

Nogales Unified School District No. 1



NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2023, held at 2:00 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. Ruiz called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mauricio Chavez led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Canto recommended approval as presented with an amendment to item VII-a, personnel agenda, to reflect a resignation.

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

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

II. Approval of Governing Board Minutes of May 8, 2023

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, Lopez, Lucero, and Ruiz

III. Governing Board/Superintendent Information

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

1. Superintendent Update
2. Nogales Post Office Stamp Cancellation Celebration – June 14, 2023
Gave a review.

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the celebration explaining the kickoff time and who from NUSD would be attending, adding the Board members attendance was also appreciated. She added that there would be a formal recognition of the student who won the stamp drawing in April.

3. Governing Board Retreat Reminder – June 14, 2023

Superintendent Canto reminded the Board of the retreat stating that the time to begin would be approximately 11:00 a.m., to give everyone enough time to attend the Post Office event.

4. Possible Special Governing Board Meeting

Superintendent Canto mentioned there was a possibility she would be calling the Board to call for an extra special meeting during the end of June to take care of the appointment of the two new principal positions opened at the moment (Coronado and PHS).

b. Governing Board Report, Celebration, Recognition, Announcements

Ms. Muñozcano thanked everyone for the graduations stating that they all did a fantastic. She reported she attended the conference in Flagstaff and it was very interesting and enjoyable.

Mr. Lopez thanked everyone for their hard work during the transitions and graduations. He stated he was happy to have been able to attend. He reported he attended the ASBA Conference in Flagstaff and there had been many interesting workshops.

Mr. Rojas echoed his colleagues' reports on the ASBA Summer Leadership. He congratulated all the students and families for the graduations. He reported that after the Summer Leadership, there was a meeting with ASBA Board of Directors, where they conducted interviews for a director for Santa Cruz County and the candidates were very good. He made some comments about the highlights of the meetings.

Mr. Lucero thanked the Board for their representation at the Leadership Meeting and congratulated all the graduates.

Mr. Ruiz attended NHS graduation and echoed the congratulations to the students stated by his colleagues. He further congratulated the staff, teachers, and parents for their hard work and the staff for their set ups during the graduations/transitions. He thanked the teachers for their hard work and support for the students to make their graduation and success.

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 and with the previous changed stated by Superintendent Canto.

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

- 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 Clementina Carlyle to attend the ASBO International Annual Conference at National Harbor, Maryland October 18-22, 2023
- e. Renewal of Audit Services Contract for FY23-24 WITH Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C.
- f. Approval of the Revised FY2023-2024 Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Pima County Joint Technical Education District (JTED) and Nogales Unified School District
- g. Approval of Fixed Asset Disposals/Transfers
- h. Approval of Out of State Travel for DSMS Staff Members to attend the National Engineering Design Achievement (MESA) USA Competition in Albuquerque, NM – June 26-29, 2023
- i. Award for Sole Source Status to College Board for FY22-23
- j. Approval of the Energy Consulting Services Agreement with Fusebox for FY23-24
- k. Renewal of Copier/Printer Maintenance/Repair Services Contract to Valley Imaging Solutions for FY23-24
- l. Renewal of Internet Services Contract for FY23-24 to Login LLC
- m. Renewal of Security Monitoring Services Contract for FY23-24 to Security Systems LLC
- n. Renewal of Sole Source Status to the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Cruz County for FY23-24
- o. Renewal of Sole Source Status to PowerSchool Group LLC for FY23-24
- p. Renewal of sole Source Status to Amplify for FY23-24
- q. Renewal of Sole Source Status to Ultimate Kronos Group for FY23-24
- r. Approval of Personnel Agenda
- s. Approval of Addenda
- t. Approval of Santa Cruz County Workforce Youth Program Partnership with Nogales Unified School District No.1
- u. Approval of Employee Staffing Agreement between Educational Services LLC (ESI) AND Nogales Unified School District No. 1

VI. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action

- a. Presentation and Possible Approval of Maintenance and Operation Override Budget Resolution and Bond Resolution
 - i. Presentation
 - ii. Resolutions

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview – introduced Mr. Chavez, Bond/Override Chairperson, to give a report to the Board.

Mr. Chavez gave a brief overview of what went on during the committee meetings.

Superintendent Canto introduced Clementina Carlyle, Business Director, to give a PowerPoint presentation explaining the Bond/Override recommendation from the committee. She further gave a detailed report of the budget discussions to be supported with such.

Superintendent Canto thanked the committee and the staff for their support. She continued to explain the committee's recommendations for the Board's approval.

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

Mr. Lucero asked about the bond capacity.

Superintendent Canto clarified it was up to \$35 Million but the committee being sensitive to the economy and to tax payers had recommended to the lower amount of \$26 Million.

Mr. Lucero inquired about the phone calls made for the surveys and if they were all registered voters.

Superintendent Canto and Mr. Lopez clarified they in fact, had been community voters.

Mr. Lucero asked if the District had any idea, what the Bond would be supporting if it were in fact successful.

Superintendent Canto stated that the committee proposed and Mr. Giel the District's attorney agreed, to use it for one thing in general to include, HVAC, playground equipment, technology, the high school auditorium, and athletic facilities, to name a few.

Mr. Lucero mentioned he saw in the package a pro-statement by the Board on the Override but not on the Bond and if there was a need for both to have the pro-statement.

Jim Giel, Esq. of Gust Rosenfeld, clarified for the Board the way law shows it only allows a pro-statement from the Board for the Override but not for the Bond. However, that as private individuals as long as there is no quorum as a Board, they may write a letter in support limited to 200 words.

Mr. Lopez thanked everyone who attended the committee meetings and mentioned some of the discussions during the process on how to use the funds.

He stated he hoped the bond/override would be a successful one with the support of the community.

Ms. Muñozcano thanked everyone who participated in the Bond/Override process.

Mr. Rojas echoed his colleagues' comments and thanked the passionate dedicated people who cooperated to make this possible.

Mr. Ruiz explained about the hardship and responsibility of the State and importance for the constituents to support the Bond/Override.

He further mentioned that the use of these funds would be used to make the District better since this District is competing with Rio Rico and these funds would allow the District to remain competitive.

Superintendent Canto thanked Mr. Giel for all his advice and all the committee members for their support. She mentioned the names of the members for the record.

Mr. Giel made a clarification of what the voter pamphlet would include, citing that these pamphlets would be in the voters' packets, therefore, to keep them simple but to generally indicate what these funds would be used for, to inform the voters.

Mr. Rojas and Ms. Muñozcano withdrew their previous motion.

Mr. Lucero made a motion for an 8% override as presented and recommended and was seconded by Mr. Rojas for approval.

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

Mr. Rojas made a motion to approve and ask voters to support a \$26M dollars bond election and was seconded by Mr. Lopez for approval.

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

VII. Information and Discussion

a. FY23 Food Service Update

Superintendent Canto gave a brief background and introduced Ms. Carlyle to give a report.

Ms. Carlyle gave a PowerPoint presentation with Sodexo's food service update on Revenues vs. expenditures for FY 22 and FY23.

Ms. Nadia Miranda, Sodexo's Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting all the events they participated during FY23. She further talked about the Meals on Wheels summer program.

Ms. Muñozcano thanked them for all their service to the students.

Mr. Ruiz thanked them for doing a great job.

b. Presentation of FY2024 Proposed Budget

Ms. Carlyle gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Ruiz thanked her for the report.

At this time, Mr. Ruiz returned to Board Reports and asked Ms. Canto to read the parents' letter addressed to the Governing Board.

Superintendent Canto read Mr. & Mrs. Robson's letter for the record praising Mr. Joshua Payne, Principal at Bracker Elementary, for doing a great job with the school and their son.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mr. Payne for all he does for the students and parents at Bracker Elementary.

VIII. Action

a. 1. Approval of the FY2024 Proposed School District Annual Expenditure Budget

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

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

2. Authorization to Post Public Hearing Notice and Summary of School District Proposed Expenditure Budget for the Purpose of Presenting and Adopting the FY2024 School District Annual Expenditure Budget

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

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

b. Recommendation of Pay Increase for School Year 2023-2024

Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview of the work of IBN committee to get the negotiations.

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded Ms. Muñozcano.

Mr. Rojas thanked the administration and the committee for coming to a good recommendation.

Mr. Rojas thanked the committee for the excellent recommendations.

Mr. Lopez thanked Superintendent Canto for always going the extra step. He also thanked the committee for being able to work things out for the employees.

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

c. Approval of Award for RFP2223-007 Food Service Management
Superintendent Canto gave a brief overview and recommended approval.

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

Mr. Ruiz mentioned that Sodexo is doing a great job taking care of the students. Thank you all that work at the kitchen it is your hard work that we have this recommendation.

Mr. Lucero stated that community engagement is very important and thanked them for going over and beyond to take care of the community.

Mr. Rojas mentioned his dissatisfaction with certain formalities, and stated he would like to have more clarity on certain things he does not yet understand.

Mr. Ruiz followed up with his comments stating all these things have to go through ADE and need to follow protocol.

Mr. Rojas added that standard are high and challenge the students and students are meeting standards and expectations and we expect the same from Food Services.

Mr. Lucero clarified that the process is the process and the frustration is that in the decision making not all Board Members can get involved, as they would like to be. However, State statute is what guides the Board and they need to follow protocol.

Mr. Ruiz made further comments on District needing to follow ADE protocols.

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

d. Approval of Textbook Adoption-Math for Grades K-5

Asst. Superintendent, Aissa Bonillas, gave an overview of the recommendation made by the committee.

She mentioned for the record, the names of the people in the committee.

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

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

IX. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Mr. Ruiz requested the Administration to reach out to Legal Counsel and find out if Board Members can be more involved in the administration committees.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Rojas made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Muñozcano for adjournment of the public meeting.

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

Session adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Not Present President
Manny Ruiz

Greg Lucero Clerk
Greg Lucero

Not Present Member
Robert S. Rojas

Cesar A. Lopez Member
Cesar A. Lopez

Patricia Muñozcano Member
Patricia Muñozcano

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
July 10, 2023

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