

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

March 11, 2020

6:00 PM

Administrative Center

1500 "N" Avenue

National City, CA 91950

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Clerk, Brian Clapper, called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

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

Closed session was held from 4:16 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.

Board Clerk, Brian Clapper, announced that in Closed Session, the Governing Board voted unanimously to appoint Delia Arancibia as Interim Principal at Lincoln Acres until June 30, 2020.

5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

6. CALL TO ORDER

Board Clerk, Brian Clapper, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Student, Caszandra Osorio, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

8. ROLL CALL

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present:

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Mr. Brian Clapper

Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent:

Ms. Barbara Avalos

Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Mrs. Jocelyn Gomez took roll call.

9. PRESENTATIONS

9.A. Presentation by John A. Otis School students.

Students from John A. Otis School gave a presentation on various innovative ways students are developing leadership skills and contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal #11- Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Board Members, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and Maria Dalla presented each of the students with a certificate, book and bookmark.

9.B. Recognize Ms. Cynthia Godinez, John A. Otis School, as an Exceptional National School District Volunteer.

Recognized Ms. Cynthia Godinez, John A. Otis School, as an Exceptional National School District Volunteer.

Board Member, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda presented Ms. Godinez with a certificate and a District logo clock.

9.C. Recognize Ms. Gabrielle Yates, John A. Otis School, Second Grade Teacher, as National School District Employee of the Month for March 2020.

Dr. Leticia Segura, Principal, John A. Otis School, recognized Ms. Gabrielle Yates, Second Grade Teacher, as the National School District Employee of the Month for March 2020.

Board Member, Maria Dalla, presented Ms. Yates with a certificate and an engraved District pen.

9.D. Presentation on the 2020 Census.

Steven Sanchez, Principal and Christina Benson, Teacher, gave a presentation on the planned outreach efforts for the 2020 Census.

9.E. Introduce and welcome the new employees.

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

10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Rich Krudner, YMCA Camp Marston, thanked everyone for their support.

11. AGENDA

11.A. Accept agenda.

Motion Passed: Accept agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

12. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of the Consent Calendar passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

12.A. Minutes

12.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 26, 2020.

12.B. Administration

12.C. Human Resources

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

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

12.D. Educational Services

12.E. Business Services

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

13. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

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

Per consensus of the Board, item 13.A. was pulled.

Motion Passed: Vote to pull item 13.A. passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

13.B. Adopt Resolution #19-20.20 delegation of authority to enter into written agreements or written contracts under specific limitations.

Financial Impact: \$10,000 total or maximum

Expiration Date: June 30, 2020

Motion Passed: Following discussion, adoption of Resolution #19-20.20 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

14.A. Presentation on school gardens and outdoor learning spaces.

Dr. Wendy O'Connor, Olivewood Gardens & Learning Center; BCK Programs, LLC partners; staff and students; gave a presentation on outdoor learning opportunities for students.

Board Member, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda presented each of the students with a certificate of participation.

14.B. Approve the final 2019-2020 School Plan for Student Achievement for each National School District elementary school.

Motion Passed: Approval of the final 2019-2020 School Plans for Student Achievement Passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.C. Adopt Resolution #19-20.19, declaring the week of April 11 through April 17, 2020 as the "Week of the Young Child."

Motion Passed: Adoption of Resolution #19-20.19 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.D. Amend contract #CT3514 between the National School District Governing Board and The Neighborhood House Association for the purpose of providing early childhood education programs for children three and four years of age during the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Motion Passed: Vote to pull item 14.D. passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.E. Amend consultant contract #CT3568 with SWING Education to provide substitutes for certificated staff professional development for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, amendment of consultant contract #CT3568 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castaneda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.F. Approve contract #CT3716 with Miriam Nenninger Enterprises to provide parent workshops for National School District families.

This contract is not an annual cost, it will be a one-time cost for the 2019-2020 school year.

Additional staffing costs: Not to exceed \$300 total for childcare

Other costs: Not to exceed \$200 total for refreshments

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3716 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castaneda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

15. HUMAN RESOURCES

15.A. Conduct public hearing pursuant to Government Code 3547 regarding the proposal from National City Elementary Teachers Association to open negotiations with National School District for the 2020-2021 school year.

Board Clerk, Clapper opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

No speakers came forward to be heard.

Board Clerk, Clapper closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

15.B. Approve contract #CT3718 with Kathleen Filzenger for administrative support in the Student Support Services Department through the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion Passed: Approval of contract #CT3718 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

16. BUSINESS SERVICES

16.A. Discussion of interest in Solar Energy Power.

Per Board member request, item was pulled and will be brought forth at a future meeting.

16.B. Approve the Positive Certification and Budget Revisions for the Second Period Interim Financial Report as of January 31, 2020 (see Exhibit B).

Dr. Sharmila Kraft gave a presentation on the Positive Certification and Budget Revisions for the Second Period Interim Financial Report as of January 31, 2020.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of the Positive Certification and Budget Revisions for the Second Period Interim Financial Report passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

16.C. Adopt Resolution #19-20.21 to reduce expenditures in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, adoption of Resolution #19-20.21 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

16.D. Authorize the Superintendent or designee to advertise for work to be done for facility projects scheduled during June 2020 and continuing into the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion Passed: Authorization to advertise for work passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

16.E. Approve contract #CT3713 with Wilkinson, Hadley, King & Company, LLP for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 school years to perform the Annual Financial Audit, Proposition 39 Bond Audit, and Performance Audit.

Motion Passed: Approval of contract #CT3713 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

16.F. Approve contract #CT3717 with Ninyo and Moore for Geotechnical Consulting Services for the Maintenance and Operations Department.

Motion Passed: Approval of contract #CT3717 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Absent Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

17. BOARD WORKSHOP

17.A. Review and discuss suggested revisions and updates to Board Bylaws, Board Policies and Administrative Regulations (see Exhibit C).

Due to the high quantity of policies to review, Board members conducted a workshop to discuss suggestions in more detail. Policy updates discussed in this workshop will be brought forward at a subsequent Board meeting as consideration for adoption

18. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda welcomed everyone and thanked her husband for his support in being present at the meeting. She commented on all the wonderful student and staff presentations. She emphasized the importance of sharing the information for the 2020 Census to our families and community. She shared that she had the opportunity to attend a 2020 Census training with National Association of Latino Elected (NALEO). She mentioned that due to the status of the Coronavirus, we will most likely not be able to hold the National School Census Day. She welcomed the new employees and the new Director of Transportation, Ms. Candice Byerly. She wished everyone a restful and healthy Spring Break.

Ms. Dalla reiterated what Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda said regarding the student and staff presentations. She sent her love and well wishes to Dr. Brady and her husband on his recent medical emergency. She asked everyone to keep them in their prayers.

Dr. Hernandez congratulated Ms. Gabrielle Yates, on her Employee of the Month recognition. She congratulated the newly appointed Director of Transportation, Ms. Candice Byerly.

Dr. Kraft welcomed the new employees and the new Director of Transportation, Ms. Candice Byerly. She congratulated all the wonderful presentations from the students and staff. She gave an update on the Coronavirus situation, and the communication systems being used to share information with our families. She shared all the preventative measures being put in place in classrooms and within staff. She shared that the San Diego County of Education (SDCOE) continues to update the District on the Coronavirus situation almost on a daily basis.

Mr. Clapper reiterated what Ms. Dalla and Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda said regarding the student and staff presentations. He shared that he attended most Read Across America events, and read in Spanish to fourth grade students at Kimball School. He shared that Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda and himself had a wonderful visit to YMCA's Camp Marston.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Board Clerk, Brian Clapper, announced that in Closed Session, the Governing Board voted unanimously to appoint Delia Arancibia as Interim Principal at Lincoln Acres until June 30, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Clerk of the Governing Board

Secretary to the Governing Board