Nogales Unified School District No. 1



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 **GOVERNING BOARD**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2023

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Manuel Ruiz, President; Greg Lucero, Clerk; Members, Robert Rojas, Cesar A. Lopez, and Patricia Muñozcano

a. Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance b.

Mr. Lucero led all in the Pledge.

Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of March 27, 2023

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

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

Governing Board/Superintendent Information III.

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

Superintendent Canto gave a preview on the recommendation made in the Personnel Agenda Summary for approval to appoint Sandra Licet Jimenez, the Principal at Coronado Elementary, to the position of Director at the District Office.

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2. Congratulations to Charlie Sweeney, Coronado Student and Author of "Going to Mexico"

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and asked the Board for this item to take place as soon as the student would arrive.

Mr. Ruiz granted the request.

3. Congratulations to Regina Ronquillo, Coronado Student and Winner of Nogales Post Office Stamp Cancellation Contest

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and congratulated Regina for winning the contest of the 100th year Post Office Stamp mentioning her picture will be on a cancellation stamp for one month.

The Governing Board congratulated Regina and was given a recognition award.

4. ADE COVID Plan Required - Update

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and update to the Board.

5. SRO/Counselor Grant

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview stating this time this application was a bit more difficult but Ms. Scott had been able to get it done. She further mentioned she had also applied for a grant for a full time counselor.

The Board congratulated Ms. Scott for doing a great job.

Save the Date for NUSD Retirement Dinner (April 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Casa 32)

Superintendent Canto confirmed the date inviting the Board to join the retiree dinner.

7. Save the Date – AZ19 Most Influential Youth Breakfast (Saturday, May 6th at 9:00 a.m. at Desert Shadows MS)

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview stating that NUSD would be hosting the event per Mr. Manny Coppola's request.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Patty Muñozcano reported she attended the NSBA Conference in Florida and mentioned the highlights of the important subject adding that she liked learning about ways to better communicate with students and parents.

Cesar Lopez thanked Superintendent Canto for the Grants report and for doing an excellent job.

He also thanked Superintendent Canto and the Administration for the educational finance retreat and for doing a great job.

He reported he would be attending the National Association of Latino Educators Conference in Phoenix.

He also reported he met Raul Grijalva at a constituent meeting a couple of weeks ago honoring students with short stories adding that one had been Kiana Lezama a 7th grader from WCMS and she had received a congressional recognition.

Mr. Rojas reported that he, along with Patty Muñozcano and Greg Lucero, attended the NSBA Conference in Orlando, Florida adding the conference attendance was low and could have had more information applicable to our district.

Mr. Lucero reported he also had attended the NSBA Conference and agreed with Mr. Rojas' comments adding that attendance was noticeably low and the information was not very interesting, with exception of mental health grants, security and school self-evaluation which had no changes. He mentioned the highlights of the conference that he felt were informative and worth attending.

He further reported that the Mexican Consulate had reached out to the Chamber of Commerce and the County to look at possibly doing a bi-national work-force development program and mentioned the focus the program would take.

He also reported he had attended an event at the Art Gallery mentioning the highlights of the event and stating that Grecia Solorio a student of NHS had won best of show for her painting "Choke Hold".

Mr. Ruiz reported Daniel Mendoza a sophomore at NHS had suddenly passed away and asked for a moment of silence. He further mentioned the family was trying to raise fund for the services and would probably have a Go Fund Me account for those who would be able to contribute.

He thanked Superintendent Canto and staff for the great presentations on finance and the bond at the retreat.

He concluded by congratulating Grecia Solorio for best of show recognition received and Ms. Ronquillo.

At this time, Charlie Sweeney was present. He was introduced by Mr. Ruiz and congratulated by the Board for his bi-lingual book project.

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and introduced him with a certificate of appreciation.

Charlie provided a copy of his book to all Board members.

The Governing Board Congratulated Charlie for a job well done!

Ms. Sweeney showed the draft of his son's book he had worked on in school and stated he was very proud of her son, thanking the teachers for doing a great job supporting him.

Mr. Ruiz congratulated the students for doing a great job.

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. Rojas for approval as presented to the Board.

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

Mr. Ruiz congratulated Ms. Licet Jimenez for her new administrative appointment.

- 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. Approval of Donation by College Knowing & Going (\$3,250 to NHS to be used for College Success AZ grant)
- e. Approval of Donation by Stotz Equipment Tucson Branch (AZ Machinery LLC) (\$5,202 to be used for Security Cameras for the Elementary Schools)
- f. Approval of Donation by Santa Cruz County (\$1,000 to Challenger Elementary School for Cheerleaders to attend State Competition in Phoenix, AZ)
- g. Approval of Donation by Santa Cruz County Superintendent's Office (Alfredo Velasquez) (\$1,000 to WCMS for STEAM sponsorship)
- h. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- i. Approval of Addenda
- j. Renewal of Employees for School Year 2023-2024
- VI. Action None
- VII. Information and Discussion None
- VIII. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action None
- IX. Requests for Future Agenda Items

None

X. Adjournment

Mr. Lucero made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Lopez.

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

Session adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Presiden

Clerk

Greg Lucero

Robert S. Rojas

Member

Cesar A. Lopez

Member

Patricia Muñozcano

Member

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

Respectfully Submitted, Mary T. Lopez, Secretary May 8, 2023