

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

Administrative Ctr.  
1500 N Avenue  
National City, CA

May 27, 2009

Closed session was held from 5:42 p.m. to 6:40 p.m. and from 8:20 p.m. to 8:44 p.m. President Grier announced that the Board held closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation and Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator, Cindy Frazee, Employee organizations: California School Employees Association, National City Elementary Teachers Association. All Board members were present. Mike Castanos, Cindy Frazee and Chris Oram were present from 5:42 p.m. to 6:40 p.m. and from 8:20 p.m. to 8:41 p.m.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

The public meeting was called to order by President Grier at 6:45 p.m.

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

President Grier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Members Absent: Barbara Avalos

Staff Present: Chris Oram, Ed.D., Mike Castanos and Cindy Frazee

Staff Absent: None

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PRESENTATIONS**

Students from Rancho de la Nación School gave a presentation on “Using photography to analyze the setting, characters and plot of a narrative.” Board members, Anne Campbell and Rosie Alvarado, presented them with certificates, books and bookmarks.

Rancho de la Nación  
School Presentation

Recognized the PTO Executive Board, Rancho de la Nación School, as the National School District Volunteers of the Month for May 2009. These individuals are Mayra Sanchez, Chairperson, Araceli Camacho, Vice Chairperson, Irma Barajas, Treasurer, and Vanessa Piña, Secretary. Principal Cindy Vasquez introduced the PTO Executive Board and commented on their many fine qualities. On behalf of the Governing Board, Alma Graham presented each of the PTO Executive Board members with a certificate and a logo clock.

Volunteers of the Month of May:

Mayra Sanchez, Araceli Camacho, Irma Barajas and Vanessa Piña

Recognized and honor the following recipients for their 35 years of service to National School District. Cindy Frazee introduced the recipients and commented on their service. James Grier, Jr. and Rosie Alvarado presented them with a National School District logo clock:

Recognized and honored recipients for their 35 years of service to National School District

#### 35 Year Service Award Recipients

Gregory Chase	Psychologist, District Office
Edmund Fortuna*	Groundskeeper, Service Center Instructional Assistant Preschool, El Toyon School
Mary Garcia*	School
Elisa Gomez*	Teacher, Lincoln Acres School

\* employees not present

Recognized and honored the Classified Employee of the Year 2009, Russ Hamm, Educational Technology Specialist, and finalists.

Recognized Classified Employee of the Year 2009 and finalists

Recognized and honored the Teacher of the Year 2009, Cristina Terrones, Ira Harbison School, and finalists.

Recognized Teacher of the Year 2009 and finalists

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

None

## **AGENDA**

## **AGENDA**

Rosie Alvarado moved and Anne Campbell seconded to approve the amended agenda. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Approved agenda

## **RECESS**

President James Grier, Jr. recessed the meeting to a reception honoring the award recipients at 7:48 p.m.

## **RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING**

President Grier reconvened the public meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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

Alma Graham moved and Anne Campbell seconded to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried 4-0-0.

### **Minutes**

Approved minutes of the Special board meeting held on May 11, 2009.

Approved minutes of the Special board meeting held on May 13, 2009.

Approved minutes of the Regular board meeting held on May 13, 2009.

Approved minutes of the Special board meeting held on May 20, 2009.

### **Human Resources**

Ratified/approved recommended actions in personnel activity list.

Approved Consultant Contract #CT1827 with First Student Transportation to provide bus driver training, certification, and licensing to two current Transportation employees, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 (Transportation Budget).

## **RECESS**

Reception honoring award recipients

## **RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING**

Reconvened meeting

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approved consent calendar

### **Minutes**

Approved minutes

Approved minutes

Approved minutes

Approved minutes

### **Human Resources**

Ratified/approved recommended actions in personnel activity list

Approved #CT1827

The following employee resignations/retirements were accepted by Cindy Frazee, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources:

Accepted employee resignations/retirements

<b>Retirements</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date of Retirement</b>
Marilyn Adeyemi	Teacher	Ira Harbison School	6/18/09
Pierina Allinder	CNS Site Manager	Central School	6/18/09
Kathleen Alvarado	Teacher	Central School	6/18/09
Carmen Avila	Administrative Assistant-School	Lincoln Acres School	6/26/09
Gregory Chase	School Psychologist	District Office	6/18/09
Everardo Cota	CNS Delivery Driver	District Office	6/18/09
Sheryl Forsythe	Teacher	John Otis School	6/18/09
Maria Elena Hermanson	Community Liaison	Olivewood School	6/18/09
Ted Hermida	Accountant-CNS	District Office	5/1/09
Maria Hernandez	CNS Assistant I	Ira Harbison School	6/18/09
Joel Jerauld	Teacher	Las Palmas School	6/18/09
Patricia Ketterer	Instructional Assistant Health Care Payroll/Benefits Specialist	Palmer Way School	6/18/09
Barbara Kingsbury	Specialist	District Office	6/30/09
Mary Lewis	Speech Language Pathologist	El Toyon/Rancho de la Nación Schools	6/18/09
Lupita Lombardo	Community Liaison	El Toyon School	6/18/09
Edith O'Connell	Instructional Assistant General	Olivewood School	6/18/09
Kathi Pietila	Teacher	Central School	6/18/09
Sharon Proctor	Teacher	Palmer Way School	6/18/09
Laura Rains	Teacher	School	6/18/09
Roberta Revetta	Teacher	Ira Harbison School	6/18/09
Deborah Sobczak	Offset Press Operator	District Office	6/30/09
Norma Solares	Office Assistant-School	Palmer Way School	6/18/09
Frances Taitano	CNS Assistant I	Olivewood School	6/18/09
Maria Taitano	Community Liaison	Palmer Way School	6/18/09

		School	
Sandra Valdez	Teacher	Olivewood School	6/18/09
Graciela Vargas	CNS Assistant I	Lincoln Acres School	6/18/09

<b>Resignations</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date of Resignation</b>
Rick Hanks	Principal	Palmer Way School	6/30/09

Approved On-loan Agreement #CT1763 between the University of California at San Diego (UCSD) and National School District (NSD) for Kathy Melanese to serve as 50% Distinguished Teacher in Residence and 50% Director of the California Reading & Literature Project, Regional Office, from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Approved #CT1763

Approved on-loan agreement #CT2057 with University of California, San Diego for Clarisa Rojas to work on special assignment for the California Reading and Literature Project from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Approved #CT2057

Approved Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2009-2010 school year.

Approved Declaration of Need

**Educational Services**

**Educational Services**

Approved Consultant Contract #CT2563 with Escuela de Musica to provide an elementary mariachi class for the Camp WINGS summer program at Las Palmas School effective June 22 – July 10, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$4,450 (After School Education and Safety Program).

Approved #CT2563

Approved Consultant Contract #CT2564 with Rhythm Motion to provide Hip Hop Aerobic, jazz, and cheer dance classes for students in the Camp WINGS summer program at Las Palmas and Palmer Way at a cost not to exceed \$3000 (After School Education and Safety Program).

Approved #CT2564

Approved Consultant Contract #CT2565 with Swimfarr Swim Safe Inc. to provide swimming instruction at Las Palmas Pool for all 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students attending Camp WINGS summer program, June 22 – July 10, 2009, at a cost not to exceed \$2,122 (After School Education and Safety Program).

Approved #CT2565

Approved Consultant Contract #CT2566 with Don Kulhi to provide Instrumental Band instruction at Las Palmas School during the Camp WINGS summer program, June 22 – July 10, 2009. Instruction will be for three hours each day at a rate of thirty dollars per hour, not to exceed \$1,300 (After School Education and Safety Program).

Approved #CT2566

Approved Consultant Contract #CT2567 with Bob Campbell to provide instrumental band instruction to students in the Camp WINGS instrumental music program at a cost not to exceed \$1,300 (After School Education and Safety Program).

Approved #CT2567

**Business Services**

**Business Services**

Adopted annual Resolutions #08-09.37 through #08-09.40 for the 2009-10 school year authorizing signatures with the State Department of Education and the San Diego County Office of Education, effective July 1, 2009, as follows:

Adopted Annual Resolutions #08-09.37 through #08-09.40

1. Authorize Michael Castanos, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, as mail addressee and Christopher Oram, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Christopher Carson, Director of Finance; and James P. Hudson, Accounting Technician/Accounts Payable, to pick up warrants (other than mail addressee).
2. Authorizing Michael Castanos, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, as mail addressee and Christopher Oram, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; and Christopher Carson, Director of Finance, to sign the payroll payment order.
3. Authorize the County Office of Education Credentials Department to release credentials held warrants to employees who have provided the required credential paperwork.
4. Authorize Michael Castanos, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, as mail addressee and Christopher Oram, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; and Christopher Carson, Director of Finance, to sign school orders.

Adopted Resolution #08-09.41 authorizing the County Treasurer to make a temporary transfer of funds.

Adopted Resolution #08-09.41

Adopted annual Resolution #08-09.42 for the 2009-10 school year authorizing the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent-Business Services to authorize the issuance of a new warrant in lieu of a voided warrant.

Adopted Resolution #08-09.42

Authorized temporary transfer of cash between funds during the 2009-10 fiscal year.

Authorized temporary transfer of cash

## **GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

None

## **POLICIES, REGULATIONS, BYLAWS**

### **First Reading – No Action Required**

None

### **Second Reading and Adoption**

None

## **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Anne Campbell moved and Alma Graham seconded to approve extension of preschool teachers 2008-09 work year to 185 days at a cost of \$17,000 (Preschool Funds). The motion carried 4-0-0.

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

President Grier opened the Public Hearing at 8:06 p.m. to notify the public of National School District's plans and proposals for expenditures of Deferred Maintenance funds. No one appeared for public comment. The public hearing was closed at 8:06 p.m.

Rosie Alvarado moved and Alma Graham seconded to authorize advertisement for bids for the following supplies/products for the 2009-10 school year at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 (Child Nutrition Services Fund):

Fresh Bakery Products  
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Products  
Food Supplies  
Disposable Supplies

The motion carried 4-0-0.

## **GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

None

## **POLICIES, REGULATIONS, BYLAWS**

### **First Reading**

None

### **Second Reading and Adoption**

None

## **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Approved extension of preschool teachers 2008-09 work year

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

Conducted a Public Hearing: Deferred Maintenance

Authorized advertisement for bids for CNS

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

Accepted gifts from:

1. \$1,000.00 from Northgate Market to the After School Mariachi Program to be used for uniforms and musical instruments.
2. \$200.00 from Paradise Valley Health Care Center to the After School Mariachi Program to be used for uniforms and musical instruments.
3. \$1,115.00 from El Toyon PTO to El Toyon School to be used for Sixth Grade Camp.
4. \$4,708.80 from Central CPAC to Central School to be used for student support.
5. \$120.00 from Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign to Kimball School to be used for school materials.

Northgate Market  
 Paradise Valley Health Care Center  
 El Toyon PTO  
 Central CPAC  
 Wells Fargo

The motion carried 4-0-0.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Rosie Alvarado moved and Alma Graham seconded to adopt Resolution #08-09.44 to lay off classified employees effective July 12, 2009.

Adopted Resolution #08-09.44

Cristina Fong, Library Media Specialist and Scott Harms, CSEA, spoke regarding resolution #08-09.44.

The motion carried 3-1-0 with James Grier, Jr. voting no.

### **BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

### **BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Alma Graham congratulated the Classified Employee of the Year and finalists as well as the Teacher of the Year and finalists. She said that voting on the classified layoffs was the toughest thing in the world to have to do, but it had to be done.

Alma Graham

Alma Graham called for a moment of silence in memory of the Central School student who passed away over the weekend.

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Rosie Alvarado congratulated the Classified Employee of the Year and finalists, as well as the Teacher of the Year and finalists. She said that voting on the classified layoffs saddened her, but for now, it was something that had to be done.

Rosie Alvarado

Chris Oram welcomed Debbie Costa-Hernandez to her first board meeting as Director of Educational Services. He thanked the students for their wonderful presentation and congratulated all the award recipients.

Chris Oram

James Grier, Jr. congratulated the Classified Employee of the Year and finalists, as well as the Teacher of the Year and finalists. He also congratulated the Volunteers of the month and the 35-year service recipients.

James Grier, Jr.

### **Closed Session Announcement**

### **Closed Session Announcement**

The Board voted unanimously in closed session to appoint Dr. Chris Oram as the Superintendent Designee until such time as the Board recruits and selects a new Superintendent. The Board also voted unanimously to have Assistant Superintendents Mike Castanos and Cindy Frazee assist Dr. Oram in his duties as Superintendent Designee.

Appointment:  
Superintendent  
Designee

### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:20 p.m.