

## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of January 27, 2020 held at 4:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

**The following Board Members were present:**

Manuel Ruiz, President, Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., Clerk; Members Barbara Mendoza, Greg Lucero and Robert Rojas

a. Call to Order

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent, Fernando Parra, led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Mendoza, Lucero, Varona, Rojas and Ruiz

d. Organization of the Board

1. Election of Board President

Mr. Lucero nominated Dr. Varona to serve as the Governing Board President for Calendar Year 2020 and was seconded by Mr. Ruiz.

Dr. Varona accepted the nomination

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Lucero, Ruiz, Mendoza and Rojas

2. Election of Board Clerk

Mr. Ruiz nominated Mr. Lucero to serve as the next Governing Board Clerk for calendar year 2020 and was seconded by Dr. Varona.

Mr. Lucero accepted the nomination.

Mr. Rojas asked about the guidelines for rotation to serve as Board president and Clerk.

President Varona explained some of the subjects discussed at the recently attended Bolts Training and explained how the rotation of Board President and Clerk at NUSD runs.

Mr. Rojas mentioned his concerns and his understanding of rotation.

Mr. Ruiz clarified that this Board is fair and open on their rotation of members.

Mrs. Mendoza added that during the time she served as Board President, she had the full support of the Board and the administration, and was pleased with the way the rotation worked because she was certain everyone gets the opportunity to serve.

Dr. Varona clarified that if Mr. Lucero would have rejected the nomination Mr. Rojas would have been the next in line.

Mr. Rojas added a few more comments of his concern.

Motion carried unanimously by members:  
Varona, Ruiz, Mendoza and Rojas

II. Approval of the Study Session and Regular Governing Board Minutes of December 9, 2019

Superintendent Parra 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, Mendoza, Rojas and Varona

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Follow Up – ASBA/ASA Annual Conference December 2019 and the December 2019 Governing Board Retreat

Superintendent Parra thanked the Board members for attending the annual conference and the Board Retreat.

2. Governing Board Summer Retreat Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Superintendent Parra confirmed the date and time of the summer retreat to the Board.

3. District Administration (DA) Superintendent Summit/Training January 2020

Superintendent Parra reported to the Board that he had attended the Superintendent Summit in Tucson, which had been by invitation only. That he had the pleasure of sharing comments with seventy other superintendents from throughout the nation, and it had been an excellent event.

4. Update – “BOLTS Leadership Workshop” Conference Friday, January 24, 2020

Superintendent Parra thanked Dr. Varona, Mr. Rojas and the Administration for attending the BOLTS Workshop and mentioned some of the highlights of the sessions.

He further mentioned that they had the opportunity to share with the other district the strategic goals, the objectives made and the importance of communicating as a Governing Board.

5. IB Nogales High School Five Year Review/Visitation 2020-21 School Year IB Program Questionnaire/Information and New IB/AP Courses

Superintendent Parra gave an update on the Five Year Review and mentioned one of the Board Members would be selected to attend and meet with Principal Colgate and go over the questionnaire and represent the Governing Board.

He further mentioned that Mr. Colgate is working together with Asst. Superintendent Canto and Ms. Judith Mendoza-Jimenez in adding some extra courses to the IB Program and AP Classes in order that NHS students can have more of a selection of categories.

6. FBLA St. Andrew's Christmas (Santa) Project-Short Video Presentation

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and presented a short clip of the event to the Board.

7. Superintendent Outstanding Student Award:  
Congratulations to Nogales High School  
-Isaac Valenzuela Class of 2020 Valedictorian and  
-Eduardo Yepiz Class of 2020 Salutatorian

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview of Isaac Valenzuela & Eduardo Yepiz's academic programs, their leadership, hard work and academic achievements.

He congratulated and introduced the Valedictorian & receiver of the Panfilo Contreras Honorary Scholarship Isaac Valenzuela and introduced him with a certificate of appreciation.

Isaac thanked everyone for their support and he added that NHS has a lot to offer with plenty of ideas for the students. He thanked NUSD and Mr. Parra for all the opportunities provided for their education.

Superintendent Parra continued with a brief overview of Eduardo Yepiz his academic achievement and mentioned he was a FBLA Member and plays tennis as well. He congratulated Eduardo and introduced him with a certificate of appreciation.

Eduardo Yepiz mentioned that it was important to have thrive and perseverance to accomplish their own goals.

Mr. Rojas congratulated the students and the parents for their hard work and stated he was very proud of both of students for their accomplishments.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned he saw a lot of potential in both students and was happy to see they have taken advantage of the education provided from their teachers, but mostly from their parents. He congratulated both for their accomplishments.

Mr. Lucero congratulated the parents and the students for their hard work and great success.

Mrs. Mendoza mentioned that she saw that throughout the years they had made good choices and hoped that they continue with that thrive. He congratulated the parents for their hard work and the students for great success as they move to their next level.

Dr. Varona asked Isaac and Eduardo what elementary and middle schools they had attended.

Both stated they had attended Coronado Elementary and Desert Shadows Middle School.

#### 8. Donation to NUSD Schools from Country Fair White Elephant

Superintendent Parra reported the White Elephant donation and mentioned that it was the highest amount received in years, and thanked them for their great contribution.

#### b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mrs. Mendoza mentioned she visited some of NUSD'S school. She mentioned she visited Bracker Elementary and thanked Ms. Vigilant for given her the touring of the school, happy to see the great work, and how happy the students get when they see their principal stop by their classroom. She attended the music performance at Carpenter Middle School and happy to see the music teacher is doing a great job. Challenger Elementary School's Nutcracker Play taken place at NHS auditorium and it had been very enjoyable. Welty Elementary Carne Asada/Barbacoa, which she saw everyone had enjoyed much and food was excellent. She was happy to have the opportunity to visit the schools and mentioned the importance to go around and check out what is going on.

Mr. Rojas attended the BOLTS Workshop for the second time and as always, it was very educational. He reported he had attended the extravaganza at Coronado and it had been very organized, but that he saw the probability there was a need for a bigger place for the event for there were too many parents and family members who attended this event.

Mr. Lucero mentioned there was a Surplus of funds in Phoenix and it was money to put back into education and suggested to contact the Legislatures to get those grants into NUSD.

Mr. Ruiz reported he had attended the retreat and the ASBA Conference in December along with his colleagues.

He further mentioned that as the Legislature goes in full force, the scholarships are available and it is the right time to take advantage. He recommended that they be contacted to try to get some of those scholarships to NUSD.

Dr. Varona reported he had attended several basketball games including the Homecoming and everything was very well organized and was happy to see very good sportsmanship. He attended the BOLTS training all information was provided to Board Secretary, Mary Tachiquin-Lopez to file for the record if anyone is interested in reviewing the information. He also attended an ASBA Webinar on rural small schools seminar and it was very interesting information on small school districts. He mentioned the importance to support the broad WiFi in the athletic buses for good internet service on I-19 and I-17.

He reported he would be attending on the upcoming Thursday former Governor Raul Castro celebration at the UofA special collections and invited anyone who would like to attend as well.

He reported he would also be attending the Pima Community College chancellor luncheon on February 6 and they will be talking about the college education.

He also attended the Challenger Elementary Nutcracker and they had done a great job. He further attended the Welty Elementary Barbacoa and like always it was a great event and the food was very good.

He also commended the District administration and their leadership and added that they all do a very good job.

IV. Call to the Public  
None

V. Consent Agenda Items

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Ruiz, Mendoza, Lucero, Rojas and Varona

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Ratification of Student activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers (Nov. 2019)
- c. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers (Dec. 2019)
- d. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit (Nov. 2019)
- e. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit (Dec. 2019)
- f. Approval of Donation by Country Fair White Elephant (\$158,000.00—allocated to each school as well as the District)
- g. Adoption/Resolution Recognition of Booster Organizations (NHS Softball Booster)
- h. Approval of Out of State Travel for NHS Cheer Team (2020 USA Spirit Nationals in Anaheim, CA 2/13-17, 2020)
- i. Approval of Out of State Travel for NHS Dance Team (2020 USA Spirit Nationals in Anaheim, CA 2/13-17, 2020)
- j. Approval of Out of State Travel for NHS Band (Disneyland in Anaheim, CA on 3/8-11, 2020)
- k. Approval of Out of State Travel for Administrators to attend the National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (NESEA) Training – 2/3-7, 2020
- l. Approval of Out of State Travel for FBLA (New York on 2/12-16, 2020)
- m. Approval of Out of State Travel for Administrators to attend Imagine Learning Early Literacy Partnership Forum Training – 1/29-31, 2020 in Provo, Utah
- n. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary
- o. Teacher Evaluation System Verification Statement of Assurance
- p. Approval of Classified Salary Schedule Revision to Comply with Arizona Minimum Wage Increase for \$12.00/hr. and Ratification of Pay Increase for Hourly/Classified Employees Effective December 29, 2019

- VI. Action  
a. Approval of 2019-2020 Board Governance Goals

Superintendent Parra mentioned the Board had an opportunity to make changes to the Goals at the Board's Retreat in December and the changes had been made as recommended.

He made the recommendation for approval as presented.

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

Dr. Varona asked if the goals were going to be posted in all the schools of NUSD as well. Superintendent Parra confirmed they were.

Mr. Ruiz inquired if the Board President was going to be changed in the Goals.

Dr. Varona clarified that it would stay the same until June 30, 2020 due to the School working with the fiscal year calendar.

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

- VII. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action.

- a. Proposed Resolution Supporting a Complete Count in the Decennial U.S. 2020 Census

Superintendent Parra mentioned the recommendations provided by ASBA.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Mendoza for approval with record of the chosen answers in the Resolution document.

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

- VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items

None

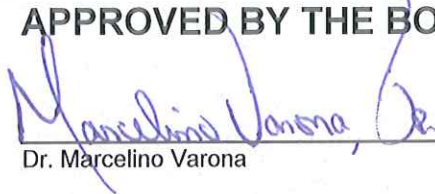
- IX. Adjournment of the Study Session

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

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

**Session adjourned at 4:58 p.m.**

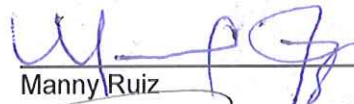
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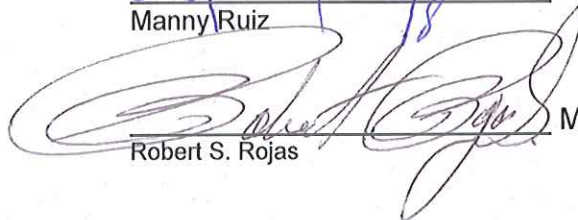
 President  
Dr. Marcelino Varona

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary  
February 10, 2020

Not Present Clerk  
Greg Lucero

Not Present Member  
Barbara Mendoza

 Member  
Manny Ruiz

 Member  
Robert S. Rojas

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