

Nogales Unified School District No. 1



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, February 28, 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

Superintendent Parra led all in the Pledge.

Superintendent Parra called for a point of order offering his condolences to Ms. Kathy Scott for the passing of her brother.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval with a correction on Consent Item "i" instead of Class of 2022, the year be changed to 2021.

Dr. Varona made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lucero for approval with correction stated by Superintendent Parra.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Varona, lucero, Ruiz, Lopez and Rojas

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of January 24, 2022

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Varona, Ruiz, Lopez, Lucero and Rojas

III. **Governing Board/Superintendent Information**

- a. Superintendent Report – Discussion, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements
1. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Parra thanked the Board. He stated he was happy to be present in person and thanked them for their support.

He gave an update from the safety guidelines recently received by the CDC and mentioned that by working together with the health department, NUSD has been able to keep everyone safe as possible by including the mask mandate throughout the year.

He gave an overview of the report received and how NUSD plans to proceed with the transition to leave or do away with the mask mandate pending a survey to be sent out to employees and community.

Dr. Varona asked if NUSD was going to continue the group testing.

Superintendent Parra stated "yes", that those measures would continue to be as set.

Mr. Rojas gave his opinion and commended Superintendent Parra for his decision.

2. Public Library Information/Resources – Ms. Danitza Lopez, City of Nogales Public Library Director

Superintendent Parra gave a brief background of Ms. Lopez and introduced her to give a presentation.

Ms. Danitza Lopez gave an overview of the library programs they have for the students.

Dr. Varona asked about the partnership they had with the students attending the ANZA properties to provide tutoring.

Ms. Lopez explained that the Housing Authority/ANZA was indeed working in conjunction with the City Library and they were offering tutoring to all students in the county, including Rio Rico.

Dr. Varona made a comment that Ms. Lopez oversees the City and County Libraries and does a great job.

Mr. Rojas mentioned it was a very good program.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned that they see Ms. Lopez's reports at the county and they were very proud of her accomplishments.
He thanked Ms. Lopez for her hard work.

Superintendent Parra made a positive comment about the library cards the students received.

Ms. Lopez mentioned that this Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., there would be a Dr. Seuss book give away for the Reading Across America program.

3. Notice of 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Application

Superintendent Parra gave an overview and mentioned that NUSD was applying for the FY23 grant and it would be renewable for five years. Furthermore, he

mentioned that there would be a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Nogales and three schools.

He added that the awards would be named in June of 2022 if the District acquires the grant.

He thanked Ms. Scott for working together with the schools and helping them to get this grant done correctly.

Mr. Rojas commended Ms. Scott for her hard work and doing a good job.

4. Enrollment Update for 100th Day Census – Ms. Judith Mendoza-Jimenez

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez to give a presentation.

Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez proceeded with a Power Point presentation, explaining the enrollment count districtwide.

Superintendent Parra gave background information about the benefits the students receive.

He further mentioned there were approximately 1,300 students under open enrollment coming from Rio Rico and their motivation for doing so was the academics offered by NUSD.

Dr. Varona requested a report on how many available classrooms there are in each school, especially at AJ Mitchell Elementary.

Mr. Lucero mentioned that he would like to see a census on how Santa Cruz Valley Unified along with other school districts are doing student-wise and make a comparison with NUSD to see where it stands.

b. Governing Board Reports, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mr. Lopez stated that he was very happy to see Mr. Parra back in person at the meeting.

Dr. Varona reported he had attended the IB Extended Essay presentations and he stated he had experienced seeing that the intellectual quality was very powerful. He mentioned he had judged several students and mentioned the names for the record. He added that all presentations were excellent.

He also reported he attended the ASBAIT annual webinar meeting because he wants to learn more about their connection with ASBA.

He also reported that the Bolts Training and the Advocacy presentations were very interesting.

He concluded by mentioning his disappointment during the Advocacy due to one Superintendent's comments blaming math requiring Algebra II for all students' lack of achievement in his district.

Mr. Rojas agreed with Dr. Varona's comments.

He mentioned that just being present at the meetings was important and learning about what is going on.

He added that an attendee also makes many interesting connections, like the encounter they had this time with Senator Gabaldon.

IV. Call to the Public

There were no calls to the public.

V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

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

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Ratification of Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Vouchers
- c. Student Activities/Auxiliary Operations Funds Extra Curricular Tax Credit
- d. Adoption of Resolution: District Bank Accounts/Signature Authority
- e. Award Sole Source Status to Follett School Solutions for FY 21-22
- f. Approval of Out of State Travel for Jake Teyechea and Gerardo Garcia Traveling to Glazier Conference in San Francisco CA, on March 4-6, 2022
- g. Approval of Out of State Travel for Ganesh Tiwari to attend the 2022 National Science Conference in Houston, TX on March 31-April 2, 2022
- h. Approval of Out of State Travel for NHS Baseball Team to attend the Durango Blazer Baseball Classic in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 11-13, 2022
- i. Approval of Donation of Bench from the NHS Class of 2021 (to be used on Campus)
- j. Approval of the ProCare Therapy Agreement for FY 21-22
- k. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- l. Approval of Addendum
- m. Approval of Pay-Period Schedule for School Year 2022-2023
- n. Approval of 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

VI. Action

- a. Recommendation to Appoint Finance Director

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented and gave a brief overview of the process done in order to find a good recommendation for the position. Furthermore, he gave a brief background of Ms. Carlyle.

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

Mr. Ruiz welcomed Ms. Carlyle and mentioned that he was looking forward to working with her and having the opportunity to meet together as the District gets ready with the budget.

Mr. Lucero welcomed Ms. Carlyle and mentioned the need of a good financial picture to educate our assets and our children.

Mr. Lopez welcomed Ms. Carlyle and stated he was looking forward to working with her and that she had a good resume for the position.

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

Ms. Carlyle thanked everyone for their welcoming. She mentioned that she had the pleasure to meet Mr. Sandoval and he was well respected statewide. She further thanked the Board and Administration for the opportunity.

Superintendent Parra concluded by stating that accountability was very important in this position and welcomed her to NUSD.

VII. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action

- a. Letter from the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Regarding Request on the Amount of Revenue or Fees that the Arizona School Boards Association Insurance Trust (ASBAIT) has Remitted to ASBA for the Last Five (5) Years as Part of the ASBA/ASBAIT Sponsorship and License Agreement.
(Copy of Letter On File NUSD Governing Board's Office- Public Information)

Superintendent Parra made a recommendation for approval and gave a brief overview.

Dr. Varona made comments of his disapproval of ASBAIT paying ASBA when the funds should be used to reduce the District's rates.

He stated his disappointment of a Santa Cruz County member being removed from ASBAIT's Board and having been replaced with two other members from another county when there was only one vacancy position available.

He mentioned his objection of members paying for non-members and asked that next year NUSD go out for bid with another company.

Superintendent Parra clarified that the District still had two more years of insurance with ASBAIT.

Mr. Lucero suggested to have the staff come up with a process of how to go about looking for other options of insurance.

Superintendent Parra clarified that there had been a committee and they had followed the steps to choose the insurance with the best options.

Mr. Lopez asked for clarification and a breakdown of how the operation to decide on the insurance works and the proper negotiation.

Mr. Ruiz suggested reaching out to Mr. Verdugo, Superintendent of Santa Cruz Valley Dist. 35, inquiring if they would be willing to be part of this project in order to go together into another insurance group.

He concluded stating it was very important for all employees to be covered.

Superintendent Parra mentioned that the bids were done back when the District was looking for insurance coverage and that ASBAIT again had been the one with best options and coverage.

VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Mr. Lucero asked not to forget the students' presentation on the Washington Art Display. He asked for a presentation/clarification on how the school facility requests and field usage work.

He further asked for a presentation on a projected community growth preparedness; how is NUSD planning and preparing to deal with this growth in the next five years. He concluded with a request on how to accommodate student parking off campus at NHS.

Superintendent Parra will have his next surgery in Mach the week prior to the board meeting and will not be present March 21 but all items requested will be addressed.

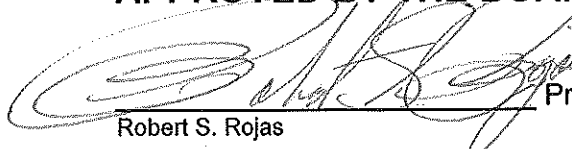
IX. Adjournment

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

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

Session adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

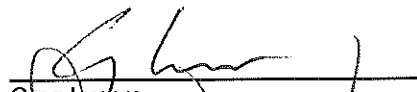


Robert S. Rojas President


Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
March 21, 2022



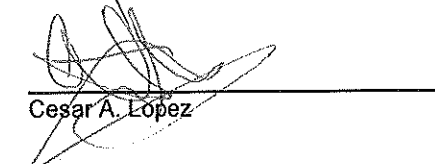
Manny Ruiz Clerk



Greg Lucero Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr. Member



Cesar A. Lopez Member

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