

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

Administrative Ctr.  
1500 N Avenue  
National City, CA

December 14, 2005

Closed session was held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Board Clerk Alvarado announced that the Board held closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54957.6, conference with Labor Negotiator, Agency negotiator: Cyndi Mesaros; Employee organization: National City Elementary Teachers Association. All Board members were present, with the exception of Anne Campbell. George Cameron was present from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

The public meeting was called to order by Board President Rosie Alvarado at 7:38 p.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., Ellen Curtin, Ed.D., Michael Castanos, and Cynthia A. Mesaros

Staff Absent: None

**PRESENTATIONS**

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Students from Ira Harbison School gave a presentation on “Project Success Means Working Together.”

Ira Harbison School

Anne Campbell and James Grier, Jr., presented certificates, pencil boxes, and writing tablets to the students.

Recognize De Hill, Ira Harbison School, as the National School District Volunteer of the Month for December 2005.

Recognize Volunteer  
of the Month:

Beverly Hayes, Principal, Ira Harbison School, introduced De Hill and

De Hill

commented on her many volunteer activities.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Maria Muñoz presented Ms. Hill with a framed certificate and a National School District logo clock.

Recognize Patty Griebel, Administrative Assistant, Palmer Way School, as Employee of the Month for December 2005.

Recognize Employee of the Month:

Rick Hanks, Principal, Palmer Way School, introduced Patty Griebel and commented on her many fine qualities.

Patty Griebel

On behalf of the Governing Board, James Grier, Jr., presented Ms. Griebel with a framed certificate, a District logo pin and a watch.

Introduce and welcome the following new employees:

Name	Position	Location
Javier Conchas*	Custodian-Night	Central and Palmer Way Schools
Irma Gutierrez*	School Van Driver	District Office
Modesto Huirache	Custodian-Night	All School Sites

\* Not present

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

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None

### **AGENDA**

Anne Campbell moved and James Grier, Jr., seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried 5-0-0.

### **AGENDA**

Approve agenda

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

Anne Campbell moved and Cecilia Garcia-Kirk seconded to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried 5-0-0.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approve consent calendar

### **Minutes**

Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on November 16, 2005.

### **Minutes**

Approve minutes



## **Human Resources**

Ratify/approve recommended actions in personnel activity list.

## **Educational Services**

Approve consultant contract #CT 2144 with Toby Larsen to provide teacher training with *Step Up to Writing* at a cost not to exceed \$2,750 (Title II – Staff Development).

Approve Consultant Contract #CT 2142 with Bessie Reddick-Pierce to provide Parents as Teachers Born to Learn™ Prenatal to Three training in Rowland Heights, California on January 30 to February 3, 2006 at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 (PAT Training).

Approve Contract #CT 2148 with Grossmont College to provide a practicum experience within National School District for students enrolled in the Speech Language Pathology Assistant Program during the 2005-06 school year.

Ratify consultant contract #CT 2143 with Innovative Strategies, BTL for consultant services related to the Rancho de la Nación restructuring plan and school improvement requirements at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 (SIP funds).

Approve consultant contract #CT 2132 with La Jolla Playhouse to provide an assembly for students in grades K-6 at Palmer Way School on March 1, 2006 at a cost not to exceed \$750.00 (50% SIP, 50% Title I).

Ratify consultant contract #CT 2140, Mad Science of San Diego, for Olivewood School from November 15 - December 15, 2005 at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 (GATE funds).

Approve consultant contract #CT 2141, Mad Science of San Diego, for Olivewood School from February 2 – March 2, 2006 at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 (GATE funds).

## **Business Services**

Approve the Notice of Claim Against the National School District in the amount of \$100.00 presented by Mary Valenzuela, parent of student, for replacement cost of stolen chain and pendant (District Insurance Deductible Budget).

## **Human Resources**

Ratify/approve recommended actions in personnel activity list

## **Educational Services**

Approve consultant contract #CT 2144

Approve consultant contract #CT 2142

Approve consultant contract #CT 2148

Ratify consultant contract #CT 2143

Approve consultant contract #CT 2132

Ratify consultant contract #CT 2140

Approve consultant contract #CT 2141

## **Business Services**

Approve Notice of Claim

Approve the Notice of Claim Against the National School District in the amount of \$85.99 presented by Marie D. Torres, parent of Maurice Delgado, for replacement cost of a stolen Game Boy (District Insurance Deductible Budget).

Approve Notice of Claim

Ratify/approve purchase orders, contracts, and warrants as summarized below and detailed in Exhibit A

Ratify /approve purchase orders, contracts, and warrants

I. Purchase Order #A03490-A03501, #B71073-B71170, #F19730-F19782 and #S03704-S03723	\$ 281,573.11
II. Child Nutrition Purchase Orders #8404-8437	\$ 281,749.89
III. Child Nutrition Checks #9380-9412	\$ 111,798.81
IV. Consultant Contracts (not to exceed \$500 each)	\$ 500.00
V. Commercial Warrants	\$ 1,376,947.53
VI. Miscellaneous Contracts	\$ 0.00
VII. Revolving Cash Fund Business I (month ending November 30, 2005)	\$ 969.00
VIII. Revolving Cash Fund Business II (month ending November 30, 2005)	\$ 547.85

## GENERAL FUNCTIONS

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Cecilia Garcia-Kirk moved and Anne Campbell seconded to amend Superintendent's contract effective July 1, 2005. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Amend Superintendent's contract

Anne Campbell moved and Cecilia Garcia-Kirk seconded to amend employment contracts with Assistant Superintendents effective July 1, 2005. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Amend employment contracts with Assistant Superintendents

Anne Campbell moved and Cecilia Garcia-Kirk seconded to nominate James Grier, Jr., as representative to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly from Region 17. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Nominate

## **POLICIES, REGULATIONS, BYLAWS**

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

None

### **Second Reading and Adoption**

None

## **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Cecilia Garcia-Kirk moved and Anne Campbell seconded to approve consultant contract with Pranatech Designs, Inc., to provide additional features for the District website at a cost not to exceed \$7,000 (Compensatory Education). The motion carried 5-0-0.

James Grier, Jr., moved and Anne Campbell seconded to approve consultant contract with Pearson Digital Learning for technical support and training for the SuccessMaker software program at a cost not to exceed \$76,650 (Compensatory Education). The motion carried 5-0-0.

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

Cecilia Garcia-Kirk moved and Maria Muñoz seconded to adopt Resolution #05-06.20 authorizing contracting pursuant to cooperative bid and award documents from the Los Angeles County for the copier piggyback contract bid (Bid #41380). The motion carried 5-0-0.

Maria Muñoz moved and Cecilia Garcia-Kirk seconded to award contract #CT 2146 to Xerox for the five-year lease of the 4110CPC copier for the Production Department in the amount of \$118,648.20. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Anne Campbell moved and James Grier, Jr., seconded to approve the Positive Certification and Budget Revisions for the First Period Interim Financial Report as of October 31, 2005 (see Exhibit B). The motion carried 5-0-0.

## **POLICIES, REGULATIONS, BYLAWS**

### **First Reading**

None

### **Second Reading and Adoption**

## **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Approve consultant contract with Pranatech Designs, Inc.

Approve consultant contract with Pearson Digital Learning

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

Adopt Resolution #05-06.20

Award contract #CT 2146

Approve the Positive Certification and Budget Revisions

Anne Campbell moved and Cecilia Garcia-Kirk seconded to authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for construction work to be completed related to modernization at El Toyon, Las Palmas, Olivewood, Kimball, Rancho de la Nación, John Otis and Ira Harbison Schools and the relocation and replacement of relocatable classrooms at John Otis School at a cost of approximately \$3,000. The motion carried 4-1-0. Anne Campbell voted no.

Authorize Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to advertise for construction work

Maria Muñoz moved and Cecilia Garcia-Kirk seconded to approve contract #CT 2145 with James R. Murray Architects & Planners to develop construction drawings and bid specifications for modernization and district projects at El Toyon, Las Palmas, Olivewood, Kimball and John Otis Schools in the amount of \$169,082 (Modernization \$120,418, General \$48,664.) The motion carried 5-0-0.

Approve contract #CT 2145

Cecilia Garcia-Kirk moved and Maria Muñoz seconded to approve the following change orders for the Central and Lincoln Acres Modernization projects at a cost of approximately \$148,636.98 (Modernization Fund and Capital Facilities Fund).

Approve change orders for Central and Lincoln Acres Modernization projects

Central School

- Change orders #1-15 \$51,462.54

Lincoln Acres School

- Change orders #1-22 \$97,174.44

Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0-0.

Cecilia Garcia-Kirk moved and Anne Campbell seconded to accept the following gifts:

Accept gifts from:

1. \$586.00 from Lifetouch to Ira Harbison School to be used for instructional materials and student incentives.
2. \$6,815.00 from Ira Harbison PTSO to Ira Harbison School to be used for classroom white boards.
3. \$100.00 from Anthony F. Mournian to Olivewood School to be used for student uniforms and supplies.
4. \$30.31 from Albertsons' to Ira Harbison School to be used for student incentives.

Lifetouch

Ira Harbison PTSO

Anthony F. Mournian

Albertsons'

The motion carried 5-0-0.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Cecilia Garcia-Kirk moved and James Grier, Jr. seconded to approve the purchase of the **SmartFindExpress** upgrade to E-Solutions VIP System ([extract\_itex]18,295 [installation];[/extract\_itex]4,711 [annual maintenance and technical support fee]; and [extract\_itex]3,000 [one-time consultant training fee]). Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0-0.

Cecilia Garcia-Kirk moved and James Grier, Jr., seconded to approve revised job description for Language, Speech and Hearing Specialist and change title of position to Speech Language Pathologist. The motion carried 5-0-0.

## BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Cecilia Garcia-Kirk expressed her heartfelt thanks to all District employees and to the community for their help and participation with the Spirit of the Holidays. This year, Spirit of the Holidays helped 250 families.

Maria Muñoz indicated that she had received a substantial amount of information at the CSBA conference and received many future ideas. Ms. Muñoz shared how one of the sessions she attended covered different ways of incorporating education and college bound ideology to children, even at the elementary level. Discussion was also shared on how having parents more involved and invested.

Anne Campbell wished everyone a very Happy Holiday Season.

James Grier, Jr., presented the District with the “Best Academic School Award” from the Urban League indicating how the National School District’s African American children have excelled in academic achievement. Mr. Grier received the award on behalf of the Governing Board at the December 3 award ceremony. Mr. Grier also congratulated Ira Harbison for their student presentation, thanking Mrs. Hayes, the teachers, Katie Filzenger and Anita Macy for all their hard work and dedication. Mr. Grier ended by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Cynthia Mesaros wished everyone a blessed and restful Happy Holiday Season.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Approve the purchase of the **SmartFindExpress** upgrade

Approve revising job description and changing title of Language, Speech

## BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Cecilia Garcia-Kirk

Maria Muñoz

Anne Campbell

James Grier, Jr.

Cynthia Mesaros



Michael Castanos also wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and gave an update on Mr. Hudson's health.

Michael Castanos

Ellen Curtin wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and thanked Ira Harbison for the wonderful presentation.

Ellen Curtin

George Cameron thanked LAND and the administrators for their participation in the Spirit of the Holidays, making it such a success this year. Dr. Cameron announced that the National School District would be recipients of approximately 4.7 million dollars from the First 5 Commission to offer free universal preschool education to every four-year old child in National City. Tentatively, this will be implemented in September 2006; this money would be given to the District over a five-year period.

George Cameron

Rosie Alvarado thanked everyone for helping with the Spirit of the Holidays and extended her best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rosie Alvarado

## **ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

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Anne Campbell moved and Cecilia Garcia-Kirk seconded to elect Rosie Alvarado as Board President. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0-0.

Election of Board President:  
Rosie Alvarado

Anne Campbell moved and Cecilia Garcia-Kirk seconded to elect James Grier, Jr., as Board Clerk. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Election of Board Clerk:  
James Grier, Jr.

Anne Campbell moved and Cecilia Garcia-Kirk seconded to appoint George J. Cameron, Ed.D. District Superintendent, as Secretary to the Governing Board. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Appointment of Secretary to the Governing Board:  
George J. Cameron, Ed.D.

Anne Campbell moved and Cecilia Garcia-Kirk seconded to appoint Rosie Alvarado and James Grier, Jr., as the Governing Board's representatives to the South Bay Region Boards of Education Steering Committee. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Appointment of representatives to the South Bay Region Boards of Education Steering Committee:  
Rosie Alvarado and James Grier, Jr.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.