



# Nogales Unified School District #1

**Nogales Unified School District No. 1  
6-12 Textbook Adoption Committee  
Minutes of the April 19, 2024, regular meeting, held at 8:30 a.m.**

**Attendance:**

Luke Brannen, Frank Gilvin, Christopher Miranda, Andre Chamberlain, Abraham Sanchez, Bea Ainza, Benjamin Preleski, Hugo Luna, Patricia Moore, Aissa Bonillas, Mark Kinsey, and Nidia Contreras

**I. Opening of Meeting:**

- a. Call to Order - Mark Kinsey called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
- b. Adoption of Agenda - Mrs. Bonillas recommended that the agenda be approved. All approved the agenda of the committee members.

**II. Welcome & Introductions:** Mr. Mark Kinsey and Ms. Nidia Contreras welcomed everyone and had the members introduce themselves.

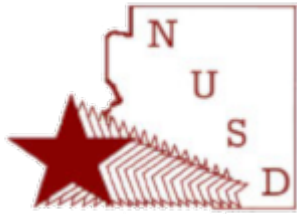
**III. Review of Response for Proposals:**

The meeting began at 8:30am with no members from the community or others besides the committee members being present. No community members came in during the time of the meeting which had been posted as a public meeting. In addition, during the 60-day public viewing, there were no public comments regarding the materials that were on display in the District. Multiple district teachers provided input on the texts and this was reviewed during the evaluation. The meeting ended at approximately 1:30pm with a consensus recommendation of award to one primary publisher with three additional publishers being awarded one to two subject textbooks in the area of Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

**IV. Timeline:**

Over the past month, the committee carefully reviewed the vendor supplied textbook materials for both student and teacher editions for the FIVE shortlisted vendors. In addition, the committee looked at the online digital platforms of teacher and student materials provided by each vendor. Nearly all vendors had their same student and teacher materials on their online platforms with the exception of Imagine Learning and at a couple AP courses which did not have printed student edition textbooks, but had full online versions. The committee scored each publisher appropriately based on materials provided. The vendors being considered are Imagine Learning, McGraw Hill, McMillian Bedford, Perfection Learning, and Savvas Learning,

After careful review of all materials and professional development offered, the committee, which was made up of multiple grade 6-12 teachers and administrator members, stated that only one vendor clearly met and in several areas exceeded their expectations for Social Studies materials with the exception of AP courses. Of important note is that the top ranked vendors have



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transitioned from calling their student materials textbooks to calling them an "Activity Journal" or other similar wording.

The materials for the highest ranked vendor more clearly demonstrated in textbook and digital platforms the knowledge content required for basic Social Studies in grades 6-12. All of their documentation met AZ Standards of 2018 which were included in the solicitation for these materials and were the most identifiable in their digital platform. As part of overall scoring, costs were considered and this vendor had 2nd lowest pricing for materials for majority of course offerings. The price difference was not considered significant between them and the lowest priced publisher.

This publisher name will remain Confidential as the District will work to get a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) response from each of the four vendors that might reduce costs for materials, more definitive pricing for Professional Development, and shipping of materials. The District should be in a good position with the primary awardee given the fact that only one vendor is being selected for all the majority of Grade 6-12 curriculum with the exception of AP courses. Other BAFO requests will be to get a formal updated price quote with a valid purchase date through July 1, 2024.

Pending an acceptable BAFO response from the vendor, the committee will make a recommendation to the Governing Board for Adoption of Textbook Materials and award of a five-year contract to a single vendor. All results remain Confidential during this period of time. All Evaluation Committee members provided electronic scoring which supported the unanimous decision and certified that they have no conflicts of interest in their participation in this evaluation and award.

V. **Questions:** Mr. Kinsey and Ms. Contreras answered questions.

VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



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