



## NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2024, held at 4:00 p.m.

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

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Alex Lopez, Technology Director, led all in the pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Muñozcano, Lucero, Ruiz, and Lopez

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of March 25, 2024

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Muñozcano, Ruiz, Lucero, and Lopez

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Canto gave a brief report that she was invited to be part of a K-3 Literacy Committee, a sub-committee for the State of Education that started meeting once a month in April and will go through the Fall, to review programs already in place.

2. Save the Date for NUSD Retirement Dinner (May 2, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Quality Hotel Americana)

Superintendent Canto reminded the board of the upcoming retirement dinner.

3. Save the Date -- AZ Most Influential Youth Breakfast - May 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at Continental School District, Green Valley, AZ

Superintendent Canto gave an update inviting the Board to the event.

4. Update on Bond Sale

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the sale of the Bond. She mentioned that Ms. Carlyle and herself were given the opportunity to watch the sale on the website. She noted the bond came with insurance from the sale with no extra expense for the district.

She concluded stating she will continue to keep the community and the Board updated.

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

Ms. Muñozcano thanked the schools for all their hard work during testing.

Mr. Rojas congratulated Superintendent Canto on the retreat together with her staff. He noted it was very informative with excellent presentations, many important issues discussed, and well organized.

He reported that this past Friday he had attended the BOLTS conference, thanking the Governing Board's Secretary for providing all the information he needed to find the location of the event.

He gave a shoutout to ASBA stating the BOLTS conference had been very well organized and the presenters very informative.

He also gave a shoutout to Susan Segal, Esq., for her presentation at the BOLTS conference, and stated he was pleased with her informative presentation.

He mentioned he had talked to some other superintendents concerning their districts. He congratulated the CFO of Lavine Elementary School for the best presentation in finance at this particular conference.

He highlighted he had sat with great directors and two other board members from Rio Rico and had enjoyed his stay.

Mr. Lucero reported he was working with a committee with the Nogales Chamber of Commerce trying to seek a healthcare industry and it had been a very productive and informative session. Attendees included people from Mariposa Community Health Center and Holy Cross Hospital.

He mentioned that the program would include a job plan for high schoolers who decide or plan to stay in this community.

Mr. Ruiz reported he also was part of the Nogales Chamber of Commerce committee and that they were working with options to develop a workforce focus on other opportunities for students in cooperation with the community college, the school district, and other community members interested in job training.



Mr. Lopez reported he had attended the New Orleans National School Board Association Conference, where he attended many interesting sessions, in particular the one on AI where he learned how to use it in the classrooms.

He thanked all NHS staff who helped get the gym set up for testing and Assistance. Superintendent Bonillas for her supervision.

He reported he was also able to watch the presentation on the Bond sale and thanked Superintendent Canto and Business Director, Clementina Carlyle, for their hard work.

He further reported he would be attending as the ASBA Hispanic Caucus Board President, a National School Board Association meeting, including a NALEO conference.

He concluded by mentioning some of the highlights of his learning experiences as part of ASBA.

IV. Call to the Public

None

V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Muñozcano for approval as presented to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Rojas, Muñozcano, Lucero, Ruiz, and Lopez

- 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 Out-of-State Travel for NHS Football Coaching Staff (to attend the Second Session of FCPGA Coaching Staff Professional Development in Poway, CA May 31-June2, 2024
- e. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Governing Board Member to attend the NALEO Conference in Las Vegas, NV June 17-20, 2024
- f. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for AJM and WCMS Administrators/Teachers to attend the IB Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. July 24-28, 2024
- g. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Follett Content Solutions for FY24-25
- h. Renewal of Sole Source Status to PowerSchool Group[ LLC for FY 24-25
- i. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Off Duty Management (ODM) for FY24-25
- j. Renewal of Audit Services Contract for FY24-25 with Heinfeld, Meech & Co., PC.
- k. Approval of the Energy Consulting Services Agreement with Fusebox for FY24-25
- l. Approval of Student Transportation Contract Renewal -Citizen School Transport for FY24-25
- m. Approval of Fixed Asset Disposals/Transfers

- n. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- o. Approval of Addendum
- p. Renewal of Employees for School Year 2024-2025

VI. Action

- a. Recommendation to Appoint Nogales High School Principal

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and mentioned there was a diverse committee, and that they had recommended two strong individuals and the finalist had been Ms. Renee Travers, prior Assistant Principal at NHS. She gave a brief overview of her background and recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Ruiz made a motion and was seconded by Rojas for approval as presented to the Board.

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

Ms. Muñozcano congratulated Ms. Travers and welcomed her back to NUSD.

Mr. Rojas also congratulated Ms. Travers and welcomed her back to NUSD.

Mr. Lucero welcomed and congratulated Ms. Travers back to NUSD.

Mr. Ruiz stated he was glad to see prior students come back to give to the community and the students their service and welcomed Ms. Travers back to NUSD.

Mr. Lopez thanked Ms. Travers and welcomed her back.

Ms. Travers stated her appreciation for the Board's welcoming words and further stated she was looking forward to the new challenge.

Mr. Lopez thanked Superintendent Canto for the good choice.

- b. Approval of Textbook Adoption -Social Studies for Grades K-5

Superintendent Canto gave an overview of the textbooks and introduced Assistant Superintendent Aissa Bonillas to give an update.

Assistant Superintendent Bonillas stated the names of the people on the committee and how their selection took place.

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented.

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Muñozcano for approval as presented to the Board.

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

c. Approval of Textbook Adoption -Math for Grades 6-8

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented and introduced Assistant Superintendent Bonillas to give an overview.

Assistant Superintendent Bonillas gave a brief overview explaining the process done to make the textbooks' selection.

She thanked the evaluation committee and mentioned the names of the committee members for the record.

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Muñozcano for approval as presented to the Board.

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

d. Approval of Textbook Adoption -Math for Grades 9-12

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented and introduced Assistant Superintendent Aissa Bonillas to give an overview.

Assistant Superintendent Bonillas gave an overview explaining the process done to make the textbooks' selection.

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Muñozcano for approval as presented to the Board.

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

e. Approval of Textbook Adoption -Advanced Placement – Math

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented and introduced Assistant Superintendent Aissa Bonillas to explain.

Assistant Superintendent Bonillas gave an overview explaining the process done to make the textbooks' selection.

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Muñozcano for approval as presented to the Board.

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

VII. Information and Discussion - None

VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Mr. Rojas requested as a future agenda item, to provide an update on the District's physical education program available and perhaps find ways to continue to improve the program.

