

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

Administrative Ctr.  
1500 N Avenue  
National City, CA

November 18, 2009

Closed session was held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. President Grier announced that the Board held closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release; and with Government Code Section 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator, Agency negotiator: Cindy Frazee; Employee organizations: California School Employees Association and National City Elementary Teachers Association. All board members were present with the exception of Barbara Avalos and Anne Campbell. Chris Carson was present from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Chris Oram, Mike Castanos and Cindy Frazee were present from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

The public meeting was called to order by President James Grier at 6:34 p.m.

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

President Grier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

Members Present: James Grier, Jr., Rosie Alvarado and Alma Sarmiento

**ROLL CALL**

Members Absent: Barbara Avalos and Anne Campbell

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

Staff Absent: None

**PRESENTATIONS**

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Students from Las Palmas School gave a presentation on “Becoming Powerful Writers.” Board members, Rosie Alvarado and James Grier, Jr., presented them with certificates, books and bookmarks.

Las Palmas School  
Presentation

Recognized Mrs. Blanca Ozuna from Las Palmas School as the National School District Volunteer of the Month for November 2009. Principal, Gina Mazeau, introduced Mrs. Ozuna and commented on her many fine qualities.

Volunteer of the  
Month of November:

Blanca Ozuna

On behalf of the Governing Board, Rosie Alvarado presented Mrs. Ozuna with a certificate and a logo clock.

Recognized Larry Cron, Maintenance Worker/Plumber, Maintenance and Operations Department, as the National School District Employee of the Month for November 2009. Bob Harris, Director of Maintenance and Operations, introduced Mr. Cron and commented on his many fine qualities.

Employee of the Month of November:

Larry Cron

On behalf of the Governing Board, Alma Sarmiento presented Mr. Cron 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 employees:

Introduced and welcomed new employees

Name	Position	Location
Lillie Anderson *	Child Nutrition Services Assistant I	Olivewood School
Virginia Fogerson	Assistant Buyer/Storekeeper	District Office
Jon Hansen	Director of Child Nutrition Services	District Office

\*employee not present

## PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

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None

## AGENDA

Alma Sarmiento moved and Rosie Alvarado seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried 3-0-0.

## AGENDA

Approved agenda

## CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Rosie Alvarado moved and Alma Sarmiento seconded to approve the consent calendar with the exception of item 4.B, which was pulled for separate vote. The motion carried 3-0-0.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Approved consent calendar

## Minutes

Approved minutes of the Regular board meeting held on October 28, 2009.

## Minutes

Approved minutes

**Human Resources**

Ratified/approved recommended actions in personnel activity list.

Rosie Alvarado moved to approve item 4.B on the consent calendar with the addition of authorizing the administration to hire up to 3 additional temporary impact teachers. Alma Sarmiento seconded. The motion carried 3-0-0.

The Governing Board gave pre-approval to hire the following employees:

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Christina Carson	Impact Teacher	Central School	10/30/09 – 6/17/10
Lisa Stallings	Temporary Teacher	Lincoln Acres School	11/19/09 – 6/17/10
Alison Stokes	Impact Teacher	Las Palmas School	11/3/09 – 6/17/10

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

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date of Resignation
Anna Benavidez	Child Nutrition Services Assistant I	Lincoln Acres School	November 4, 2009
Maria Resendez	Child Nutrition Services Assistant I	Las Palmas School	October 23, 2009

Adopted Memorandum of Understanding with NCETA regarding a modification to Article 20, Preschool Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) dated July 28, 2009 (\$3,000 per year for assisting one Experienced Teacher [Preschool Funds]).

**Educational Services**

Approved Consultant Contract #CT2613 with Pat Peterson from the San Diego County Office of Education to provide two follow-up sessions for the GATE Certification Program at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 (GATE Funds).

Approved Consultant Contract #CT2614 with *Literature Comes to Life* to provide two (2) assemblies for students in grades K-6 at Las Palmas School on March 18, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$795.00 (PTO Funds).

Approve Consultant Contract #CT2616 with San Diego Ice Company to provide snow days for all the preschool students in National School District at a cost not to exceed \$7,000 (Preschool For All Grant Funds).

**Human Resources**

Ratified/approved recommended actions in personnel activity list

Authorized pre-approval to hire

Accepted resignations

Adopted MOU with NCETA

**Educational Services**

Approved #CT2613

Approved #CT2614

Approved #CT2616

Ratified Consultant Contract #CT2617 with Operation Samahan to provide lead testing to Headstart Preschool students at a cost not to exceed \$1,100 (Headstart Funds).

Ratified #CT2617

Accepted the Memorandum of Agreement with the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools for the ASES After School Education and Safety Program grant for \$2,301,738 to operate the District's before and after school programs.

Accepted MOA with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools for ASES

**Business Services**

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

Ratified/approved purchase orders, contracts, and warrants

I. Purchase Orders #A03790-A03795, #F90222-F90282, #P341-P440, #S04504-#S04518 and #C1-C62	\$	1,501,470.95
II. Child Nutrition Checks	\$	0.00
III. Consultant Contracts (not to exceed \$500 each)	\$	0.00
IV. Commercial Warrants	\$	1,546,854.93
V. Miscellaneous Contracts	\$	0.00
VI. Revolving Cash Fund Business I (month ending October 31, 2009)	\$	3.00
VII Revolving Cash Fund Business II . (month ending October 31, 2009)	\$	3.00

Ratified annual Resolutions #09-10.14 through #09-10.16 for the 2009-10 school year authorizing signatures with the State Department of Education and the San Diego County Office of Education, effective October 15, 2009, as follows:

Ratified Resolutions #09-10.14 through #09-10.16

1. Authorize Michael Castanos, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, as mail addressee and Christopher Oram, Ed.D., District Superintendent; 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., District Superintendent; and Christopher Carson, Director of Finance, to sign the payroll payment order.
3. Authorize Michael Castanos, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, as mail addressee and Christopher Oram, Ed.D., District Superintendent; and Christopher Carson, Director of Finance, to sign school orders.

## GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Alma Sarmiento moved and Rosie Alvarado, seconded to set December 9, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the Administrative Center, 1500 N Avenue, National City for the Governing Board's annual organizational meeting. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Rosie Alvarado moved and Alma Sarmiento seconded to nominate James Grier, Jr., to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly from Region 17. The motion carried 3-0-0.

## POLICIES, REGULATIONS, BYLAWS

### First Reading – No Action Required

None

### Second Reading and Adoption

Rosie Alvarado moved and Alma Sarmiento seconded to adopt Board Policies and Administrative Regulations from California School Boards Association updates of July 2009 as follows: (See Exhibit A from the October 28, 2009 agenda.) The motion carried 3-0-0.

- 0000 Philosophy-Goals-Objectives and Comprehensive Plans
- 1000 Community Relations
- 3000 Business and Non-Instructional Operations
- 4000 Personnel
- 5000 Students
- 6000 Instruction
- 9000 Bylaws of the Board

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Report by principals regarding student achievement and next steps for 2009-10.

## GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Set organizational meeting

Nominated candidate as CSBA Delegate Assembly representative

## POLICIES, REGULATIONS, BYLAWS

### First Reading

None

### Second Reading and Adoption

Adopted Board Policies & Administrative Regulations from CSBA updates of: 07/09

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Report on student achievement and next steps for 2009-10

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

Alma Sarmiento moved and Rosie Alvarado seconded to award Consultant Contract #CT2486 to Logical Choice (designated distributor for PEPPM Bid) for the purchase of thirty-three Promethean ActivBoards for Central, Ira Harbison, Kimball, Las Palmas, Lincoln Acres, Olivewood, John Otis, Palmer Way and Rancho de la Nación Schools at a cost not to exceed \$212,281.70 using school site categorical funds and Special Education IDEA-American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The motion carried 3-0-0.

Alma Sarmiento moved and Rosie Alvarado seconded to approve Consultant Contract #CT2615 with JRM Architecture, Inc. to develop construction drawings and bid specifications for District project at Central School Preschool P1 and P2 Relocatable Classrooms in the amount of \$61,000 (Preschool Fund). The motion carried 3-0-0.

Alma Sarmiento moved and Rosie Alvarado seconded to accept the following gift:

\$16.00 from United Cerebral Palsy Association of San Diego to Ira Harbison School to be used for student incentives and instructional materials.

The motion carried 3-0-0.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Rosie Alvarado moved and Alma Sarmiento seconded to ratify 2009-2010 Early Retirement/Resignation Memorandum of Understanding Between National School District and California School Employees Association (CSEA).

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## **BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Alma Sarmiento thanked the principals for their presentation. She stated that the information is helpful for her to know when parents ask why they should enroll their children in National School District. She congratulated the Employee of the Month.

Rosie Alvarado thanked the principals for their presentation. She also

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

Awarded #CT2486

Approved #CT2615

Accepted gift from:

United Cerebral Palsy Association of San Diego

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ratified Early Retirement/Resignation MOU with CSEA

Ratified Early Retirement/Resignation MOU with NCETA

## **BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Alma Sarmiento

Rosie Alvarado

congratulated the Employee of the Month. Ms. Alvarado commented on what a fantastic job the students did on their presentation. She welcomed the new employees.

Katie Filzenger shared information regarding the H1N1 vaccination clinics held this week. The District received 1180 doses of vaccines; however, this only allowed us to provide clinics at Central, El Toyon, Integrity Charter, Ira Harbison and Rancho de la Nación Schools. The District is in line to receive more doses and will be notified as soon as they become available. She thanked the schools for the fabulous job they did in supporting the clinics. She thanked the principals for their outstanding report and shared her appreciation for their focus on support of Special Education.

Katie Filzenger

Cindy Frazee thanked the principals for their great report. She also thanked the students for their delightful presentation.

Cindy Frazee

Mike Castanos thanked the principals for their report.

Mike Castanos

Dr. Chris Oram congratulated the principals for their wonderful report. It is the wonderful leaders who have the courage to make the tough decisions during times and encourage teachers and recognize their successes. The transformation that is happening in the writing program was evident in tonight's student presentation. One of the reasons that writing was a focus is that writing is where it all comes together. He shared that every member of the management team will go into a classroom to teach side by side with a teacher. The new math adoption is being piloted by a group of 45 core teachers, who will be trainers for the math program when it is fully implemented in 2010-11. All of this is a major reason why we continue to experience the success we have had in this District.

Chris Oram

James Grier, Jr. thanked the principals for their presentation.

James Grier, Jr.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.