



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2021 held at 2:00 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

Greg Lucero called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mary Tachiquin-Lopez, Governing Board Secretary, 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, Varona, Lopez and Lucero

II. Approval of Governing Regular Board Minutes of April 12, and Board Special Minutes of April 22, 2021

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

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Recognition and Appreciation, Ms. Michelle Shuman, AJM Principal

Superintendent Parra recognized Ms. Shuman and gave a brief overview of her accomplishments at NUSD. He thanked her for her commitment at AJ Mitchell as principal. He mentioned she had volunteered her transition from Bracker Elementary to AJM up to her await of her retirement.

He introduced Ms. Shuman to say a few words.

Ms. Shuman mentioned she was lucky to have been offered an opportunity at NUSD thirty years ago and that she always had much support from the District during her tenure. She gave a shout out to the District for all the job growth opportunities given to her. She mentioned Nogales has the best students and that she has been very happy and blessed to work with them. She gave her thanks and mentioned she would miss NUSD.

Mr. Lucero thanked Ms. Shuman for her words. He echoed comments by Superintendent Parra and mentioned that her last assignment had been a challenging one, but she was able to turn the school around and set the trend for the next incoming principal to carry the torch further and continue to move the school forward.

Mr. Rojas mentioned he worked under Ms. Shuman's leadership for two years and saw a caring and loving principal always on the move. She loved the staff, teachers and students and was very lucky to have worked during her leadership. He wished her luck in her retirement.

Mr. Ruiz thanked her for her years of service and mentioned she had been his daughter's teacher. He thank her for all the help she gave his daughter and all she did for the students of NUSD. He also thanked her for taking the challenge of taking over AJ Mitchel and added that she brought a lot of knowledge to the position. He wished her a Happy Mother's Day and best of luck in her retirement.

2. Governing Board Seminar-Retreat Scheduled for June 1, 2021

Superintendent Parra mentioned that the benchmarks had been going down and that if it continued to be this way, the retreat would take place in person at the Tubac Resort on the scheduled date.

3. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Parra reported good things that were happening in the District. He reported that at the conclusion of the State assessments the schools had reopened for in-person instruction at all K-12 levels with students attending four days out of the week as well as online teaching. He also mentioned the percentages of in-person attendees.

He mentioned that in-person summer school would start at the end of May after graduation. He mentioned that High School Summer School would be online due to the number of students attending the summer school.

He reported about Nogales hosting the State playoffs and an unfortunate incident between both ends after the game, which was reported to the police department for investigation, fortunately, no students were hurt or involved; incident was redirected to Principal Colgate to follow up on the investigation and to address this matter.

He congratulated both middle schools for their participation on the MESA Day virtual competition and both schools excelling with DSMS getting 1st place and WCMS 3rd place.

He added that a press release and recognition was in progress.

He informed the Board that an in-person modified high school graduation was being coordinated, pending the data on Covid cases, which was being reviewed on a daily basis. Furthermore, he reported that PHS would be doing an in-person diploma day same as last year where all students come individually with their parents and receive their diploma.

He further reported that WCMS and elementary schools would have a drive by celebration.

He mentioned that DSMS, as per parents request, was coordinating accordingly based on a survey being done by the Principal, to modify the transition and it was pending its completion to take answers in consideration and proceed with proper accommodations.

Mr. Lucero thanked Superintendent Parra for his report and expressed his regret for the unfortunate incident at the baseball game.

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Mr. Ruiz reported he visited the high school campus and congratulated the staff and the school administration for keeping the areas nice and clean that everything looked very upkeep.

Dr. Varona reported he attended an ASBA webinar titled "Making the Superintendent Evaluation Process Meaningful" which was a dynamic presentation by Julie Bacon. He mentioned that based on the presentation they are looking for school districts to serve as a pilot project in order to enhance the evaluations of superintendents.

He asked Superintendent Parra that Ms. Bacon be invited to give a presentation to the Governing Board at the retreat on June 1, 2021.

He reported he also attended an ASBA Equity Pre-Conference and Conference. He stated that one of the guest speakers was Alberto Rios Jr., a 1970 NHS graduate and presently a Writing Professor at the Arizona State University, who gave a very dramatic and enjoyable presentation.

He mentioned Mr. Rios would be someone to be consider as a guest speaker for the whole faculty.

He stated he was appointed again this year by ASBA as a member of the Legislative Committee.

He congratulated all the teachers for Teacher Appreciation last week and for the fine work done for NUSD students during the pandemic.

He thanked Alex Lopez, Technology Director for setting up the equipment during the Senior Center Mother's Day Celebration.

He concluded by wishing all the teachers and community a happy Mother's Day, and congratulated all the graduates for their upcoming graduation.

IV. Call to the Public

Superintendent Parra did not receive any call to the public.

He mentioned he had received a letter from a parent regarding the graduation ceremony and programs, but it had been addressed directly with the parent explaining how it would be planned.

Mr. Lucero made the recommendation that if there were any changes to inform the Board.

V. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented. He mentioned the District had received many donations and stated he was very grateful for all of them.

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

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

- a. Ratification of Expense/Payroll Vouchers
- b. Approval of Donation by the Board of Supervisors of Nogales (Member of the Board of Supervisors) (\$2000.00 for Mary L. Welty to be used for playground equipment)
- c. Approval of Donation by Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office (George Silva) (2015 Honda Civic with a Value of \$4,500.00 for NUSD #1 Security Personnel)
- d. Approval of Donation by Valle Verde Rotary Foundation (Jim Rusk and Charlotte Gates) \$1,000.00 to Support the Nogales High School Music Program)
- e. Approval of Donation by Port Devanning Services, LLC (Atlas International) (\$1,400.00 to Coronado Elementary Materials, Equipment and Supplies)
- f. Approval of Donation by Port Devanning Services, LLC (Atlas International) (\$1,200 to Coronado Elementary Materials, Equipment and Supplies)
- g. Approval of Donation by ASBAIT (Jessica Coffey) (\$1,125.00 for Employee Health and Wellness Incentives, Activities, and Programs)
- h. Award Sole Source Status to Gander Publishing for FY 20-21
- i. Renewal of Sole Source Award to Tyler Technologies for FY 21-22
- j. Renewal of Security Monitoring Services Contract for FY 21-22 to Secur-Tec Security Systems LLC.
- k. Approval/Award of Invitation for Bid Award of IFB 2021-04-01 AJ Mitchell Weatherization Project to Desert Springs Construction
- l. Renewal of Audit Services Contract for FY 21-22 for Heinfeld, Meech & Co., PC.
- m. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Pima County Joint Technical Education District and Nogales Unified School District for FY 22
- n. Approval of the Educational Services Incorporated's Employee Staffing Services Agreement for FY22
- o. Approval of Fixed Assets Disposals/Transfers
- p. Approval of Proposed School Year 2021-2022 Governing Board Meeting Schedule
- q. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary
- r. Approval of Addenda
- s. Approval of Field Placement Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents, the University of Arizona and Nogales Unified School District

VI. Action

- a. Recommendation to Appoint AJ Mitchell Elementary School Principal

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented and gave a brief summary of the committee's recommendation. He mentioned the District was very excited to receive Mr. Wong and take over this position and gave a brief overview of Mr. Wong's background.

Mr. Wong mentioned he was honored to have been selected and was looking forward to working with NUSD and offered his commitment to the school and the students of AJ Mitchell.

Dr. Varona asked what he was planning to bring to the classroom as a teacher from a charter school.

Mr. Wong stated he planned to bring the passion, love and orientation to the school.

Dr. Varona asked how he uses data in the other schools for better instruction.

Mr. Wong gave a brief explanation of his experience and his plan to implement it in the school.

Dr. Varona thanked him for his service to our country.

Mr. Ruiz stated he was looking forward to meeting him in person. He mentioned he was glad to hear he planned to pursue his education at ASU. He concluded by thanking him for his service to our country.

Mr. Lopez welcomed Mr. Wong and thanked him for his service to our country.

Mr. Rojas mentioned that the committee had done an outstanding job in choosing Mr. Wong and that he had all his support in his selection as the leader at AJM. He further mentioned he had faith he would do an outstanding job and was looking forward to meeting him in person.

Mr. Lucero stated he had done a great job with his speech. He added that AJ Mitchel was a challenge and the Board was looking forward in seeing him do a good job.

Superintendent Parra thanked the Board for their words and recommended Mr. Wong for a one-year contract.

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

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

b. Suspension of Governing Board Policy BGB Policy Adoption for Amendment and Approval of Policy IKFB-Graduation Exercises – Ms. Mayra Zuñiga

Superintendent Parra called to Ms. Zuniga to give a report.

Ms. Zuñiga explained the policy pointing out the changes recommended.

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

Dr. Varona made a comment about other ethnic clothing use by students of a different race.

Mr. Rojas echoed Dr. Varona's comment and asked if any issues had arisen in the past on this subject.

Superintendent Parra stated no situation have ever arisen in the District to his knowledge during his tenure at NUSD.

Mr. Rojas asked if the policy could be amended to add this concern.

Superintendent Parra mentioned he would look into it and make the changes necessary to comply with the policy.

Ms. Zuñiga recommended that this subject be discussed further.

Mr. Lopez mentioned that it was a good thing to recognize the Native Americans and discuss the diverse ethnicities.

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

- c. Presentation and Consideration of Approval of Expenditure Budget Revision #2 FY21 – Mr. Adelmo Sandoval

Superintendent Parra introduced Mr. Sandoval to give a Power Point presentation.

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

VII. Information, Discussion and Possible Action

- a. ASBA Proposed Issues for Consideration for the 2022 Political Agenda

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduce Dr. Varona to present the proposed items.

Dr. Varona read the proposed issues for the record for the 2022 Political Agenda.

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

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

VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items
None

IX. 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:

Session adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
July 12, 2021



Greg Lucero

President



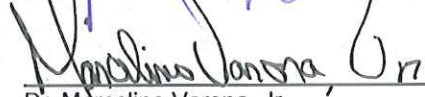
Robert S. Rojas

Clerk



Manny Ruiz

Member



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr

Member



Cesar A. Lopez

Member

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