

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

January 27, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual <https://meet.google.com/nji-dgde-rqv>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Maria Dalla, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Maria Dalla, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Attendance taken at 6:02 p.m.:

Present:

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Ms. Maria Dalla

Ms. Michelle Gates

Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Ms. Vanessa Ceseña took roll call.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Recognize District winners of the 16 Weeks of STEAM Artwork Competition.

Dr. Wendy O'Connor shared a video with the winners of the 16 Weeks of STEAM artwork competition.

4.B. 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.

4.C. Introduce and welcome the new employees.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Jennifer Reynolds, Library Media Specialist, spoke regarding agenda item 8D.

Mr. David Thatcher, parent, spoke regarding agenda item 8D.

Kara Morales, Library Media Specialist, spoke regarding agenda item 8D.

Tamlyn McKean, Teacher, spoke regarding agenda item 8D.

Christina Benson, Teacher/NCETA, spoke regarding agenda item 8D.

6. AGENDA

6.A. Accept Agenda.

Motion Passed: Accept Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

7. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Motion Passed: Approve Consent Calendar passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

7.A. Minutes

7.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 15, 2020.

7.A.II. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on January 19, 2021.

7.A.III. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on January 21, 2021.

7.B. Administration

7.B.I. Adopt Resolution #20-21.31 regarding absence of Board Member Maria Dalla due to illness.

7.B.II. Adopt Resolution #20-21.32 regarding absence of Board Member Rocina Lizarraga due to illness.

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

7.C. Human Resources

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

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

7.D. Educational Services

7.D.I. Approve School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for all school sites for the 2019-2020 school year (Exhibit A).

7.D.II. Approve contract #CT3789 with Club Xcite Innovative Educational Services to provide specialized academic services for student #3708427 for the 2020-2021 school year.

7.D.III. Approve contract #CT3790 with Rancho Coastal Speech Therapy to provide an Independent Education Evaluation (IEE) for student #3708625.

7.E. Business Services

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

8. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

8.A. Updates and discussion on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Dr. Brady, along with Executive Cabinet, updated the Governing Board on District-wide collaboration during the COVID-19 pandemic. These updates included discussion on the Safe Reopening Plan, Crosswalk document for the plan, and timeline guidelines for reopening schools.

8.B. Approve an increase to the District's maximum contribution toward Health and Welfare Benefits to \$15,086 for all confidential, supervisory, and management personnel for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion Passed: Approval of increase toward Health and Welfare Benefits passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

8.C. Adjust monthly stipend for Governing Board Members.

Following discussion, Subsidiary Motion Passed: Vote to table item passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

8.D. Discussion of Budget Reduction Plan.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, acceptance of the draft plan passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

At 9:30 p.m., Board President Maria Dalla, called the meeting to a recess.

At 9:35 p.m., Board President Maria Dalla, reconvened the public meeting.

9. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

9.A. Approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) for each National School District elementary school and the District Office for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of the Plans passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

9.B. Accept draft of School Plan for Student Achievement for the 2020-2021 school year for National School District Schools.

Motion Passed: Acceptance of the draft plan for Student Achievement passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

9.C. Accept request for Integrity Charter School for charter renewal with the National School District for 2021-2026.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, acceptance request for Integrity Charter School passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

10. HUMAN RESOURCES

10.A. Amend employment contract #CT3775 with Lisbeth Johnson, Ed. D. as Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, amendment of employment contract #CT3775 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
Yes Ms. Michelle Gates
Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

10.B. Amend contract #CT3776 with Michele McClowry M.B.A. for budget reduction analysis and consultation.

Motion Passed: Amendment of contract #CT3776 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
Yes Ms. Michelle Gates
Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

10.C. Approve Practicum Agreement #CT3793 with Chemeketa Community College to establish training programs in Speech-Language Pathology Assistant and National School District from January 2021-January 2022.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of Agreement #CT3793 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla
Yes Ms. Michelle Gates
Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

11. BUSINESS SERVICES

11.A. Approve the District Annual Developer Fee Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of Annual Developer Fee Report passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

12. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Sarmiento shared that she has been assisting her grandchildren during distance learning and she is hearing that lower grade students are doing well. She shared she is gratified to see the way things are going with students and with teachers actively participating.

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda thanked everyone who participated in the meeting and congratulated the District winners of the 16 Weeks of STEAM Artwork Competition. She thanked everyone who sent emails and letters in honor of Board appreciation month and expressed it was nice to be recognized, especially during these difficult times. She wished everyone a good night and wished Dr. Kraft a happy birthday.

Ms. Gates expressed her condolences to everyone who has lost loved ones recently and shared that her thoughts and prayers are with them. She thanked everyone for the care and appreciation for Board appreciation month and expressed it has made her feel welcomed as a new Board member. She congratulated the District winners of the 16 Weeks of STEAM Artwork Competition, and thanked the community sponsors who supported the endeavor, and sent a message of encouragement for all students.

Ms. Lizarraga expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the letters in honor of Board appreciation month she received. She encouraged everyone to step back and take a deep breath in preparation of the tough times that are coming. She reiterated that they are here to exhaust all potential scenarios to do the best for everyone, keeping children in mind. She wished everyone a good night and thanked Dr. Brady for her presentation.

Dr. Kraft gave the Governing Board details regarding academic support that will begin on Monday, February 1, 2021. Her updates included information regarding combining schools, maintaining guidance of cohorts, continuing with a 14:1 ratio, and possibility of more classrooms on site.

Dr. Johnson thanked the Governing Board for listening to a very complex presentation and for asking deep questions that help them figure out the best way to support a very difficult issue. She expressed her appreciation for their patience with the presentation technology and for the opportunity to work with the District. She wished Dr. Kraft a happy birthday.

Dr. Hernandez congratulated the District winners of the 16 Weeks of STEAM Artwork Competition. She welcomed the new employee and wished Dr. Kraft a happy birthday. She shared that the talk of layoffs weighs very heavily on her personally, and she informed staff that the Human Resources Department is available for any support needed during these times. She wished everyone a good night.

Dr. Brady wished Dr. Kraft a happy birthday and reminded the Governing Board of the upcoming Special Board meeting date change. She wished them a happy Board recognition month and expressed her appreciation for their work behind the scenes and for the decisions they make in the best interest of children.

Ms. Dalla wished Dr. Kraft a happy birthday and welcomed Ms. Lydia Ferrer, Speech Language Pathologist Assistant, to the District. She shared a message for the Governing Board, urging to keep in mind that what they do is a very difficult task, and to remember that it is for the children. The parents of the children and the community have entrusted them to this very important position and with making decisions for them. She expressed that she knows this is difficult, but they must continue to do their job. She wished everyone a good night and to keep safe.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Board President, Maria Dalla, adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Clerk of the Governing Board

Secretary to the Governing Board