

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

Administrative Ctr.
1500 N Avenue
National City, CA

August 3, 2005

The public meeting was called to order by Board President Rosie Alvarado at 7:33 a.m.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

Board President Alvarado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

Members Present: Rosalie “Rosie” Alvarado, Anne Campbell, Cecilia Garcia-Kirk, James Grier, Jr., and Maria D. Muñoz

ROLL CALL

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: George J. Cameron, Ed.D.

Staff Absent: Ellen Curtin, Ed.D., Michael Castanos and Cynthia A. Mesaros

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

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Mr. Brian Clapper and Ms. Leticia Quintero, representing the School Renaming Committee, expressed their sentiments regarding the committee’s selection and the community input they had received.

Brian Clapper

Leticia Quintero

Cheryl Colmenero-Howrey, a New Horizons parent, stated that she felt their community had not been included in decisions being made regarding their new school.

Cheryl Colmenero-Howrey

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

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Rosie Alvarado announced that some Board Members had received inquiries from the community regarding the association between the new school name and the existing Paradise Valley Hospital. Although the Board named the school in recognition of the geographical area, people’s first connection is with the hospital because they are not aware of the history of our region. Other concerns were that the school would take the name of a religious-based institution in our community. In light of these inquiries and in an effort to

Revisit school name selection

avoid misperceptions and any confusion, this Special Board Meeting had been called to revisit the name selection of *Paradise Valley School* made at the July 25 Special Board Meeting.

Cecilia Garcia-Kirk moved and Rosie Alvarado seconded the motion to modify the name selection made at the Special Board Meeting held on July 25 from Paradise Valley to Valle School. Following discussion, the motion carried 2-3-0. Anne Campbell, James Grier, Jr., and Maria D. Muñoz voted no.

Vote to modify name selection

Cecilia Garcia-Kirk moved and Rosie Alvarado seconded the motion to modify the name selection made at the Special Board Meeting held on July 25 from Paradise Valley to Valley School. Following discussion, the motion carried 2-3-0. Anne Campbell, James Grier, Jr., and Maria D. Muñoz voted no.

Vote to modify name selection

Anne Campbell moved and Cecilia Garcia-Kirk seconded the motion to reject the *Paradise Valley School* name designated at the July 25 Board Meeting and retain the *New Horizons School* name for the District's newly-formed K-6 school located at 1830 E. Division Street, National City. *New Horizons School* will be retained until a new name is designated by a new selection process, which will be established once the school year begins. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0-0.

Vote to reject Paradise Valley name and retain New Horizons name

BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

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Rosie Alvarado thanked the committee again for their commitment and hard work.

Rosie Alvarado

ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.