

**NATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
GOVERNING BOARD**

April 26, 2017  
6:00 PM  
Administrative Center  
1500 "N" Avenue  
National City, CA 91950

**Attendance Taken at 6:10 PM:**

Present:

Ms. Barbara Avalos  
Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda  
Mr. Brian Clapper  
Ms. Maria Dalla  
Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Dalla called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**4. CLOSED SESSION - 4:30 PM**

Closed session was held from 4:32 p.m. to 6:07 p.m. and from 8:07 to 9:00 p.m. No action was taken.

**5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**6. CALL TO ORDER**

President Dalla called the public meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Palmer Way Student, Christine A. De Gala, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**8. ROLL CALL**

Yvette Olea took roll call.

## **9. PRESENTATIONS**

### **9.A. Presentation by Palmer Way School students.**

Students from Palmer Way School gave a presentation on their puppetry program. On behalf of the Governing Board, Alma Sarmiento, presented the students with a certificate, pencil box and notebook.

### **9.B. Recognize Ms. Billiejean Velapoldi, Palmer Way School, as the National School District Volunteer of the Month for April 2017.**

Recognized Ms. Billiejean Velapoldi, Palmer Way School, as the National School District Volunteer of the Month for April 2017. Principal, Alfonso Denegri commented on her many fine qualities. On behalf of the Governing Board, Brian Clapper presented Ms. Velapoldi with a framed certificate and logo clock.

### **9.C. Recognize Vanessa Tapia, Instructional Assistant, Special Education, Rancho de la Nacion School, as National School District Employee of the Month for April 2017.**

Recognized Vanessa Tapia, Instructional Assistant, Special Education, as Employee of the Month for April 2017. Director, Meghann O'Connor commented on her many fine qualities. On behalf of the Governing Board, Barbara Avalos presented Ms. Tapia with a framed certificate and logo watch.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Alma Van Nice, Beacon Classical Academy Director, spoke regarding Beacon Classical Academy's progress.

Mike Montfort, NCETA, spoke regarding a book he is currently reading.

Cesar Guerra and Jonathan Tigh, Central School students, spoke regarding the Central School spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

## **11. AGENDA**

### **11.A. Approve agenda.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve agenda Passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

## **12. CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Consent Calendar Passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper and a second by Ms. Barbara Avalos.

- Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos
- Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
- Yes Mr. Brian Clapper
- Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
- Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **12.A. Minutes**

**12.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on April 5, 2017.**

**12.A.II. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 12, 2017.**

### **12.B. Administration**

**12.B.I. Approve the National School District Governing Board meeting schedule for the 2017-18 school year.**

### **12.C. Human Resources**

**12.C.I. Ratify/approve recommended actions in personnel activity list.**

**12.C.II. The employee resignations/retirements on the attached list were accepted by Cindy Frazee, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.**

**12.C.III. Adopt Resolution #16-17.33 in recognition of California Day of the Teacher, Wednesday, May 10, 2017.**

**12.C.IV. Adopt Resolution #16-17.34 in recognition of Classified Employees and designating May 21-27, 2017, as Classified School Employee Week.**

### **12.D. Educational Services**

### **12.E. Business Services**

## **13. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

### **13.A. Adjust monthly stipend for Governing Board Members.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, Adjust Governing Board Members monthly stipend Passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper and a second by Ms. Barbara Avalos.

- Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos
- Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
- Yes Mr. Brian Clapper
- Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
- Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**13.B. Amend Employment Agreement with Leighangela Brady, Superintendent.**

**Motion Passed:** Amend Employment Agreement Passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Mr. Brian Clapper.

- Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos
- Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
- Yes Mr. Brian Clapper
- Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
- Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**13.C. Amend Employment Agreement with Christopher Carson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.**

**Motion Passed:** Amend Employment Agreement Passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

- Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos
- Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
- Yes Mr. Brian Clapper
- Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
- Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**13.D. Amend Employment Agreement with Cynthia Frazee, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.**

**Motion Passed:** Amend Employment Agreement Passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

- Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos
- Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
- Yes Mr. Brian Clapper
- Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
- Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**13.E. Amend Employment Agreement with Paula Jameson-Whitney, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.**

**Motion Passed:** Amend Employment Agreement Passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper and a second by Ms. Barbara Avalos.

- Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos
- Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
- Yes Mr. Brian Clapper
- Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
- Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**14. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**14.A. Approve consultant contract #CT3386 with the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) to provide professional development for El Toyon teachers.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, Approve contract Passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos and a second by Mr. Brian Clapper.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

#### **14.B. Presentation of the National School District Music Program.**

Paula Jameson-Whitney, along with the directors and students of the three programs, showcased the accomplishments of the groups and discussed future goals for the music program.

### **15. HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **15.A. Conduct Public Hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 3547 regarding the proposal from the National School District to the National City Elementary Teachers Association to open negotiations for the 2017-2018 school year.**

President Dalla opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. No speakers came forward to be heard. President Dalla closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

#### **15.B. Adopt proposal from the National School District to open negotiations with the National City Elementary Teachers Association (NCETA) for the 2017-2018 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt proposal from the National School District to open negotiations with the National City Elementary Teachers Association (NCETA) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper and a second by Ms. Barbara Avalos.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **16. BUSINESS SERVICES**

#### **16.A. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent or Business Services to advertise for Prequalifications for Proposition 39 projects.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, Authorize to advertise Passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos and a second by Mr. Brian Clapper.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**16.B. Ratify Contract #CT3388 with Chavez and Associates for DSA Inspector Of Record services for the Pre-School Center Ramp project.**

**Motion Passed:** Ratify Contract Passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**16.C. Consideration and approval of Sheryll Celladora, David Garcia Ozua, and Lori Anne Peoples to the Measure N Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.**

**Motion Passed:** Appoint Members to the Measure N Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**17. BOARD WORKSHOP**

**17.A. Board Workshop on Governing Board Bylaws.**

Leighangela Brady led a discussion regarding BB9324, BB9240, and BB9250. Board members shared ideas on revisions to the policies. The revised policies will be brought forward for a first reading at a future meeting.

**18. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Clapper thanked the students for their puppetry presentation. He congratulated the Volunteer of the Month and the Employee of the Month. He commented on what an amazing music program the District has. He shared that the Centurion breakfast is tomorrow morning. He also shared that Central School will be having a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Avalos shared how proud she is of the students and puppetry teachers. She congratulated the Volunteer of the Month and the Employee of the Month. She commented on what a wonderful music program the District has. She commented that she would like to look at getting more instruments for the students.

Mrs. Sarmiento thanked the students for their puppetry presentation. She congratulated the Volunteer of the Month and the Employee of the Month. She shared that she will put the word out on social media to get more instruments for the students.

Mrs. Betancourt-Castañeda commented that the musicians inspired her to play her instruments again. She congratulated the Volunteer of the Month and the Employee of the Month.

Mrs. Frazee commented on how much fun it is to see the students perform.

Mr. Carson shared information on SB751. He also shared information on facilities issues.

Mrs. Jameson-Whitney commented how much she loved the puppetry presentation. She thanked the Board for their support of the music program. She thanked the Directors of the music program for their hard work. She also thanked Sara Borbon for her support and work.

Dr. Brady commented on what a fun meeting this was. The student performers showcased innovative and extended learning opportunities at work. She thanked the Board for their support of SB751. She shared how proud she is to work as part of the NSD family.

Mrs. Dalla commented on how much she enjoyed the puppetry and music presentations.

## **19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 8:07 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board