

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

February 13, 2019  
6:00 PM  
Administrative Center  
1500 "N" Avenue  
National City, CA 91950

**Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:**

Present:

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Alma Sarmiento, called the public meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**4. CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session was held from 5:01 p.m. to 6:04 p.m.

Board President, Alma Sarmiento, announced that in closed session the Governing Board voted unanimously to approve the terms of a compromise agreement and release in OAH Case No. 2019010555. The agreement includes special education services and fees in exchange for a waiver of claims against the District.

**5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**6. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Alma Sarmiento, called the public meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President, Alma Sarmiento, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **8. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Jocelyn Gomez took roll call.

## **9. PRESENTATIONS**

**9.A. Recognize National School District Schools for their participation and present them with the California PBIS Coalition metal awards for implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) within their schools for the 2017-2018 school year.**

Recognized National School District Schools for their participation and present them with the California PBIS Coalition metal awards for implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) within their schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Ms. Barbara Avalos presented; Central, El Toyon, Ira Harbison, Kimball, John Otis, Las Palmas, Lincoln Acres, Olivewood, Palmer Way and Rancho de la Nación schools with their PBIS award.

**9.B. Recognize Valentina Romero, Caregiver-Special Education, Lincoln Acres School, as National School District Employee of the month for February 2019.**

Recognized Valentina Romero, Caregiver-Special Education, Lincoln Acres School, as National School District Employee of the month for February 2019.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda presented Ms. Valentina Romero with a certificate and a District pencil and pen set.

**9.C. Introduce and welcome the new employees.**

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

On behalf of the Governing Board, Superintendent, Dr. Leighangela Brady, presented each new employee with a District pin.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **11. AGENDA**

### **11.A. Approve agenda.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve agenda 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

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

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion approve Consent Calendar 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

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

**12.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 23, 2019.**

### **12.B. Administration**

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

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

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

**12.C.III. Adopt 2019-2020 school year work calendar.**

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

**12.D.I. Approve Memorandum of Understanding #CT3562 with WestEd for administration of the California Healthy Kids Survey during the 2018-2019 school year.**

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

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

### **13. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

#### **13.A. Renew National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) membership for Barbara Avalos, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, Brian Clapper and Maria Dalla.**

**Motion Passed:** Renew National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) membership for Barbara Avalos, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, Brian Clapper and Maria Dalla Passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Barbara Avalos.

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

#### **13.B. Adopt Resolution #18-19.22 regarding absence of Board Member Barbara Avalos due to illness.**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Resolution #18-19.22 regarding absence of Board Member Barbara Avalos due to illness 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

#### **13.C. Approve out of state travel for Barbara Avalos, Christopher Carson, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, Brian Clapper, and Leticia Hernandez to attend the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA on March 29-April 1, 2019.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve out of state travel for Barbara Avalos, Christopher Carson, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, Brian Clapper, and Leticia Hernandez to attend the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA on March 29-April 1, 2019 Passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos 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. POLICIES, REGULATIONS, BYLAWS**

### **14.A. Adopt Administrative Regulations 4154/4254/4354 and 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8.**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Administrative Regulations 4154/4254/4354 and 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 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

## **15. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **15.A. Amend Consultant Contract #CT3399 with Specialized Therapy Services for Speech and Language Pathologist services for the 2018-2019.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion amend Consultant Contract #CT3399 with Specialized Therapy Services for Speech and Language Pathologist services for the 2018-2019 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

### **15.B. Amend Contract #CT3045 with South Bay YMCA for Before and After School program for the 2018-2019 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion amend Contract #CT3045 with South Bay YMCA for Before and After School program for the 2018-2019 school year Passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos 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

**15.C. Approve Contract #CT3571 with American Reading Company for Professional Development for the 2018-2019 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion approve Contract #CT3571 with American Reading Company for Professional Development for 2018-2019 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. HUMAN RESOURCES**

None

**17. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**17.A. Accept Gifts.**

**Motion Passed:** Accept Gifts 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

**18. BOARD WORKSHOP**

**19. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda thanked everyone who attended the Board Workshop earlier. She wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Ms. Maria Dalla congratulated all the schools on their PBIS awards. She shared that it was great to see the parent participation at the Board Workshop earlier.

Mr. Brian Clapper congratulated all the schools on their PBIS awards. He shared he attended the DPAC meeting and gave kudos to Dr. Kraft on a great meeting. He shared that it was great to see the parent participation at the Board Workshop earlier. He wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Ms. Barbara Avalos congratulated the Employee of the Month. She thanked everyone who attended the Board Workshop earlier and suggested this should be done more often. She felt honored to present all principals with their PBIS awards. She wished everyone a Happy

Valentine's Day. She shared she attended Chelsea Clinton's Reading, Q&A, and book signing.

Dr. Leticia Hernandez congratulated the Employee of the Month.

Mr. Christopher Carson welcomed the new employees and David Castillo, Director of Maintenance and Operations.

Dr. Sharmila Kraft thanked the Board for allowing the Board Workshop on the Single Plan for School Achievement for 2018-2019 to occur. She thanked principals for their leadership and commitment. She wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Dr. Leighangela Brady commented that while other districts have one Board meeting a month, National School District has two. Having two meetings a month shows the Board's dedication to our students. She shared last year's winning book from the writing contest and the Read Across America Schedule with the Board. She wished Vanessa Ceseña a happy birthday.

Ms. Alma Sarmiento shared that Dr. Gonzalo Quintero was appointed to City Council.

## **20. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President, Alma Sarmiento, adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board