

NOGALES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes of the Special Meeting/Study Session of July 27, 2020
Held at 2:00 p.m.

I. Attendance:

The following Board Members were present:

Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., President, Greg Lucero Clerk; Members Barbara Mendoza

Members Robert Rojas and Manuel Ruiz joined the meeting as soon as they were able to connect.

a. Call to Order

Dr. Varona called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Alvaro Marty Ley, IB student, led all in the Pledge.

c. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

Motion carried unanimously by members:

Mendoza, Lucero and Varona

II. Study Session

a. Nogales High School 2020 IB Diploma Recipients

Superintendent Parra gave an overview of the students' hard work for this accomplishment and introduced the IB students as follows:

Melitz Ortega, Jesús Mota, David Moore, Álvaro Marty Ley, Noah Hilbig, Isaac Valenzuela, Fernanda Ruiz, Eduardo Yépez, Diana García, and Alfonso Gómez-De-León

Mrs. Mendoza congratulated all and mentioned that she was happy they had taken the opportunity of the program regardless of the challenges.

Mr. Lucero congratulated the students and mentioned that they all had taken very diverse colleges and was happy to hear some had decided on the engineering career. He added that Angela Noon was a past NHS graduate who was working as an engineer for South32 overseeing the underground mining operations and would be happy if any would follow her footsteps.

Mr. Ruiz congratulated the students for their hard work and mentioned they should be proud of attending any university in the nation. He stated he was looking forward to seeing their accomplishments and had hopes they would come back and share their experiences.

Dr. Varona asked the students what they would be doing to look for good trouble and make this a better place to live.

The IB students gave their personal input of what they hoped to become with their future education.

Dr. Varona made a recommendation to the students of some good literature to read.

Manuel and Humberto Camacho, IB students, joined at this time and stated their future plans and the college they planned to attend.

Dr. Varona also asked them what good trouble they would be looking for. Humberto and Manuel gave their personal input.

Mr. Colgate thanked all the IB students for attending the meeting and congratulated them for doing a great job. He concluded stating he was looking forward to seeing what good thing they will become.

Superintendent Parra gave brief closing statements congratulating the students, the parents, the teachers and the community for their support in order for these students to be able to go into the world and do good things.

Dr. Varona on behalf of the Board thanked the students and their parents for their hard work and support.

At this time, Mr. Rojas acknowledged that he had joined telephonically.

b. Update Extended School Year (ESY) and Jump Back To School

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and Introduced Mrs. Mendoza-Jimenez to give a presentation.

Judith Mendoza-Jimenez, Student Services Director, gave a brief update and overview of how the program worked out this year.

She further spoke about the JBTS program and the changes that needed to be made in order to make the program a success.

She concluded by mentioning the vendors that help with the JBTS and the items they provided.

Mr. Lucero mentioned the JBTS was a great program and thanked Ms. Mendoza- Jimenez and all volunteers involved who went the extra mile to make this possible.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked the staff for stepping up and making sure the students got all the services they needed in these hard time.

Mr. Ruiz echoed comments by his colleagues and thanked the staff getting everything ready for the students.

Dr. Varona thanked Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez for all she does to make sure everything works in order and being a great advocate for the students.
He further thanked the JBTS committee for making the program a continued success.

Superintendent Parra agreed with Ms. Mendoza-Jimenez's presentation and mentioned that everyone is doing a great job in making sure all needs are provided for all students.

c. NUSD Reopening of Schools Plan

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview of the plan and thanked all the people working on it and the committee for their continuous work in making the plan a success.
He thanked the Board for their support and understanding while working with the opening plan.
He explained briefly some of the procedures in plan.
He introduced Asst. Superintendent Angel Canto to give a Power Point presentation.

Ms. Canto gave a Power Point presentation of the plan explaining protocol and requirements.

Dr. Varona thanked Ms. Canto for preparing the Board with the presentation and providing the documents in advance.

Mr. Lucero mentioned it was an excellent presentation and congratulated the committee of putting a lot of thoughts and work in it. He expressed his concerns for opening in person any time soon. He added that looking at other places of concern, he did not think there was a need to rush the in person opening and mentioned he would push to delay the in person instruction as late as possible.

Mrs. Mendoza stated her concerns and encouraged the District to apply for the waiver to delay the in person instruction and take advantage to keep staff and students safe.

Mr. Ruiz stated his concerns and agreed with both colleagues comments.
He stated the plan was a great strategy worked on, however, he still did not feel comfortable opening the schools and putting staff and students at risk.

Mr. Rojas he stated he agreed with all his colleagues comments and thanked Ms. Canto for her presentation.
He stated his concern and mentioned that following the protocol was going to be very important. He further mentioned that Superintendent Parra was doing a great job and it would be his recommendation to the Board to take in consideration once he had a final decision.
He thanked Superintendent Parra and the leadership team for doing a great job during these difficult times.

Dr. Varona asked Superintendent Parra to give in detail how many pages the actual plan was.

Superintendent Parra stated it would be approximately seventy pages once it is finished and all steps have been followed.
He thanked the Board for their guidance and mentioned he will not be taking any further steps until he has a final plan.

In addition, he mentioned that there would not be any gatherings, and all meetings all will be done from classroom or home via remotely.
He made comments about the waivers that the district is ready to proceed with if necessary.
He concluded mentioning a few of the concerns that had come up.

Mr. Lucero mentioned the possibility of having another meeting to follow up on the letter of waiver.

Dr. Varona stated he supported the scientific data and would be following protocol.

Mr. Rojas also agreed for the Board to consider another follow up meeting.

d. Update on AIA/Arizona Interscholastic Association and Music/Band Programs

Superintendent Parra gave a brief overview and introduced Mr. Colgate to give an update.

Mr. Colgate gave a Power Point presentation on the timeline for reopening sports, including the marching band procedures to be followed based on CDC guidelines.

Mr. Ruiz mentioned that the District is on the right track for the students' safety and thanked Mr. Colgate for his presentation.

Mrs. Mendoza thanked Mr. Colgate for the presentation and stated she was sorry to hear the students would have to miss some of these opportunities.

Mr. Lucero echoed his colleagues' comments and added that if it is not safe for student to be in classroom than is not safe for sports as well.

Dr. Varona mentioned that having athletics in person, as well, the safety of the students is more important.

Superintendent Parra thanked the board for their feedback and support and mentioned that the District would make sure to take the right steps for the well-being of the students.

e. Welcome Back Virtual Ceremony

Superintendent Parra mentioned that Mrs. Zuniga was working on the welcome back, which was schedule to transmit on Friday, July 31, 2020. He added that it would be a brief video welcoming the staff virtually with a link for the Board so they could participate watching it.

III. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Personnel Agenda Summary

Superintendent Parra recommended approval as presented.

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

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

IV. Adjournment of the Study Session


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

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

Session adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary T. Lopez, Secretary
August 24, 2020

APPROVED BY THE BOARD



Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr President



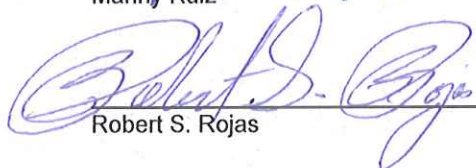
Greg Lucero Clerk



Barbara Mendoza Member



Manny Ruiz Member



Robert S. Rojas Member

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