

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

February 23, 2022

6:00 PM

Administrative Center

1500 "N" Avenue

National City, CA 91950

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**2. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL**

**Attendance taken at 4:05 p.m.:**

Present:

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Ms. Maria Dalla

Ms. Michelle Gates

Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Mrs. Jocelyn Gomez 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 4:04 p.m. to 5:48 p.m.

In Closed Session the Board voted unanimously to approve a compromise agreement and release in OAH Case Number 20211100891. The agreement includes funds for special education services and fees in exchange for a waiver of claims against the District.

## **6. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## **7. CALL TO ORDER**

## **8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **9. OPEN SESSION ROLL CALL**

### **Attendance taken at 6:04 p.m.:**

#### Present:

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Ms. Maria Dalla

Ms. Michelle Gates

Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Mrs. Jocelyn Gomez took roll call.

## **10. PRESENTATIONS**

### **10.A. Introduce and welcome the new employees.**

Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, introduced and welcomed the new employees.

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, presented the new employee with a District pin.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **12. AGENDA**

### **12.A. Accept Agenda.**

**Motion Passed:** Acceptance of Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

## **13. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **13.A. Administration**

### **13.B. Human Resources**

#### **13.B.I. Ratify/approve recommended actions in personnel activity list.**

#### **13.B.II. Accept the employee resignations/retirements.**

### **13.C. Educational Services**

### **13.D. Business Services**

## **14. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

### **14.A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 9, 2022.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the minutes passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**14.B. Adopt Resolution #21-22.17 regarding absence of Board Member Ms. Alma Sarmiento due to illness.**

**Motion Passed:** 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

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Abstain Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**14.C. Adopt Resolution #21-22.18 regarding absence of Board Member Ms. Maria Dalla due to illness.**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of Resolution #21-22.18 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Abstain Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**14.D. Cast vote for 2022 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly election.**

Board vote results for up to nine (9) candidates are as follows:

1. Marco Amaral (South Bay Union SD)
2. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda (National SD)\*
3. Eleanor Evans (Oceanside USD)\*
4. Michelle Gates (National SD)
5. Humberto Gurmilan (San Ysidro SD)\*
6. Rocina Lizarraga (National SD)
7. Gee Wah Mok (Del Mar Union SD)\*
8. Tamara Otero (Cajon Valley Union SD)\*
9. Lucy Ugarte (Chula Vista ESD)

**15. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**15.A. Recognize National School District Schools for their participation with the California PBIS Coalition for implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) within their schools for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Ms. Lisa Dryer, Interim Director of Student Support Services, and Ms. Maria Garcia, Coordinator of Student Support Services recognized National School District Schools for their participation with the California PBIS Coalition for implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) within their schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

**15.B. Approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) for each National School District elementary school and the District Office for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Comprehensive School Safety Plans passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**15.C. Amend agreement #CT3882 with Expatiate Communications Inc. to participate in the iTAAP software program in collaboration with the South County Special Education Local Area Plan (SELPA) and the San Joaquin County Office of Education.**

Agreement to be corrected with end date of June 30, 2022, before signature approvals.

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, amendment of agreement #CT3882 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**16. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**16.A. Approve the 2022-2023 school year work calendar.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the 2022-2023 school year work calendar passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**17. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**17.A. Presentation of the Supplement to the 2021-2022 LCAP Annual Update.**

Mr. Arik Avanesyans gave a presentation of the Supplement to the 2021-2022 LCAP Annual Update.

**17.B. Approve a one-year extension for contract #CT3563 with Cox Communications, Inc., for Telecommunications Data Circuits and Internet Services. (Exhibit A)**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of a one-year extension for contract #CT3563 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**17.C. Approve contract #CT3923 with SOL Transportation for transportation services.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3923 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**18. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Dalla thanked Ms. Isabel Silva's fifth grade students at Kimball School for their letters regarding their milk carton recycling project.

Ms. Lizarraga welcomed the new employee. She congratulated all the schools on their PBIS awards. She congratulated the nominees for CSBA Delegate. She commended Dr. Brady for launching the first Parent Roundtable that she was able to attend, and shared that there was a great parent turnout. She congratulated the Central School students for their work with the accessibility projects. She wished everyone a good night.

Ms. Gates thanked Las Palmas School for welcoming her during her recent visit. She shared details about her visit, from seeing teachers and office staff and expressed appreciation for their hard work. She congratulated all the schools on their PBIS awards. She thanked Ms. Isabel Silva's fifth grade students at Kimball School for their letters regarding their milk carton recycling project.

Ms. Sarmiento congratulated all the schools on their PBIS awards. She welcomed the new employee. She shared that there are vacancies at National City's boards and commissions and that they are seeking applicants. She also shared that National City Library is having a 100-book challenge.

Mr. Avanesyans thanked the custodial staff for the amazing job that they do. He observed how impressive it is to walk the school grounds and always see clean areas. He remarked that the motto of clean and green is truly represented at all the school sites.

Dr. Hernandez welcomed the new employee. She thanked the Transportation Department for their hard work.

Dr. Brady congratulated Trustees Betancourt-Castañeda, Gates and Lizarraga who were nominated for the CSBA Delegate Assembly and wished them good luck. She added to Trustee Dalla's comment that she also received letters from Ms. Isabel Silva's students and visited their class to learn more. She thanked Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda for attending her State of the District presentations and Trustee Lizarraga for attending the first Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Parent Roundtable. She shared that she visited Las Palmas School with Trustee Gates. She gave a special recognition to Shirley Smith, Campus Student Supervisor at El Toyon, for her leadership during Black History Month. She wished Ms. Vanessa Ceseña a happy belated birthday.

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda congratulated all the schools on their PBIS awards. She thanked Dr. Brady for inviting her to join the virtual State of the District presentations. She thanked Ms. Isabel Silva's fifth grade students at Kimball School for their letters regarding their milk carton recycling project. She welcomed the new employee. She thanked all staff for their hard work. She wished Ms. Vanessa Ceseña a happy belated birthday.

## **19. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board