

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

Administrative Ctr.  
1500 N Avenue  
National City, CA

February 11, 2009

Closed session was held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. President Grier announced that the Board held closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9: Conference with Legal Counsel–Existing Litigation, Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator, Cindy Frazee, Employee organizations: California School Employees Association, National City Elementary Teachers Association. Dennis Doyle was present from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All Board members were present. Mike Castanos, Cindy Frazee and Chris Oram were present from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

The public meeting was called to order by President Grier at 6:37 p.m.

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

President Grier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

Members Present: James Grier, Jr., Rosie Alvarado, Barbara Avalos, Anne Campbell and Alma Graham

**ROLL CALL**

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dennis Doyle, Ph.D., Chris Oram, Ed.D., and Cindy Frazee

Staff Absent: Mike Castanos

**PRESENTATIONS**

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Recognized Mr. Jerry Yu and Mrs. Bieshia Yu from Lincoln Acres School as the National School District Volunteers of the Month for January 2009. Principal Angela Franco introduced Mr. and Mrs. Yu and commented on their many fine qualities. On behalf of the Governing Board, Rosie Alvarado presented Mr. and Mrs. Yu with a certificate and a logo clock.

Volunteers of the  
Month of January:  
  
Jerry & Bieshia Yu

Recognized Sharlena Avilez, Teacher, Lincoln Acres, as the National School District Employee of the Month for February 2009. Angela Franco, Principal

Employee of the  
Month of February:

of Lincoln Acres School, introduced Ms. Avilez and commented on her many fine qualities.

Sharlena Avilez

On behalf of the Governing Board, Alma Graham presented Ms. Avilez with a framed certificate, a District logo lapel pin, and a District logo watch.

Cindy Frazee, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, introduced and welcomed the following new employee:

Introduced and welcomed new employee

Name	Position	Location
*Vanessa Tapia	Instructional Assistant Special Education	Rancho de la Nación School

\* employee not present

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

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Luis Natividad and Lena Laffaye from the U.S. Census gave a brief summary of the upcoming census and their partnership with the District.

Luis Natividad & Lena Laffaye

Wes Braddock, Principal of Sweetwater Union High School, spoke regarding the common calendar.

Wes Braddock

Linda Cartwright, NCETA, spoke regarding Budget issues.

Linda Cartwright

Miriam Escobar, NCETA, spoke regarding Educational Services item 4.G.

Miriam Escobar

**AGENDA**

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Alma Graham moved and Rosie Alvarado seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Approved agenda

**CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Rosie Alvarado moved and Alma Graham seconded to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Approved consent calendar

**Minutes**

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Approved minutes of the regular meeting held on January 28, 2009.

Approved minutes

## **Human Resources**

Ratified/approved recommended actions in personnel activity list.

Approved the appointment of the following teachers as additional Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Program Support Providers and Peer Assistance Review (PAR) Consulting Teacher for the 2008-2009 school year (BTSA Support Providers will receive \$2,000 per year for assisting one new teacher and \$1,500 for each additional teacher; PAR Council Consulting Teachers receive \$3,000 per year for assisting one experienced teacher [Peer Assistance and Review Program]).

BTSA Support Provider Diana Whitaker

PAR Council Consulting Teacher Jelen Rodecker

## **Educational Services**

Authorized the Superintendent to submit the Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs (CCAP), Parts I and II, for 2008-2009.

Approved Consultant Contract #CT2555 with Bessie Reddick-Pierce to provide Parents as Teachers Born to Learn™ Prenatal to Age Three training in National City, California on March 29 – April 3, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 (PAT Training Funds).

Approved Consultant Contract #CT2556 with Bessie Reddick-Pierce to provide Parents as Teachers Born to Learn™ Prenatal to Age Three Follow-Up Training in Salinas, California on April 23-24, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$700 (PAT Training Funds).

Approved Consultant Contract #CT2558 with San Diego Ice Company to provide snow days for all the preschool students in National School District at a cost not to exceed \$5,500 (Preschool For All Grant Funds).

## **Business Services**

Ratified/approved purchase orders, contracts, and warrants as summarized below and detailed in Exhibit A.

I. Purchase Orders #F80437- F80502, #P90716- \$ 149,586.83  
P90753 and #S04406-S04410

## **Human Resources**

Ratified/approved recommended actions in personnel activity list

Approved appointment of teachers as BTSA support providers & PAR consulting teacher

## **Educational Services**

Authorized to submit for funding

Approved #CT2555

Approved #CT2556

Approved #CT2558

## **Business Services**

Ratified/approved purchase orders, contracts, and warrants

II. Child Nutrition Purchase Orders #9330-9337	\$	387,634.63
III. Child Nutrition Checks #10318-10329	\$	547,400.99
IV. Consultant Contracts (not to exceed \$500 each)	\$	0.00
V. Commercial Warrants	\$	496,089.02
VI. Miscellaneous Contracts	\$	0.00
VII. Revolving Cash Fund Business I (month ending January 31, 2009)	\$	3.00
VIII. Revolving Cash Fund Business II (month ending January 31, 2009)	\$	183.00

## GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Rosie Alvarado moved and Alma Graham seconded to adopt resolution #08-09.20 regarding absence of Board member Barbara Avalos due to personal hardship. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Alma Graham moved and Rosie Alvarado seconded to adopt resolution #08-09.21 regarding absence of Board member Anne Campbell due to illness. The motion carried 5-0-0.

## POLICIES, REGULATIONS, BYLAWS

### First Reading – No Action Required

None

### Second Reading and Adoption

None

## GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Adopted Resolution #08-09.20

Adopted Resolution #08-09.21

## POLICIES, REGULATIONS, BYLAWS

### First Reading

None

### Second Reading and Adoption

None

## **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

After discussion, Alma Graham moved and Anne Campbell seconded to approve Consultant Contract #CT2557 to Pranatech Design, Inc. for developing software that generates, scans and grades District assessments at a cost not to exceed \$70,000 (School Readiness Carryover Money). The motion carried 5-0-0.

## **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Approved #CT2557

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

Anne Campbell moved and Alma Graham seconded to accept the following gifts:

1. Reading machine from Mr. Howry to Rancho de la Nación School to be used with students who need large text.
2. \$34.90 from Kym Tobias to Las Palmas 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp to pay off balance due for a student.
3. \$31.00 from Carolyn Schelin to Las Palmas 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp to pay off balance due for a student.
4. \$2,900.00 from Ira Harbison PTSO to Ira Harbison School to be used for instructional materials and supplies.

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

Accepted gifts from:

Mr. Howry

Kym Tobias

Carolyn Schelin

Ira Harbison PTSO

The motion carried 5-0-0.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

President Grier opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m. to discuss the initial proposal from the District to CSEA regarding negotiating the 2009-2010 school calendar. No one appeared to be heard. The public hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

Conducted Public Hearing: Initial proposal from the District to CSEA

Rosie Alvarado moved and Alma Graham seconded to adopt initial proposal from the District to CSEA regarding negotiations of the 2009-2010 school calendar. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Adopted initial proposal

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Conducted Public Hearing: Initial proposal from the District to NCETA

Rosie Alvarado moved and Anne Campbell seconded to adopt initial proposal

Adopted initial

from the District to NCETA regarding negotiations of the 2009-2010 school calendar. The motion carried 5-0-0.

proposal

## **BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

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Barbara Avalos thanked Mr. and Mrs. Yu for the time they spend volunteering in the classroom. She also thanked Ms. Avilez for her commitment to the students.

Barbara Avalos

Alma Graham thanked Mr. and Mrs. Yu for the time they spend volunteering in the classroom. She also thanked Ms. Avilez for her commitment to the students.

Alma Graham

Alma Graham called for a Moment of Silence in memory of John R. Kirk, husband of former board member, Cecilia Garcia-Kirk, who passed away on February 1, 2009.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

John R. Kirk

Rosie Alvarado thanked and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Yu for the time they spend volunteering in the classroom. She also congratulated Ms. Avilez.

Rosie Alvarado

Cindy Frazee thanked Mr. and Mrs. Yu for the time they spend volunteering in the classroom. She also thanked Ms. Avilez for her commitment to the students.

Cindy Frazee

Chris Oram thanked Mr. and Mrs. Yu for the time they spend volunteering in the classroom. She also thanked Ms. Avilez for her commitment to the students, as well as the assistance she has provided in training her fellow teachers in the use of technology.

Chris Oram

Dennis Doyle shared what a pleasure it is to visit the classrooms of Ms. Yu and Ms. Avilez. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Yu for the time they spend volunteering in the classroom. Dr. Doyle commented on what an inspiration it was to see such a large group of attendees at the African-American Parent/Student Conference last week. National School District was well represented.

Dennis Doyle

James Grier, Jr. thanked Mr. and Mrs. Yu for the time they spend volunteering in the classroom. He also thanked Ms. Avilez for her commitment to the students. He thanked everyone for attending the Board meeting.

James Grier, Jr.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.