

NATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Minutes of the Regular Meeting GOVERNING BOARD

April 14, 2021
6:00 PM
Virtual

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Maria Dalla, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Maria Dalla, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Attendance taken at 6:05 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.

Board President, Maria Dalla, called for a moment of silence in honor of former Board Trustees, Ms. Barbara Strahan and Mr. Vince Reynolds, that recently passed away.

4. INFORMATION

4.A. Closed Session action from the March 24, 2021 Special Board Meeting.

At the Closed Session on March 24, 2021, the National School District Governing Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Arik Avanesyans as the new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services in the National School District.

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Sarah Collins, teacher, spoke regarding the Palmer Way Allstate Challenge.

Jocelyn Silva, parent, spoke regarding transportation concerns.

Lori Saldate, parent, spoke regarding Kimball's Dual Immersion Program.

Maria Huerta, parent, spoke regarding the reopening of in-person instruction.

6. AGENDA

6.A. Accept Agenda.

Motion Passed: Acceptance of the Agenda, passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

7. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Calendar passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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

7.A. Minutes

7.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 10, 2021.

7.A.II. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on March 24, 2021.

7.B. Administration

7.B.I. Approve the Quarterly Report to the San Diego County Office of Education on Williams Complaints.

7.C. Human Resources

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

7.D. Educational Services

7.D.I. Approve contract #CT3808 with Functional Integrated Therapeutic Services to provide an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for student #3711425.

7.D.II. Approve contract #CT3809 with El Paseo Children's Center to provide an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for student #3711425.

7.E. Business Services

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

8. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

8.A. Updates and discussion on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Dr. Brady led a discussion detailing how the District is navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. She shared current case rates in San Diego county, as well as National City (91950); vaccination progress; parent survey results; hybrid schedule details; and hybrid Board meetings. In-person recognitions, sixth grade promotion, and summer programming were also discussed.

The Governing Board's direction was to reopen school for hybrid instruction on May 10, 2021*.

*4-1, Trustee Sarmiento not in favor.

9. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

9.A. Report on Integrity Charter School renewal petition. (Exhibit B)

Dr. Kraft shared a report on Integrity Charter School renewal petition.

9.B. Approve participation in NCPromise Neighborhood Grant.

Motion Passed: Approval for participation in the NCPromise Neighborhood Grant 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

At 8:38 p.m. Board President Dalla called a brief recess.

At 8:44 p.m., Board President Dalla reconvened the meeting.

9.C. Accept Title I District Parent and Family Engagement Policy for the National School District (NSD).

Motion Passed: Acceptance of Title I District Parent and Family Engagement Policy for the National School District (NSD) passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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

9.D. Approve the purchase of a digital subscription for Panorama Education for all National School District (NSD) sites from April 2021 through June 2022.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval for the purchase of a digital subscription for Panorama Education for all National School District (NSD) sites 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

9.E. Amend contract #CT3756 between the National School District (NSD) Governing Board and Neighborhood House Association for the purpose of providing early childhood education programs for children three and four years of age during the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, amendment of contract #CT3756 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
Yes Ms. Michelle Gates
Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

9.F. Amend the financial impact for contract #CT3767 with SWING Education to provide substitute and tutoring services for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, amendment of the financial impact for contract #CT3767 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda 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

9.G. Approve contract #CT3806 with Blindspot Collective to provide services for Lincoln Acres School for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3806 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Abstain Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

9.H. Approve contract #CT3811 with San Diego Guild of Puppetry to provide a seven week online puppet theater residency for Palmer Way School for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion Passed: Approval of contract #CT3811 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda 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

9.I. Approve contracts #CT3813 through #CT3818 with the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools Office of Education to provide Outdoor Education's Virtually Camp Cuyamaca: An Outdoor School Experience for sixth grade students in the National School District (NSD) during May-June 2021.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of contracts #CT3813 through #CT3818 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates 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

10. HUMAN RESOURCES

10.A. Adopt the 2021-2022 school year work calendar.

Motion Passed: Adoption of the 2021-2022 school year work calendar passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda 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

10.B. Approve new Employment Agreement with Arik Avanesyans, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of the new Employment Agreement with Arik Avanesyans, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
Yes Ms. Michelle Gates
Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

10.C. Approve contract #CT3822 with the Trustees of the California State University on behalf of San Diego State University and National School District (NSD) from April 15, 2021-June 30, 2025 for Student Teaching Practices.

Motion Passed: Approval of contract #CT3822 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
Yes Ms. Michelle Gates
Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

11. BUSINESS SERVICES

11.A. Award contract #CT3820 for Bid #20-21-195 to ACCI Roofing Services for Roofing Repair and Replacement on Modular Buildings.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, award contract #CT3820 passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
Yes Ms. Michelle Gates
Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

11.B. Award contract #CT3821 for Bid #20-21-196 to Jackson & Blanc for Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) Replacement on Modular Buildings.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, award contract #CT3821 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
Yes Ms. Michelle Gates
Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

11.C. Accept gifts.

Motion Passed: Acceptance of gifts passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda 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

12. BOARD WORKSHOP

12.A. Review and discuss suggested revisions and updates to Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits. (Exhibit C)

Board members conducted a workshop to discuss suggestions in more detail.

13. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda thanked all those present at the meeting and her colleagues for the important discussions. She welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District family. She wished everyone a goodnight.

Ms. Gates commended all classified employees, especially for the work that has been done to prepare the facilities. She shared how excited she is for the return to in-person instruction. She commented on the great work that Blindspot Collective and Catherine Hanna Schrock do with the performance of "Safa's Story." She thanked staff for bringing forth the NCPromise Neighborhood Grant. She congratulated the Employees of the Year, Amy Wert and Joel Mendoza.

Ms. Lizarraga thanked all those present at the meeting and reminisced of the times she attended Board meetings in-person. She commented on how great it is to have a consensus to reopen for in-person instruction. She shared that the decision made was for the best of the children and knows they will be excited to hear the news. She expressed that although this would be another challenge, children are resilient. She welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District family. She wished everyone a goodnight.

Ms. Sarmiento welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District family. She asked staff a question regarding parent choices for distance learning.

Dr. Hernandez welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District family. She wished everyone a goodnight.

Dr. Kraft welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District family. She thanked all for a great evening and wished everyone a goodnight.

Dr. Brady congratulated Mr. Arik Avanesyans for his appointment as the new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. She reminded the Board of the upcoming virtual Special Board meeting on April 26, 2021, and that the Regular Board meeting of April 28, 2021 is scheduled for in-person. She congratulated the Employees of the Year, Amy Wert and Joel Mendoza.

Ms. Dalla welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District family. She shared that she is looking forward to the reopening day of May 10, 2021 and is excited for the students. She wished everyone a goodnight.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Board President, Maria Dalla, adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Clerk of the Governing Board

Secretary to the Governing Board