

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

January 19, 2022

6:00 PM

Administrative Center

1500 "N" Avenue

National City, CA 91950

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, called the meeting to order at 3:48 p.m.

2. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

Attendance taken at 3:48 p.m.:

Present:

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Ms. Michelle Gates

Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent:

Ms. Maria Dalla

Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Mrs. Jocelyn Gomez took roll call.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS-CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

4. CLOSED SESSION - 3:45 P.M.

Closed session was held from 3:48 p.m. to 5:48 p.m.

In closed session, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Francisco Lopez as the new principal of Kimball School.

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

6. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

7. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, called for a moment of silence in honor of former National School District teacher Belinda Knox, who recently passed away.

8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

9. OPEN SESSION ROLL CALL

Attendance taken at 6:03 p.m.:

Present:

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Ms. Michelle Gates

Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent:

Ms. Maria Dalla

Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Mrs. Jocelyn Gomez took roll call.

10. PRESENTATIONS

10.A. Superintendent's mid-year presentation on National School District progress.

Dr. Leighangela Brady, Superintendent, gave her mid-year presentation on the progress at National School District.

10.B. Introduce and welcome the new employees.

Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, introduced and welcomed the new employees.

10.C. Neighborhood Homeless Shelter Presentation.

The San Diego Rescue Mission CEO, Mr. Donnie Dee, gave a presentation regarding the homeless shelter.

Ms. Mirna Hinojos, parent, spoke regarding the homeless shelter location.

Mr. Anthony Hinojos, parent, spoke regarding the homeless shelter location.

11. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Zayetzy Carrillo, parent, spoke regarding COVID-19 quarantine protocols and special education programs.

12. AGENDA

12.A. Accept Agenda.

Motion Passed: Acceptance of Agenda except for items 14.A., 15.D., and 17.B., passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

13. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

13.A. Minutes

13.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on December 14, 2021.

13.A.II. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 14, 2021.

13.B. Administration

13.B.I. Approve the Quarterly Report to the San Diego County Office of Education on Williams Complaints.

13.C. Human Resources

13.C.I. Ratify/approve recommended actions in personnel activity list.

13.C.II. Accept the employee resignations/retirements.

13.D. Educational Services

13.E. Business Services

13.E.I. Ratify/approve purchase orders, contracts and warrants as summarized and detailed in Exhibit A.

14. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

14.A. Adjust monthly stipend for Governing Board Members.

Per Board request, this item was pulled from the agenda to be brought forth at a future meeting.

14.B. Amend Employment Agreement with Leighangela Brady, Ed.D., Superintendent.

Motion Passed: Amendment of Employment Agreement with Leighangela Brady, Ed.D., Superintendent passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.C. Amend Employment Agreement with Leticia Hernandez, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

Motion Passed: Amendment of Employment Agreement with Leticia Hernandez, Ed.D., passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.D. Amend Employment Agreement with Sharmila Kraft, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

Motion Passed: Amendment of Employment Agreement with Sharmila Kraft, Ed.D., passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.E. Amend Employment Agreement with Arik Avanesyans, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Motion Passed: Amendment of Employment Agreement with Arik Avanesyans, passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

15. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

15.A. Adopt updates to the Title I District Parent and Family Engagement Policy for the National School District 2021-2022.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, adoption of updates to Title I District Parent and Family Engagement Policy passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

15.B. Approve School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for all school sites for the 2020-2021 school year. (Exhibit B)

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for all school sites passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

15.C. Approve the 2021-2022 School Plan for Student Achievement and Title I School Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Compact for El Toyon, Kimball, Las Palmas, Olivewood, Palmer Way, and Rancho De La Nación schools.

Motion Passed: Approval of the 2021-2022 School Plan for Student Achievement and Title I School Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Compact passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

15.D. Approve contract #CT3913 with Youth Philharmonic Orchestra to provide music classes for John A. Otis School for the 2021-2022 school year.

Per staff request, this item was pulled from the agenda to be brought forth at a future meeting.

15.E. Approve contract #CT3919 with Edupoint for One Roster Integration 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approvabf contract #CT3919 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

16. HUMAN RESOURCES

17. BUSINESS SERVICES

17.A. Award contract #CT3915 to GigaKOM for Request for Proposals (RFP) 21-22-238 Internal Connections Wireless LAN Hardware Installation and Configuration for E-Rate Funding Year 2022.

Motion Passed: Award contract #CT3915 to passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

17.B. Approve contract #CT3918 with Isom Advisors for Financial Advisory and Continuing Disclosure Consulting Services for the General Obligation Bond.

Per staff request, this item was pulled from the agenda to be brought forth at a future meeting.

17.C. Accept gifts.

Motion Passed: Acceptance of gifts passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

18. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Lizarraga thanked the San Diego Rescue Mission for their presentation. She welcomed the new employees. She shared that she is happy that Kimball School will have a new principal soon. She thanked the Child Nutrition Services department for their hard work. She thanked Dr. Brady for her State of the District presentation. She thanked Executive Cabinet for their work and effort in keeping schools running smoothly.

Ms. Gates welcomed the new employees and the new Kimball School principal, Mr. Lopez. She thanked Dr. Brady for her State of the District presentation. She thanked Executive Cabinet for doing whatever it takes. She remarked that concerns are taken very seriously by the Board.

Mr. Avanesyans thanked the Rancho De La Nación School staff for welcoming him while filling in as principal last week. He shared that the District may be able to secure a grant for ventilation systems. The grant is up to \$800,000, and he will begin working on next steps to secure the grant.

Dr. Hernandez wished everyone a happy new year. She thanked the classified, certificated and management staff for keeping up with the constant changes of the decision tree, and always making sure our students receive the best education possible. She welcomed the new employees and the new Kimball School principal, Mr. Lopez.

Dr. Kraft welcomed the new employees and the new Kimball School principal, Mr. Lopez. She shared that Olivewood Gardens will be coming onto campuses starting February to do garden work with teachers and students. She wished everyone a happy new year.

Dr. Brady shared that she has been filling in as principal at Kimball School for the past two weeks. She thanked Mrs. Gomez and Ms. Ceseña for also assisting at Kimball School. She gave principals kudos for their hard work. She shared the new COVID-19 contact tracing protocols and the testing schedule opportunities for National School District students and staff. She thanked the Board for their continued support.

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda wished everyone a happy new year. She thanked Dr. Brady for her State of the District presentation. She thanked the San Diego Rescue Mission for their presentation. She noted that concerns are taken very seriously by the Board. She thanked Ms. Carrillo for sharing her concerns. She added that the Board is available to help and support the community. She welcomed the new employees and the new Kimball School principal, Mr. Lopez. She thanked Mr. Avanesyans for his leadership at Rancho De La Nación School. She commented on the winter break testing sites, and thanked parents for their patience while waiting in line. She wished everyone a great evening.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Board President, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Clerk of the Governing Board

Secretary to the Governing Board