



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021 held at 4:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

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

a. Call to Order

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Frederick led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Ruiz, Rojas, Lopez, Varona and Lucero

II. Approval of the Governing Board Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2021

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Ruiz, Lopez, Varona and Lucero

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

Superintendent Parra reported that the Board was attending a JTED meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in Tucson.

He reported good attendance at the clinic at NHS where families were being tested for Covid and NUSD would also be participating with Health Department next week.

He further reported that a vaccine clinic was posted for last week at the high school together with Mariposa Health Clinic and there would be another one next week.

He furthermore reported that about three hundred (300) of the general public were vaccinated, but it had been generally posted for student and their families.

He concluded by reporting that NUSD had 5,471 in-person students registered plus 116 online students.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mr. Ruiz reported he had attended the Teacher of the Year Banquet in Tubac and congratulated all the teachers who participated.

He also reported he had visited NHS and had met the new JROTC Lieutenant Colonel and the new Librarian.

Dr. Varona reported he had attended the Annual AASBO Conference held July 21-24, 2021. He mentioned he together with Mr. Rojas, attended a one day conference where they assisted a FMLA presentation by Ms. Mayra Zuñiga, HR Director. He added Ms. Zuniga took over the presentation doing a great job, even with two attorneys strong in the field present. He mentioned that comments made around the room were very positive.

IV. Call to the Public

Mr. Frederic talked about carry forward and IBN.

He further mentioned Ms. Jennifer Toombs was the new PEN President.

Sergio Valdez spoke about problems in the education system and the need of more accountability.

V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Ruiz, Rojas, Varona, Lopez and Lucero

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Adoption of FY22 Resolution: Student Activity Treasurers
- c. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary

VI. Action

- a. Approval of Qualifications and Selection Procedure for Superintendent by Governing Board

Superintendent Parra turned it over to Mayra Zuñiga, HR Director.

Ms. Zuniga gave an overview of the statutory procedure.

Mr. Lucero mentioned he had discussed with Ms. Zuñiga the timelines for an internal search.

Dr. Varona suggested the continuance to instruct Ms. Zuñiga to follow the guidelines to do the internal search.

Mr. Lucero asked if everyone was good with the direction and the Board agreed.

Ms. Zuniga stated the proposed timelines for the Board.

The Board discussed the condensation of the internal search in order to have enough time to do an external search, in case internal candidate were not found. They further discussed the internal process and criteria in the search.

Mr. Ruiz directed Ms. Zuñiga to use the criteria for the internal recruitment ending September 13, 2021, making a motion and was seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval.

Ms. Zuniga read the qualifications for the record.

Dr. Varona concurred with the job requirements described.

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

Dr. Varona stated his suggestions as to the screening procedure to appoint a committee, including people from the community.

Mr. Lucero mentioned there would be discussion on that matter at the September 13, 2021 meeting.

Ms. Zuñiga added she would have a follow up at the next meeting.

Ms. Lopez asked if there would be possible special meetings needed.

Mr. Lucero stated they would be scheduled if needed.

Mr. Rojas mentioned he was comfortable with Ms. Zuñiga's recommendations.

b. Approval of 2021-2022 Board Governance Goals

Mr. Rojas stated he was in agreement with the goals.

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

Dr. Varona mentioned for the record that this item was discussed extensively during the retreat.

He made a few comments highlighting item #3 of the goals.

Superintendent Parra clarified that these goals have been in place for a while and the Board has been reviewing and modifying the goals as needed.

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

c. Approval of 2021-2022 Governing Board Goals

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and mentioned that adjustments had been done accordingly.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion reading the Goals for the record, and was seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval.

Dr. Varona made the observation for acronyms to be spelled out in the Goals for the public's clarification. He further clarified to the public the steps the Board follows in order to come out with the final goals selection.

Mr. Lucero highlighted for the record that the Board works as a whole and not as a one-person Board.

Mr. Rojas made comments regarding his personal struggles with his education and the importance to have Board goals.

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

- d. Approval of a Parental Request for a Student Enrolled in an Arizona Online Charter School (Arizona Virtual Academy) to Try Out for Interscholastic Athletics and Activities for the 2021-2022 School Year at Nogales High School (Please See Attachments Arizona Interscholastic Association- Article 15)

Superintendent Parra mentioned that the background information in this matter had been provided to the Board. He further stated that the only way the student can participate is for the Board to allow it with their vote.

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

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

VII. Information and Discussion

- a. FY21-22 NUSD Instructional Time Model

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Assistant Superintendent Angel Canto to give a presentation.

Assistant Superintendent Canto gave a Power Point presentation.

Mr. Lucero asked if this would be brought up for the Board's action at the next meeting.

Ms. Canto confirmed it would.

Mr. Ruiz made a recommendation to place it on the website for parents and community viewing.

Dr. Varona asked if anything was being done for students facing short/long term suspension and/or if students needed to be sick to qualify for the program.

Superintendent Parra clarified his concern and mentioned that for regular disciplinary the District was following the same policy/procedures as in school suspensions providing their homework and anything else needed.

Mr. Lucero congratulated Ms. Canto for a job well done.

VIII. Information, Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Discussion and Possible Action with respect to Official Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the Arizona School Boards Association Delegate Assembly FY22

Dr. Varona made a motion nominating Mr. Rojas as the Delegate and Mr. Ruiz as the Alternate.

Mr. Ruiz excused himself for not being available to serve as the Alternate.

Mr. Ruiz nominated Mr. Lopez.

Mr. Lopez excused himself as well for a present conflict to attend the Delegate Assembly.

After discussion by the Board, Mr. Ruiz seconded Dr. Varona's motion nominating Mr. Rojas and having only a Delegate with no Alternate for FY22.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Varona, Ruiz, Rojas, Lopez and Lucero

*At this time at Dr. Varona's request, Mr. Lucero returned to Governing Board Reports. Dr. Varona talked about other opportunities JTED offers to individual students who do not attend college and make them successful.

IX. Requests for Future Agenda Items

No requests

X. Adjournment of the Study Session

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Ruiz, Rojas, Lopez, Varona and Lucero

Session adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Not Present President
Greg Lucero

[Signature] Clerk
Robert S. Rojas

[Signature] Member
Manny Ruiz

[Signature] Member
Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.

Not Present to vote Member
Cesar A. Lopez

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
September 13, 2021

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