



## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2022 held at 4:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

**The following Board Members were present:**

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

a. Call to Order

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Varona led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Study Session and Regular Minutes of November 14, 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, Lucero, Varona, and Rojas

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Superintendent Updates

Superintendent Canto gave a brief update on what is happening at the State with the Legislatures and the likelihood of budget cuts.

2. White Elephant Donations to NUSD

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the moneys donated from the White Elephant Organization to the schools and to NUSD.

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

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview to the Board.

4. A for Arizona Playbook Series Video

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview mentioning that NUSD had been selected to participate.

5. City of Nogales Christmas Light Parade Awardees

- A.J. Mitchell Elementary School, 1st Place
- Fco. Vasquez de Coronado Elementary School, 2nd Place
- Lincoln Elementary School, 3rd Place

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the event, mentioning it was a wonderful event with great entries leaving three of NUSD school taking first, second and third place. She mentioned it had been a great parade and she was very proud of all the schools for their participation.

6. Donation of Jackets from 1st Bank Yuma

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and mentioned that in cooperation with Human Resources staff member Alma Trujillo this donation was possible and thanked the bank for their generosity.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Dr. Varona reported he visited the technology Special Ed classroom at the schools and he was a very impressed with everything, especially with the capability of the students to use the technology.

He congratulated Judith Mendoza-Jimenez for the implementation of the technology, adding it was very important.

He further reported he attended a couple of high school games against Rio Rico and they had been very competitive and interesting.

He also attended the Cheerleading extravaganza, which was a very well attended event by the supporters of the community.

He concluded by reporting he had attended the Lion's Club Manny Montañó clothing project for NUSD elementary students and it had been a very nice learning experience in helping over 80 students from these schools.

Mr. Lopez reported he attended the Gov. Board Retreat and they had discussed very valuable business and thanked the administrators and Superintendent for doing a good job. He further mentioned he had also met Ms. Muñozcano, the new upcoming board member, at the retreat.

He reported he has been visiting PHS through the Seeds Farm Project and everyone at the school has made him feel very welcomed. He thanked Lillian Plazola and Ms. Monica Delgado Cooper for their help.

He further mentioned he also was invited to NHS by Ms. Millie Fontes to visit the CTE Program and was impressed to see that both programs at PHS & NHS were very inspirational and the students' vibes and ambiance were very positive.

He mentioned some of the highlights of his visit.

Mr. Lucero reported he attended the Board Retreat and mentioned some of the highlights that were discussed. He thanked Superintendent Canto and the administration for a good retreat.

He concluded by mentioning that part of the discussion was on the possibility of the District having a budget cut of up to 7.5 million and the possibilities of elimination of positions this might bring.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Superintendent Canto for a good retreat.

He stated it had been a pleasure to meet the incoming board member, Ms. Muñozcano, and that he was looking forward to working with her.

He concluded by mentioning that today marked 200 years ago that the United States established diplomacy with Mexico and Canada, two great countries.

Mr. Rojas thanked the Board for doing a great job with their reports and echoed all colleagues' reports.

#### IV. Call to the Public

There was no call to the public.

#### V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Lopez made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Ruiz for approval as presented to the Board. Mr. Ruiz added his request to send thank you letters to all donators.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Lopez, Ruiz, Lucero, Varona, and Rojas

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- c. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers
- d. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (Challenger PTA)
- e. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (Mary Welty PTC)
- f. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations ( Bracker PTC)
- g. Approval of Donation by ASBAIT (Jessica Coffey) (\$1,125 for employee health and wellness incentives, activities, and programs)
- h. Approval of Donation by Alicia Moreno (\$1,000 to NHS Girls Basketball)
- i. Approval of Donation by Kyle and Maritza Pottinger (\$1,000 to NHS Boys Basketball)
- j. Approval of Donation by 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Yuma (Lorraine Young) (\$2,150 to NUSD to be used to help the students in the community)
- k. Approval of Donation by County White Elephant (Judy Barkley) (\$17,000 for NUSD-District Office to be used as incentives for students and faculty)
- l. Approval of Donation by County White Elephant (Judy Barkley) (\$20,000 for NHS to be used as incentives for students and faculty)
- m. Approval of Donation by County White Elephant (Judy Barkley) (\$13,500 for PHS to be used as incentives for students and faculty)
- n. Approval of Donation by County White Elephant (Judy Barkley) (\$12,000 for DSMS to be used as incentives for students and faculty)
- o. Approval of Donation by County White Elephant (Judy Barkley) (\$9,000 for WCMS to be used as incentives for students and faculty)

- p. Approval of Donation by County White Elephant (Judy Barkley) (\$10,000 for Welty Elementary to be used as incentives for students and faculty)
- q. Approval of Donation by County White Elephant (Judy Barkley) (\$20,000 for Coronado Elementary to be used as incentives for students and faculty)
- r. Approval of Donation by County White Elephant (Judy Barkley) (\$12,000 for Lincoln Elementary to be used as incentives for students and faculty)
- s. Approval of Donation by County White Elephant (Judy Barkley) (\$11,400 for A.J. Mitchell Elementary to be used as incentives for students and faculty)
- t. Approval of Donation by County White Elephant (Judy Barkley) (\$7,000 for Bracker Elementary to be used as incentives for students and faculty)
- u. Approval of the Santa Cruz School Superintendent's Office - Memorandum of Understanding for the FY2023 MetroMatematicas - Six Sigma Program
- v. Approval of the FY2023-2024 Memorandum of Understanding for the Purpose of Implementing the Invest in Our Youth Project (IIOYP)
- w. Approval of the FY2023 Intergovernmental Agreement with Santa Cruz School Superintendent for the College Career Readiness and Educational Opportunities (C-CREO) Program
- x. Approval & Acceptance of Division of School Facilities (DSF) Building Renewal Grant (BRG) Funding for BRG Procurement Services (PHS Project)
- y. Approval of Fixed Asset Disposals/Transfers
- z. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- aa. Approval of Addenda

**VI. Action**

- a. Approval of Superintendent Contract

Mr. Rojas made a motion for approval including the language specified by the attorney and was seconded by Mr. Lopez for approval.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned all was in order as previously requested and agreed by the Board and the Superintendent.

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

- b. Approval of Revision of Teacher and Principal Evaluation Data

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview

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

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

**VII. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action**

- a. Suspension of Governing Board Policy BGB Policy Adoption for Amendment and Approval of Policy and Regulation BEDB – Agenda

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and recommended approval as presented. Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lopez for approval as presented to the Board.

Dr. Varona stated he had asked to place this item on the agenda. He expressed the importance to have the Call to the Public at all meetings and the special requests in order to keep the board more accountable to the public.

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

**VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

Dr. Varona asked that dialogue of a bond to be discussed in early January/February.

Mr. Lopez asked for the possibility to visit the capitol at some point and meet with our representatives.

**IX. Adjournment**

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

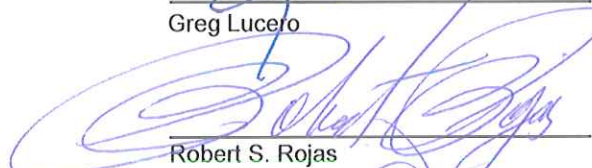
Motion carried unanimously by members:

**Session adjourned at 4:35 p.m.**

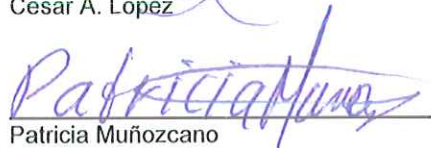
**APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

 \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Manny Ruiz

 \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
Greg Lucero

 \_\_\_\_\_ Member  
Robert S. Rojas

 \_\_\_\_\_ Member  
Cesar A. Lopez

 \_\_\_\_\_ Member  
Patricia Muñozcano

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
January 23, 2023

(For exact statements made during the Board Meeting, you may request a copy of the DVD)