



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2022, held at 4:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Robert Rojas, President, Manuel Ruiz, Clerk; Members, Marcelino Varona, Jr., Greg Lucero and Cesar A. Lopez

a. Call to Order

Mr. Rojas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Brad Beach, PHS teacher, led all in the Pledge.

* At this time, Dr. Varona requested a point of order to offer the sympathy of the Board for the passing of Ms. Darla Jay a former employee of NUSD to her son and family. He mentioned some of the highlights of Ms. Jay's career during her tenure at NUSD.

Mr. Rojas, on behalf of NUSD, offered its condolences to the family.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Lopez made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Lopez, Varona, Lucero, Ruiz, and Rojas

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of September 12, September 22, and October 3, 2022

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lopez for approval.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Ruiz, Lopez, Varona, Lucero, and Rojas

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

a. Superintendent Report – Discussion, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

1. Superintendent Updates

Superintendent Canto reported that with the collaboration of the District Team and Ms. Bonillas up front, the District had applied for a grant from the School Violence Prevention Grant and had received \$186,616, which is to be used for cameras in the elementary schools.

2. 40th Day Enrollment Update – Judith Mendoza-Jimenez

Superintendent Canto gave a brief update and introduced Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez to give a presentation.

Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez gave a Power Point presentation stating that the total attendance in the 40th day of school was 5,724.

Ms. Canto mentioned they would continue to share the numbers with a presentation at the 100th day of school.

Mr. Lopez asked for clarification of the Kinder/Senior grade attendance and the online attendance.

Ms. Jimenez clarified the numbers for Mr. Lopez.

Dr. Varona made comments that the District was heading in the right direction with students being attracted to the District's academic programs.

Mr. Rojas thanked Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez for a great presentation.

3. NHS - Frank Reed Road Construction Traffic Update

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and introduced Mr. Juan Guerra and Mr. Juan Zamora to give an update.

Mr. Juan Guerra, City Engineer, gave a Power Point presentation explaining where the construction is right now and where it is going, and the cost applied so far.

Mr. Juan Zamora of Inova, gave an overview of the sidewalks

Mr. Lucero asked a question regarding speedbumps being part of the construction. Mr. Zamora clarified it would be included as part of the construction.

Mr. Lucero further mentioned that he had observed there were no traffic signs and the road seemed narrower than its original width. He inquired if it had caused any problems with the residents and if they were prepared to deal with any situation.

Mr. Guerra explained that the changes they would be making should be satisfactory and further the street should be the correct width once the project is finished.

Dr. Varona mentioned he had attended the football game this past Friday and spoke to several people in the area to see how they were being affected, and no

one had anything negative to say; therefore, he was happy to hear they were doing a great job.

Mr. Rojas thanked the City of doing an excellent job.

Superintendent Canto thanked Mr. Guerra and Mr. Zamora for doing a great job.

4. Division of School Facilities (DSF) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Funding Update

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and thanked Mr. Islas for their collaboration and doing a good job.

Dr. Varona was glad to hear this information was being shared with the community.

Mr. Lucero and Mr. Ruiz concurred.

5. Santa Cruz County Boys & Girls Club Red Ribbon Luncheon

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the event mentioning the organizations involved and the schools who would be participating.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mr. Ruiz asked when Rio Rico Board Member John Hay's services would take place and spoke about some of Mr. Hay's special traits during his tenure working at the County. He further offered his thoughts and prayers for the Hay's family.

Superintendent Canto stated it would take place October 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Rio Rico High School.

Mr. Lucero mentioned that Mr. Ruiz, Joshua Ruben representing Maquila Association, and himself, attended a State Legislative International Fairs Committee, hosting a delegation from Germany. He mentioned some of the highlights that were discussed after the presentation that involved Nogales.

Dr. Varona mentioned that Mr. Lucero would fit as great lobbyist for NUSD.

Dr. Varona congratulated Mr. Colgate for the band's uniforms going back to maroon, the school color, and stated they did a great job.

He congratulated Welty School for receiving their \$30,000 grant and being the only school to highlight Kiki Camarena on their principal's report.

He mentioned the highlights of all the school reports provided and congratulated the principals for doing a great job.

He reported he had attended and judged the Santa Cruz County Fair along with Dr. Montiel, Superintendent Canto and Ms. Scott and mentioned there was a lot of good talent at Nogales High School highlighting the names of the students with the best artwork for the record.

He concluded by mentioning that he was hoping next year more administrations were involved in this great event.

Mr. Rojas reported he attended the ASBA County Meeting in Patagonia, and was up for a position as Santa Cruz County directorship and added that he was fortunate to have the support from his colleagues Dr. Varona and Cesar Lopez and mentioned for the record the names of the administrators and principals who also attended.

He mentioned he attended the NHS Homecoming and stated that all floats were great. He thanked Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez for inviting him to the senior's bonfire, pep assembly, and thanked her for taking the time to take him. He stated it had been a great event. He further reported he had attended the Student of the Month at WCMS and thanked Mr. Gilvin for always taking the time inviting him, adding that it was a very positive event. He also mentioned he had attended WCMS Parent Conferences and they were well organized, and he had heard great comments from the parents around the school. He further mentioned the he attended the Honor Roll at WCMS and was a great event. He stated he was very happy to be part of the NUSD Governing Board.

Dr. Varona mentioned that he was unable to attend the Tucson Symphony due to health issues with his wife, but had heard very good feedback from a 2000 NHS graduate, Sergio Mendoza, who played with the symphony and was happy to hear he was doing an excellent job.

IV. Call to the Public

Jose Valenzuela thanked the administration for their support and for the FMLA.

V. Presentation and Discussion

a. Spring 2022 District and School AASA/ACT Data Results and School Improvement Strategies

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and introduced Asst. Superintendent Bonillas to give a presentation.

1. NUSD Secondary Overview Part II – Aissa Bonillas, Asst. Superintendent

Ms. Bonillas gave a Power Point presentation and overview of the secondary level.

Dr. Varona made a comment that there was still lack in making up the time lost.

Ms. Canto clarified on his comment of "time lost".

Dr. Varona recommended that the best person for good interpretation of the data would be Ms. Scott and suggested that principals ask for her advice.

Mr. Lucero spoke regarding the big gap there is around the state.

Mr. Lopez thanked Ms. Bonillas and agreed with his colleagues. He mentioned he had big hopes to increase the data and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Ruiz stated that there was light at the end of the tunnel. He mentioned that Ms. Canto, Ms. Bonillas & Administrators are doing a great job

with the lesson plans and had hopes of improving soon.

Mr. Rojas thank Ms. Bonillas for a great report.

2. Desert Shadows Middle School – Christopher Miranda, Principal

Superintendent Canto introduced Christopher Miranda to give a presentation.

Mr. Miranda gave a Power Point presentation on an overview of the data and school action plan.

The Governing Board made comments on the subject and Mr. Miranda and Superintendent Canto clarified all inquiries and concerns.

The Governing Board thanked him for his presentation.

3. Wade Carpenter Middle School – Frank Gilvin, Principal

Superintendent Canto introduced Mr. Gilvin to give a presentation.

Mr. Gilvin gave a Power Point presentation on an overview of the data and school action plan.

The Governing Board made comments on the subject and Mr. Gilvin and Superintendent Canto clarified all inquiries and concerns.

Mr. Lucero made comments regarding the two middle schools having a gap performance.

Superintendent Canto mentioned the administration was aware of the performance gap and are working in plan implementation to address areas of challenge.

Mr. Rojas thanked Mr. Gilvin for a good report.

4. Pierson High School – Lillian Bernal, Principal

Superintendent Canto introduced Ms. Lillian Bernal to give her presentation.

Ms. Bernal gave a Power Point presentation on an overview of the data and school.

Mr. Rojas thanked her for a job well done.

5. Nogales High School – Tim Colgate, Principal

Superintendent Canto introduced Mr. Tim Colgate to give a report.

Mr. Colgate gave a Power Point presentation on an overview of the data and school action plan.

The Governing Board made comments on the subject and Superintendent Canto clarified all inquiries and concerns.

Mr. Lucero asked regarding obtaining County data.

Mr. Ruiz concurred with Mr. Lucero.

Ms. Canto clarified that the data had not been publicly released yet.

Closing arguments:

The Governing Board made closing arguments and stated their concerns and expectations for NUSD.

Superintendent Canto clarified the Board's concerns.

6. AJ Mitchell District Support Plan – Aissa Bonillas, Asst. Superintendent

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and introduced Asst. Superintendent Bonillas to give a presentation.

Ms. Bonillas gave a Power Point presentation and mentioned that Ms. Lizet Jimenez and she would be meeting with Mr. Wong to help him with the challenges he is having.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned they had come up with a good plan and agreed with their plan.

Mr. Lucero mentioned he liked the effort of making the parents a part of this solution, and he liked the focus on the IB from primary years, further, he was looking forward to things improving dramatically.

Mr. Lopez concurred with Mr. Lucero and Mr. Ruiz.

Dr. Varona asked Mr. Wong to give his thoughts to the Board.

Mr. Wong mentioned that this action plan was a good plan and he accepted it.

Dr. Varona mentioned he concurred with Mr. Lucero on the IB programs starting at an early age.

He mentioned that prior Board Member Barbara Mendoza had originally started with this idea back when she was on the Board.

He further mentioned that Ms. Jimenez had put a lot of effort into these programs as well, and she deserved a stipend.

Mr. Rojas made comments on all the hard work the teachers, principals and Ms. Jimenez had done.

He thanked Ms. Jimenez for her assistance and help.

He thanked Ms. Bonillas for an excellent report.

Mr. Rojas asked for a point of order to take a 10 minutes recess at 6:46 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm

VI. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lucero for approval as presented to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Ruiz, Lucero, Varona, Lopez, and Rojas

- a. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers
- b. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- c. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- d. Approval of Donation by Thunderbirds Foundation (\$1,000 for Girl's Golf Team)
- e. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (Apache Jazz Ensemble)
- f. Approval & Acceptance of Division of School Facilities (DSF) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Funding for Challenger Elementary Intercom Bell Upgrades Project
- g. Approval of Out of State Travel for the Nogales High School FBLA Chapter to attend the 2022 National Fall Leadership Conference in Orlando, FL on Nov. 16-20, 2022
- h. Approval of Sub Award Agreement with the Arizona Board of Regents, University of Arizona for FY22-23
- i. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office for the Elementary Robotics Afterschool Program FY22-23
- j. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) – THE South 32 Hermosa Project – She Will Connect Technolochicas Lift Initiative – Agreement for SY22-23
- k. Approval of Personnel Agenda

VII. Discussion Item

- a. Evaluation of School Board/Board Self Evaluation

Dr. Varona made a motion to table this item, and he suggested to have a special meeting to continue this item. Mr. Ruiz seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously
Varona, Ruiz, Lucero, Lopez, and Rojas

VIII. Action Item

- a. Approval of Classroom Site Fund (CSF) Performance Pay Plan for School Year 2022-2023

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and explained the teachers were in favor of this plan.

Dr. Varona made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lopez for approval.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Varona, Lopez, Lucero, Ruiz, and Rojas

b. Second Read and Approval of August and September 2022 Policy Advisories from Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for Recommendation of Policy Changes to: Policy JRR – Student Surveys, (New) Regulation JRR-R – Student Surveys, Policy KI – Visitors to Schools, Regulation KI – R Visitors to Schools, (New) Exhibit KI – E Visitors to Schools, Policy KB – Parental Involvement in Education, Regulation KB-R – Parental Involvement in Education, Exhibit KB-E – Parental Involvement in Education, Policy IHAMB – Family Life Education, Regulation IHAMB-R – Family Life Education, Policy JLCB – Immunizations of Students, Regulation JLCB-R – Immunizations of Students, Exhibit JLCB-E – Immunizations of Students, Policy JLCC- Communicable Infectious Diseases, Policy GBGCB – Staff Health and Safety, Policy DIA – Accounting System, Policy IHA – Basic Instructional Program, Policy JLDA – School Counselors and Psychologists, Policy JICFA – Hazing, Exhibit JICFA-EB – Hazing, Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements, (New) Policy JJIA - Intramural Sports, Policy JJIB – Interscholastic Sports, Regulation JJIB-R – Interscholastic Sports, Policy EE – Transportation Services, Policy EEAEA – Bus Driver Requirements, Training, and Responsibilities, Policy JF – Student Admissions, Policy IJL – Library Materials Selection and Adoption, Regulation IJL-R – Library Materials Selection and Adoption, Policy IJNC – Resource Centers/Media Centers/School Libraries, (New) Regulation IJNC-R – Resource Centers/Media Centers/School Libraries, (New) Exhibit IJNC-E – Resource Centers/Media Centers/School Libraries, Policy IMD – School Ceremonies and Observances, and Policy IMB – Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and mentioned this was the second read presented for Board approval.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lucero for approval as presented.

Dr. Varona stated his objection on several items that had to do with immunizations. He mentioned he saw a documentary of a doctor stating schools should not need to make immunizations obligatory and other sensitive items schools need to be careful with, but that he approved the policies.

Motion carried unanimously by members:
Ruiz, Lucero, Lopez, Varona, and Rojas


IX. Adjournment of the Study Session

Mr. Lopez made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Ruiz for adjournment of the public meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Session adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD



Robert S. Rojas President

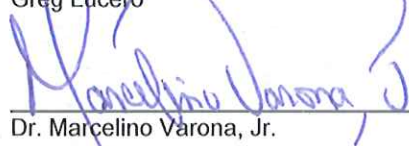
Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
November 14, 2022



Manny Ruiz Clerk



Greg Lucero Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member



Cesar A. Lopez Member

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