee Update

Superintendent Canto congratulated the Spelling Bee contestants and gave a brief overview of the program. She mentioning the names of the top winners for the record and thanked Ms. Bonillas and volunteers for doing a great job.

4. Highlight State Committee/Conference Involvement by District Staff

Superintendent Canto congratulated Ms. Zuñiga for her expertise in HR presentations and having presented at different State Conferences.

She further congratulated Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez and gave an overview of

Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez working with the State Special Education Panel to serve and work with special education programs and services, stating this was a multiple year commitment, which will benefit the students and NUSD.

She concluded thanking both, Ms. Zuñiga and Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez for all the great job they are doing.

5. Override/Bond Future Item

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and stated that a future presentation would be brought to the Board on the override and possible bond, as previously discussed in the December retreat.

Mr. Lucero asked if the District's plan was to work with Steeples on this.

Superintendent Canto clarified the District was working through HeinfeldMeech.

6. Aggregate Expenditure Limit (AEL) Update

Superintendent Canto gave a brief update and the expectations from the State and Legislature.

Mr. Ruiz made comments regarding the new members of the Senate and the House of Representatives and he was hopeful they would start to get things running and done soon.

b. Governing Board Reports, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Ms. Muñozcano congratulated Challenger Elementary for a nice Christmas play, and further congratulated Mr. Milner, the Principal Ms. Valdez and staff for doing a great job.

Mr. Lopez thanked the public for being present.

He further reported he had visited Coronado Elementary, Challenger Elementary and Pierson High School and thanked everyone for doing a great job.

Mr. Rojas reported he had attended an ASBA Retreat for newly elected County Directors and it had been a very informative and positive retreat.

Mr. Lucero recommended for everyone to continue with COVID regulations and to stay safe.

Mr. Ruiz welcomed NUSD staff and wished everyone a happy and productive new year. He mentioned he attended the concert at the old courthouse and the students were outstanding.

IV. Call to the Public

None

V. Consent Agenda Items

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, Lucero, 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. Approval of Donation by the Board of Supervisors (Santa Cruz County) (\$1,971 to help cover expenses for children's choir trip to the State Capitol)
- e. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (Coronado PTC)
- f. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organization (DSMS PTC)
- g. Approval of Fixed Asset Disposals/Transfers
- h. Approval of FY2022-2023 Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Pima County Joint Technical Education District and Nogales Unified School District
- i. Approval of Out of State Travel for NHS Jazz Ensemble to participate in a Clinic at the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music in Long Beach and California Adventure in Anaheim, CA
- j. Approval of Out of State Travel for Recruitment to New Mexico State University
- k. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- l. Approval of Addenda

VI. Action Items – None

VII. Information and Discussion – None

VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items

No requests

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lopez to adjourn the meeting.

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

Session adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Not Present President
Manny Ruiz

Greg Lucero Clerk
Greg Lucero

Robert Rojas
Robert Rojas

Cesar Lopez
Cesar Lopez

Patricia Muñozcano
Patricia Muñozcano

Respectfully Submitted
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
February 13, 2023

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