

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

September 13, 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 Maria Dalla called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**4. CLOSED SESSION- 4:00 PM**

Closed session was held from 4:02 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

President Maria Dalla announced that, in closed session, the Board finalized the Superintendent's evaluation. The Board gave Dr. Brady an overall rating of Exceeds Expectations. There were no changes to contract at this time.

**5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**6. CALL TO ORDER**

President Maria Dalla called the public meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Maria Dalla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **8. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Vanessa Ceseña took roll call.

## **9. PRESENTATIONS**

### **9.A. Presentation by Lincoln Acres Students**

Students from Lincoln Acres School gave a presentation on implementing Rigorous Curriculum Design Units of Study - Engaging in geometry, using “Depth of Knowledge” levels. Board member, Ms. Alma Sarmiento, presented each of the students with a certificate, pencil box and notebook.

### **9.B. Recognize Ms. Elvia Lopez, Lincoln Acres School as National School District Volunteer of the Month for September 2017.**

The Board recognized Ms. Elvia Lopez, Lincoln Acres School, as the National School District Volunteer of the Month for September 2017. Principal, Ms. Luz Vicario, introduced Ms. Lopez and commented on her many fine qualities.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Ms. Barbara Avalos presented Ms. Lopez with a certificate and a logo clock.

### **9.C. Recognize Ms. Kristina Bañas, Fourth Grade Teacher at Rancho de la Nación School, as National School District Employee of the Month for September 2017.**

The Board recognized Ms. Kristina Bañas, Fourth grade teacher at Rancho de la Nación School, as the National School District Employee of the Month for September 2017. Principal, Ms. Kathy Melanese, introduced Ms. Bañas, commented on her wonderful attributes, and thanked her for doing a great job.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Mr. Brian Clapper presented Ms. Bañas with a certificate and a logo watch.

### **9.D. Introduce and welcome the new employees**

Ms. Leticia Hernández, Director of Human Resources, introduced and welcomed the new employees.

President Maria Dalla presented each of the new employees with a District pin.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Irma Sanchez, NCETA, spoke regarding leaves, workload and benefits.

Ms. Tamlyn McKean, NCETA, thanked the Governing Board for the LCAP staff additions.

Ms. Christina Benson, NCETA, spoke regarding NCETA communication.

Ms. Lorena Dambois and Ms. Tricia Hernandez, NCETA, spoke regarding bargaining and health benefits.

Ms. Julia Romero, NCETA, spoke regarding catastrophic leave.

Mr. Jonathan Isaacs, NCETA, thanked the Governing Board for their support in fundraising for sixth grade camp.

Mr. Fabian Rodriguez, National City Chamber of Commerce, invited the Governing Board and community members to the South Bay Sustainability Fair.

Ms. Gloria Gonzales, NCETA, spoke regarding special education staffing.

## **11. AGENDA**

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

**Motion Passed:** Approve agenda 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

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

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, Approve Consent Calendar with the exception of item 12.C.IV, which was pulled to be brought forward at a future meeting, Passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda 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

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

**12.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 23, 2017.**

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

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

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

**12.C.II. Pre-approval to hire temporary employees**

**12.C.III. The employee resignations/retirements on the attached list were accepted by Ms. Leticia Hernandez, Director, Human Resources.**

**12.C.IV. Approve the appointment of the attached as PAR Council Members for the 2017-2018 school year.**

Item was pulled and will be brought forward at a future meeting.

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

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

**12.E.I. Adopt Resolution #17-18.04 relative to compliance with the Expenditure Limitation Initiative (Gann Limit-Attached).**

Resolution number was corrected to #17-18.06.

**12.E.II. Adopt Resolution #17-18.05 regarding “National School Lunch Week,” October 12-16, 2017.**

Resolution number was corrected to #17-18.07.

**12.E.III. Amend Contract #CT2220 with Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP for Legal Services.**

**12.E.IV. Amend Contract #CT3377 with Currier & Hudson, a Professional Corporation for Legal Services.**

**12.E.V. Amend Contract #CT3376 with Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law for Legal Services.**

**12.E.VI. Ratify/approve purchase orders, contracts and warrants as summarized and detailed in exhibit A.**

#### **13. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**13.A. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement #CT3423 with Huard and Associates.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve contract 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

#### **14. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**14.A. Approve Independent Contractor Agreement #CT3421 with Tech4Learning to provide integrated professional learning using technology resources (Wixie) and project-based learning.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve contract Passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda 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

**15. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**15.A. Adopt Changes in 2017-18 School Year Calendar for Administrative Assistants and Office Technicians.**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Changes Passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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

**15.B. Adopt proposal from the National School District to open negotiations with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) National Chapter 206 for the 2017-18 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt proposal 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

**15.C. Approve Agreement #CT3335 with the San Diego County Office of Education to provide the BTSA Induction Program to beginning teachers.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, Approve agreement 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
- Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

## **16. BUSINESS SERVICES**

### **16.A. Presentation on year-end actual ending balances for the 2016-17 year and budget revisions to the 2017-18 adopted budget.**

Mr. Chris Carson gave a presentation on the year-end actual ending balances for the 2016-17 year and budget revisions to the 2017-18 adopted budget.

### **16.B. Approve year-end actual ending balances for the 2016-17 year and approve budget revisions to the 2017-18 adopted budget.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve year-end actual ending balances for the 2016-17 year and approve budget revisions to the 2017-18 adopted budget, 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

### **16.C. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for Bid #17-18-173 HVAC Upgrades at Olivewood and Palmer Way Schools.**

**Motion Passed:** Authorize to advertise, 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

### **16.D. Approve contract #CT3414 with Currier and Hudson, APC for legal services.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve contract Passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Barbara Avalos.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos  
Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda  
No Mr. Brian Clapper  
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla  
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Note: Errors in short agenda will be reconciled with long agenda to reflect approval rather than ratification of contracts.

**16.E. Approve Contract #CT3415 with Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP for legal services.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve contract Passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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

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**16.F. Approve contract #CT3416 with Lozano Smith, LLP for legal services.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve contract 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

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**16.G. Approve contract #CT3417 with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR), a Professional Law Corporation for legal services.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve contract 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

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**16.H. Approve Contracts #CT3424, #CT3425, #CT3426, #CT3427, #CT3428, #CT3429, #CT3430, #CT3431, #CT3432, and #CT3433 with the YMCA of San Diego County for sixth grade camp.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Contracts 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

**16.I. Appoint Ms. Anne Campbell to Measure HH Citizens' Bond Oversight Committees.**

**Motion Passed:** Appoint Ms. Anne Campbell to Measure N and Measure HH Citizens' Bond Oversight Committees, Passed with a motion by Ms. Sarmiento 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

**17. BOARD WORKSHOP**

**17. A. Review and discuss suggested revisions and updates to Board policies.**

Due to the high quantity of policies to review, Board members conducted a workshop to discuss suggestions in more detail. Policy updates discussed in this workshop will be brought forward at a subsequent Board meeting as consideration for adoption. BP and AR 5121 Grades/Evaluation Of Student Achievement were pulled for further edits and a second first reading.

**18. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Brian Clapper congratulated everyone. He shared that his visits to schools during the Elk's Dictionary giveaways were a success. He enjoyed his El Toyon site visit with Dr. Cindy Vasquez, was very impressed with the skills the students are learning using their Chromebooks.

Ms. Barbara Avalos expressed that she was impressed with the student presenters from Lincoln Acres. She thanked the Principal, Ms. Luz Vicario, for encouraging her father, Mr. Luis Vicario, to volunteer at different schools. She expresses how proud she is of all students and welcomed the new employees.

Ms. Alma Sarmiento commented that she enjoyed the student presentation and to see how knowledgeable the students are in their math skills. She congratulated and thanked the Volunteer and Employee of the month. She also thanked Ms. Anne Campbell for her help in volunteering. She thanked Dr. Brady for meeting with a grandparent and for addressing his concerns. She also congratulated Dr. Brady on her exceptional evaluation.

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda welcomed new staff, thanked the student presenters and Ms. Cruz. She congratulated the Volunteer and Employee of the month, and she thanked Ms. Ceseña for her help. She gave Ms. Avalos an early birthday wish.

Ms. Leticia Hernández welcomed new employees and congratulated staff on a wonderful job.

Mr. Christopher Carson recognized the great work the Business Department did in preparing the budget report and binders.

Ms. Paula Jameson-Whitney also thanked everyone present and congratulated all departments. She expressed her amazement with the student presenters and their level of knowledge. She thanked the FRC and community supporters for a wonderful retreat.

Dr. Leighangela Brady wished Ms. Barbara Avalos a happy birthday. She thanked the Governing Board for the wonderful feedback given in her evaluation. She invited the Board Members to the next PTA officers meeting. She also highlighted the important role of the Governing Board in reviewing policies, and thanked the Board for their due diligence.

President Maria Dalla thanked and congratulated Dr. Leighangela Brady on her evaluation. She praised the student presentation, thanked the honorees, and welcomed new employees.

## **20. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board