



**NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Governing Board**  
**June 23, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M. Closed Executive Session**  
**7:00 P.M. Regular Public Session**

**MINUTES**

The Regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Board President Solomon. All Cabinet and Board members attended the meeting via Zoom teleconference to maximize public safety.

Board Members present: Rose, Smith, Solomon, Talley and Walters

Cabinet Members present: Jamison, Montemayor, Morse, Pelzel and Staszewski

There were no public comments on Closed Session items.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:02 P.M.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6: Labor Negotiations – Negotiator for the District: Dr. Michelle Morse, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957: Public Employee – possible employment/discipline/dismissal/release of an employee

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: Potential Litigation – Case #18/19-04

Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation: Government Code Sections 54954.5 (c) & 54956.9 (d)(2) & (e)(1): On Possible Case #19/20-02

Superintendent Evaluation: End-of-Year Superintendent Update

Board members returned to Public Session at 7:00 P.M.

Board President Solomon announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

Board President Solomon led the Pledge of Allegiance

**PLEDGE**

Approved agenda with amendment to remove item 16.4.2: NTA Proposal/Demand to Bargain the Innovative Digital Learning Academy & Hybrid Distance Model.

**AGENDA**

M/S/C – (Talley/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2020

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

**MINUTES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

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- Assistant Principal Daria Ramirez received an honorary service award for “Outstanding Administrator” from the SCV Council PTA;
- Wiley Canyon, Peachland, Valencia Valley, Newhall and Oak Hills PTAs received awards for increased memberships in 2019/2020;
- Board members and Superintendent Pelzel welcomed new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Sheri Staszewski to the District;
- Board members, Superintendent Pelzel and NESP Co-Presidents thanked outgoing Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Michelle Morse for her years of service at NSD and wished her well in her new position.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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NTA leaders along with several teachers in the District requested the Board reconsider granting teachers an alternate weekly schedule for PLC and instructional planning days. Teachers feel this will allow for instructional planning time, collaboration and completion of tasks.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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None

**PUBLIC INTEREST**

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Coordinator of Special Programs Sarah Johnson and District Music Teacher Brandon Valerino presented the District with a Music Makers PTA donation of \$30,000.

Exiting NESP Co-President DeeDee Jensen introduced new NESP Co-Presidents Sandy Anderson and Amanda Andrews to the Board. Ms. Jensen thanked Cabinet and Board members for their collaboration throughout her term.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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CALENDAR**

**Business Services**

Approved purchase orders through #20-01137; B warrants 20102406 - 20105850; all payroll warrants issued through June 22, 2020

**B WARRANTS**

Approved Gift Report #19/20-18

**GIFT REPORT**

**Human Resources**

Approved Personnel Report #19/20-21

**PERSONNEL  
REPORT**

**Student Support Services**

Approved contract with the Institute of Multi-Sensory Education (IMSE) for Orton-Gillingham Training

**IMSE CONTRACT –  
ORTON GILLINGHAM  
TRAINING**

Approved contract with the Institute of Multi-Sensory Education (IMSE) for Virtual Phonological Awareness Training

**IMSE CONTRACT –  
PHONOLOGICAL  
AWARENESS  
TRAINING**

**Curriculum/Instructional Services**

Approved contract with IO/DnA for testing platform and data management services

**IO/DnA CONTRACT**

**Administrative Services**

Approved amendment to agreement for Regional Operation of SELPA Plan for SCV

**SELPA AMENDMENT**

Approved items on the Consent Calendar

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

*Information concerning the Consent Items listed above has been forwarded to each Board Member prior to this meeting for their study. Unless a Board Member has a question concerning a particular item and asks it to be withdrawn from the Consent Calendar, the items are approved at one time by the Governing Board. The action by the Board in approving Consent Items is detailed in individual backup documents.*

**STAFF  
REPORTS**

**Business Services**

Board President Solomon opened a public hearing regarding the 2020/2021 Budget at 7:51 PM.

**2020/2021 BUDGET  
HEARING**

NTA Co-President Hillary Hall inquired about the recent agreement made by Governor Newsom for the 2020-21 Budget. The District will begin working on calculations once final agreement numbers come in.

Board President Solomon closed the public hearing regarding the 2020/2021 Budget at 7:53 PM.

Approved 2020/2021 Adopted Budget to meet state requirements, but recognizing that the District has no intention of setting a precedent for violating any budget related board policies **2020/2021 BUDGET ADOPTION**

M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved Resolution #19/20-40: Identify Budget Reductions for 2020/2021 and 2022/2023 with amendments requested by Board members **RESOLUTION #19/20-40: IDENTIFY BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

M/S/C – (Rose/Walters)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved Business Services Department annual recurring contracts for 2020/2021 **BUSINESS 2020/2021 CONTRACTS**

M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved rent reduction for Camp Sunshine, Inc. and Sandsar, Inc. due to COVID-19 Pandemic **REDUCTION OF RENT FOR CAMP SUNSHINE & SANDSAR**

M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved Resolution #19/20-41: Designation of new representatives to the SCV School Food Services Agency Board of Directors **RESOLUTION #19/20-41: SCV FOOD SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

Approved changes of authorized signatures for cash clearing and revolving cash bank accounts  
M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)  
Vote: 5-0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

**CHANGE IN BANK  
AUTHORIZED  
SIGNATURES**

**Curriculum/Instructional Services**

Approved Community–Executive Order N-56-20 Report  
M/S/C – (Smith/Talley)  
Vote: 5-0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

**COMMUNITY-  
EXECUTIVE ORDER  
N-56-20 REPORT**

Approved the 2020/2021 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Newhall Elementary School  
M/S/C – (Talley/Smith)  
Vote: 4-0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Board Member Walters was not present for the vote

**NEWHALL SPSA**

Approved the 2020/2021 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Peachland Elementary School  
M/S/C – (Walters/Smith)  
Vote: 5-0  
Roll call vote:  
Rose – Aye  
Smith – Aye  
Solomon – Aye  
Talley – Aye  
Walters – Aye

**PEACHLAND SPSA**

NTA Co-President Hillary Hall addressed the Board over concerns with some content included in the proposed curriculum.

**SOCIAL STUDIES  
WEEKLY  
CURRICULUM**

Board members agreed to move forward with the proposed curriculum for a 1-year trial period with the understanding that teachers can determine whether or not the content is appropriate for lessons. The Board gave direction for the District to provide feedback once the program is rolled out

Approved Social Studies Weekly curriculum  
M/S/C – (Walters/Talley)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

Walters – Aye

### **Administrative Services**

Superintendent Pelzel provided an update on the Task Force's latest progress. Since June 9<sup>th</sup>, the Task Force has continued to analyze different models, participated in Zoom meetings for staff and parents, surveyed staff and created a webpage with resources. Given time constraints and with a goal of finalizing a proposal for the Board, it is necessary for parents to be surveyed to determine which of the two following recommended models they prefer:

### **SCHOOL START PLANNING TASK FORCE UPDATE**

1. Digital Learning Academy Model – 100% online 5 days a week
2. AM/PM Blended Learning Model – 4 days a week, 2.5 hours face-to-face teaching (M-F with a full Digital Learning Day on Wednesday)

Data from this survey will allow the Task Force to review enrollment numbers for the final proposal. The District can then begin building classrooms and notify staff of assignments within a reasonable timeframe.

Peachland parent Dr. Privett expressed his concerns to the Board over students not returning to a traditional school model. Dr. Privett shared that several health studies have concluded children in the elementary school age range are least likely to contract the COVID-19 virus and in instances where they do, death results are rare.

After much discussion, the Governing Board voted to not move forward with pursuing a variance at this time.

Board members accepted the two models presented as methods of instruction for the start of the 2020/2021 year.

Board members requested the Task Force include a question in the parent survey that asks whether or not families are comfortable with the District pursuing a variance to the guidelines published by the Department of Public Health.

Board members agreed not to move forward with a Special Governing Board meeting on June 30, 2020. Superintendent Pelzel will provide updates to the Board on Task Force survey data as it comes in.

### **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Approved Declaration of Need for State of California commission on teaching credentialing

M/S/C – (Walters/Rose)

Vote: 5-0

Roll call vote:

Rose – Aye

Smith – Aye

Solomon – Aye

Talley – Aye

### **DECLARATION OF NEED**

Walters – Aye

**SECOND CLOSED SESSION**

The Board resumed Closed Session at 12:19 A.M. to discuss previously stated Closed Session items.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Board members returned to Public Session at 12:20 A.M.

Board President Solomon announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Board President Solomon adjourned the meeting at 1:42 A.M.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

Williams Quarterly Report  
Task Force Update

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2020. Closed Session will begin at 6:00 P.M. and Public Session will begin at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Newhall School District Office, 25375 Orchard Village Road, Suite #200, Valencia, California.

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Secretary to the Board

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Clerk of the Board

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