

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

January 22, 2020  
6:00 PM  
Administrative Center  
1500 "N" Avenue  
National City, CA 91950

**Attendance Taken at 6:07 PM:**

Present:

Ms. Barbara Avalos  
Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda  
Mr. Brian Clapper  
Ms. Maria Dalla  
Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Barbara Avalos, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**4. CLOSED SESSION- 4:00 P.M.**

Closed session was held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Board President, Barbara Avalos, announced that in Closed Session the Governing Board voted unanimously to approve a compromise agreement and release in OAH Case No. 2019110543. The agreement includes funds for special education services in exchange for a waiver of claims against the District.

Board President, Barbara Avalos, announced that in Closed Session, the Governing Board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Janna Piper as the new Director of Student Support Services.

## **5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

## **6. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Barbara Avalos, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## **7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Student, Emely Carames, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **8. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Vanessa Ceseña took roll call.

## **9. PRESENTATIONS**

### **9.A. Presentation by Central School students.**

Students from Central School gave a presentation on offshore drilling.

Board Member, Ms. Maria Dalla, presented each of the students with a certificate and book.

### **9.B. Recognize Ms. Deanna Guerra, Central School, as an Exceptional National School District Volunteer.**

Recognized Ms. Deanna Guerra, Central School, as an Exceptional National School District Volunteer.

Board Members, Mr. Brian Clapper and Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, presented Ms. Guerra with a certificate and a District logo clock.

### **9.C. Recognize Ms. Lucy Rodriguez, Las Palmas School, Psychologist, as National School District Employee of the Month for January 2020.**

Ms. Sonia Ruan, Principal, Las Palmas School, recognized Ms. Lucy Rodriguez, Psychologist, as the National School District Employee of the Month for January 2020.

Board Member, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, presented Ms. Rodriguez with a certificate and an engraved District pen.

### **9.D. Introduce and welcome the new employees.**

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

Board President, Barbara Avalos, presented each new employee with a District pin.

### **9.E. 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. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Mona Rios, Vice Mayor of National City, spoke regarding item 13.C.

Ms. Christina Benson, NCETA, spoke regarding Schools and Community First Initiative.

## **11. AGENDA**

### **11.A. Accept agenda.**

**Motion Passed:** With the exception of item 15.A, acceptance of the agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Per staff request, the Governing Board tabled agenda item 15.A and will be brought forth at a future meeting.

President Barbara Avalos called the meeting to a recess at 7:20 p.m.

President Barbara Avalos reconvened the public meeting at 7:30 p.m.

## **12. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Motion Passed:** Consent Calendar passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **12.A. Minutes**

**12.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 11, 2019.**

**12.A.II. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on December 17, 2019.**

## **12.B. Administration**

**12.B.I. Accept the Quarterly Report to the San Diego County Office of Education on Williams Complaints.**

## **12.C. Human Resources**

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

**12.C.II. Accept the employee resignations/retirements.**

## **12.D. Educational Services**

**12.D.I. Approve School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for the 2018-2019 school year (Exhibit A).**

## **12.E. Business Services**

**12.E.I. Ratify/approve purchase orders, contracts and warrants as summarized and detailed in Exhibit B.**

## **13. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**13.A. Approve revision to the calendar of the National School District Governing Board meeting schedule for the 2020 calendar year.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, revision of the Governing Board meeting schedule for 2020 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Mr. Brian Clapper.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**13.B. Discussion of California School Boards Association's (CSBA'S) 2020 Legislative Action Day.**

Governing Board members discussed attendance to the upcoming 2020 Legislative Action Day.

**13.C. Discussion regarding Board Member Clapper private endorsement of upcoming Ballot Measure J.**

Board Member, Brian Clapper, read the following statement:

"The Board agenda includes a discussion item regarding my public opposition to upcoming Ballot Measure J. This item is on the agenda to clarify that while I publicly took a position against Ballot Measure J, I did so in my private unofficial capacity and not on behalf of the Governing Board.

It's my understanding that District officers and employees may endorse or oppose a ballot measure in their private capacity, and may identify themselves by the District title, however, a disclaimer of District endorsement/opposition should be included if there could reasonably be confusion about whether the endorsement/opposition is made in an official or unofficial capacity.

I inadvertently did not include the disclaimer, and the purpose of this discussion item is to clarify that my action was taken in my private capacity and not on behalf of the Governing Board. I want to clearly state the Governing Board has not taken a position on Ballot Measure J."

**14. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**14.A. Information regarding Outside School Learning (OSL) Pilot.**

Dr. Wendy O'Connor, Director of Literacies, Educational Technology & Innovation, shared the process of the Outside School Learning (OSL) Pilot for student internet access at home.

**14.B. Presentation and progress report on the 2019 National City Collaborative Family Resource Center (FRC).**

Mr. Mauricio Torre, and Ms. Eva Watts hared a presentation regarding the current impact and services of the National City Collaborative FRC program.

**14.C. Approve consultant contract #CT3600 with Literature Comes to Life to provide two Literacy and Performing Arts assemblies at Ira Harbison School.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, consultant contract #CT3600 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**14.D. Approve consultant contract #CT3678 with Literature Comes to Life to provide two Literacy and Performing Arts assemblies at Las Palmas Elementary School.**

**Motion Passed:** Consultant contract #CT3678 passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos  
Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda  
Yes Mr. Brian Clapper  
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla  
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**14.E. Approve #CT3700 with Dr. Jill Weckerley for an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for student #3714822 for 2019-2020 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of #CT3700 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos  
Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda  
Yes Mr. Brian Clapper  
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla  
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**14.F. Approve #CT3702 with Miguel Montiel, Coastal Speech Therapy, Inc. for an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE)for student #3714822.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval #CT3702 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Mr. Brian Clapper.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos  
Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda  
Yes Mr. Brian Clapper  
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla  
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**14.G. Amend Master Contract #CT3312 (Exhibit C) with Stein Education Center for the 2019-2020 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Amendment of Master Contract #CT3312 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Mr. Brian Clapper.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos  
Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda  
Yes Mr. Brian Clapper  
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla  
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**14.H. Ratify Individual Service Agreement #CT3703 with Stein Education Center to provide an educational program for student #3712441 for the 2019-2020 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Ratification of Individual Service Agreement #CT3703 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt- Castañeda.

- Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos
- Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
- Yes Mr. Brian Clapper
- Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
- Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**15. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**15.A. Approve 2020-2021 school year work calendar.**

Per staff request, item was pulled and will be brought forth at a future meeting.

**16. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**16.A. Presentation and approval of National School District Audit Report (Exhibit D) and its findings for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of National School District Audit Report and its findings for the 2018-2019 fiscal year passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt- Castañeda and a second by Mr. Brian Clapper.

- Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos
- Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
- Yes Mr. Brian Clapper
- Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
- Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**16. (Exhibit E) and its findings for the 2018-19 fiscal year.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Integrity Charter School Audit Report and its findings for the 2018-2019 fiscal year passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

- Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos
- Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
- Yes Mr. Brian Clapper
- Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
- Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

## **16.C. Accept gifts.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, acceptance of gifts, with the exception of item four passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

## **17. BOARD WORKSHOP**

## **18. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Sarmiento welcomed everybody back from winter break. She took a moment to share highlights in the life of Mr. Brandon and Ms. Romero who recently passed away. She will share dates and times of memorial services, when available.

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda apologized for the long meeting. She congratulated staff who were recognized and congratulated Central students on their very informative presentation. She shared she recently attended the Governor's Budget Workshop which was very informative and thanked Mr. Carson and Dr. Kraft for driving her. She thanked staff for providing verification of Board Member rotation procedures and welcomed everyone back.

Ms. Dalla congratulated all presenters and Central School students, she wished everyone a good night.

Mr. Clapper welcomed everyone back and wished them a good night.

Mr. Carson shared that he recently attended the Governor's budget conference, and that although districts are expected to receive roughly \$231 in revenues, the average step and column and STRS and PERS increases will actually cause revenues to be at -\$82. He also added that it was his fiduciary duty to inform the Board and the public of declining enrollment and attendance projections in which current year information shows a decline at first interim.

Dr. Hernandez congratulated Central student presenters and welcomed new employees.

Dr. Kraft thanked all presenters and a special shout out to the student presentation.

Dr. Brady congratulated Ms. Piper on her new position, and she thanked the Board for supporting biliteracy. She asked the Board feedback on how they would like to review policies. She wished Dr. Kraft an early happy birthday.

Ms. Avalos thanked Central students for the great job on their presentation. Congratulated the employee of the month, and exceptional volunteer. She thanked Ms. Sarmiento, Ms. Dalla, and Mr. Clapper for voting for her to be President. She shared information gathered at the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and the District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC). She also shared information gathered at the Governor's Budget Workshop and expressed that we cannot spend our reserve money and we must be very careful on what we are spending. Another thing she learned, were reasons for declining enrollment at a state-wide level. She apologized for keeping everyone late and thanked everyone present.

## **19. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President, Barbara Avalos, adjourned to closed session with Governing Board members only, at 9:41 p.m.

Board President, Barbara Avalos, adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board