

**NATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
GOVERNING BOARD**

February 09, 2022
6:00 pm
Administrative Center
1500 "N" Avenue
National City, CA 91950
<https://youtu.be/p2f2wazWjU>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

Attendance taken at 4:04 p.m.:

Present:

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
Ms. Michelle Gates
Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent:

Ms. Maria Dalla
Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Updated Attendance:

Ms. Alma Sarmiento was updated to present at 4:04 p.m.

Ms. Vanessa Ceseña took roll call.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS-CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

5. CLOSED SESSION- 4:00 P.M.

Closed session was held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:18 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

6. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

7. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

9. OPEN SESSION ROLL CALL

Present:

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Ms. Michelle Gates

Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Ms. Vanessa Ceseña took roll call.

10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

11. AGENDA

11.A. Accept Agenda.

Motion Passed: Acceptance of the Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

12. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

12.A. Administration

12.B. Human Resources

12.B.I. Ratify/approve recommended actions in personnel activity list.

12.B.II. Accept the employee resignations/retirements.

12.C. Educational Services

12.D. Business Services

12.D.I. Authorize District personal property as disposal, obsolete and surplus per California Education Code 17545-17555.

12.D.II. Ratify/approve purchase orders, contracts and warrants as summarized and detailed in Exhibit A.

13. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

13.A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 19, 2022.

Motion Passed: Approval of the minutes passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Abstain Ms. Alma Sarmiento

13.B. Adopt Resolution #21-22.16 regarding absence of Board Member Ms. Maria Dalla due to illness.

Motion Passed: Adoption of Resolution #21-22.16 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

13.C. Adopt Resolution #21-22.17 regarding absence of Board Member Ms. Alma Sarmiento due to illness.

Ms. Sarmiento asked this item to be pulled and be brought forth at a future meeting.

Motion to Amend Passed: To amend the motion from: "Adopt Resolution #21-22.17 regarding absence of Board Member Ms. Alma Sarmiento due to illness." to: "Vote to pull item for adoption of Resolution #21-22.17" passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

13.D. Adjust monthly stipend for Governing Board Members.

Motion Passed: Adjustment to monthly stipend for Governing Board Members passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

13.E. Approve membership to National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) for Ms. Michelle Gates and renewal of membership for Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and Ms. Maria Dalla.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of NALEO membership and renewal passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

14.A. Amend contract #CT3846 with EdTheory to provide Special Education Services during the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Passed: Amendment of contract #CT3846 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.B. Approve contract #CT3916 with Verbal Behavior Associates to provide special education and behavioral services during the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3916 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.C. Approve contract #CT3913 with Youth Philharmonic Orchestra to provide music classes for John A. Otis School for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3913 passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.D. Approve contract #CT3917 between the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools (SDCOE) and National School District for the Creating Opportunities in Preventing & Eliminating Suicide Grant.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3917 passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.E. Approve contract #CT3920 with Young Engineers of Greater San Diego, LLC., to provide after school engineering classes for Lincoln Acres for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Passed: Approval of contract #CT3920 passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

15. HUMAN RESOURCES

15.A. Approve the revised job description for Coordinator of Educational Services.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of the revised job description passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

15.B. Approve revised job description for Registered Dietitian.

Motion Passed: Approval of the revised job description passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

16. BUSINESS SERVICES

16.A. Presentation and approval of National School District Audit Report and its findings for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. (Exhibit B)

Mr. Mike Mears gave a brief presentation on the audit report and answered questions from the Governing Board.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of National School District Audit Report and its findings passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

16.B. Presentation and approval of Integrity Charter School Audit Report and its findings for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. (Exhibit C)

Mr. Mike Mears gave a brief presentation on the audit report and answered questions from the Governing Board.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of Integrity Charter School Audit Report and its findings passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

16.C. Approve contract #CT3921 with Isom Advisors for Continuing Disclosure Services for the General Obligation Bond.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3921 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Correction to the terms of the contract to reflect three years; effective February 2022 through February 2025.

16.D. Approve contract #CT3918 with Isom Advisors for Financial Advisory Services for the General Obligation Bond.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3918 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Correction to the terms of the contract to reflect five years; effective February 2022 through February 2027.

16.E. Award contract #CT3922 for Bid #21-22-197 to August-Jaye Construction for window coverings at all school sites.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, award contract #CT3922 passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

16.F. Accept donations.

Motion Passed: Acceptance of donations passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

17. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Lizarraga thanked Mr. Mears for the audit reports and thanked Dr. Brady for her State of the District presentations throughout the District. She also thanked Dr. Hernandez for the revision of the job description approved tonight and stated the importance of the positions for the District. She gave a shout out to parents participating in DELAC and DEPAC meetings, wished everyone a good night.

Ms. Gates thanked Mr. Mears, Ms. Cowart, and business staff who worked on the audit reports. She mentioned the 100 days of school and shared it is always an enjoyable time to share with students and staff. She wished everyone a good night and a happy Valentine's Day.

Ms. Sarmiento inquired about volunteers returning on campus. She shared she will be meeting with the Assistant City Manager regarding parking adjacent to Rancho de la Nación School. She also shared she was contacted by Mr. Mike Marquez, retired Chief of Police, offering installation of cameras and microphones at one school site, free of charge, for a pilot program he is developing; focused on active shooters. She invited Dr. Brady and Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda to also to meet with him and view his presentation.

Mr. Avanesyans thanked Ms. Cowart and the business department for great job they do and for assisting with the audit needs. He shared there was a finding from two years ago regarding instructional minutes. The District applied for a waiver with the State Board of Education, which was approved in January. The District will not have to make up the minutes or pay the \$80,000 penalty.

Dr. Hernandez reminded everyone about the upcoming Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year events and invited staff to nominate their peers so they can be celebrated. She wished everyone a good night.

Dr. Kraft shared information regarding the return of volunteers on campus and shared information regarding a future presentation on Federal Program Monitoring for Governing Board Members. She wished everyone a good night.

Dr. Brady shared that February is Black History Month and shared ways the District is celebrating. She thanked the National City 16 Weeks of STEAM and encouraged families to continue participating in the activities at home. She wished everyone a good night and a happy Valentine's Day.

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda shared she is excited to welcome back volunteers and thanked Mr. Mears for the audit reports. She thanked all viewers and apologized for the technical difficulties at the beginning of the meeting. She wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day and wonderful night.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Closed session was held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:18 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

President of the Governing Board

Secretary to the Governing Board