

NATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Minutes of the Regular Meeting GOVERNING BOARD

February 24, 2021

6:00 PM

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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. Presentation by Palmer Way students on Organics Recycling Program at Palmer Way.

Mr. Denegri, Principal, Palmer Way School, shared a pre-recorded presentation of sixth graders showcasing the science-based lessons learned about food waste reduction, in partnership with BCK Programs, LLC.

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Christina Benson, NCETA President spoke, no item specified.

Ms. Silvia Andrado, Enrichment Teacher spoke, no item specified.

Ms. Kara Holtzman, Teacher, spoke regarding agenda item 8A.

Ms. Vanessa Barrera, Southwest Teachers Association, spoke regarding agenda item 8D.

6. AGENDA

6.A. Accept Agenda.

Motion Passed: Acceptance of Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda 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

7. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Motion Passed: Approval of Consent Calendar 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

7.A. Minutes

7.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 10, 2021.

7.A.II. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on February 11, 2021.

7.A.III. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on February 17, 2021.

7.B. Administration

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.E. Business Services

7.E.I. Adopt Resolution #20-21.33 declaring March 2021 National Nutrition Month.

7.E.II. Adopt Resolution #20-21.37 declaring February 2021 Love the Bus Month.

8. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

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

Dr. Brady led a discussion detailing how the District is navigating the COVID-19 pandemic and discussed current case rates in San Diego county, as well as National City, vaccination timeline for educators, and on-site COVID-19 testing options. They also discussed the reopening of schools and due to the current daily COVID-19 case rates in National City , the Governing Board decided it too soon to predict a target date for safe reopening.

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

Motion Passed: Adoption of Resolution #20-21.31 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Abstain Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

8.C. Adopt Resolution #20-21.32 regarding absence of Board Member Rocina Lizarraga due to illness.

Motion Passed: Adoption of Resolution #20-21.32 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

Abstain Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

8.D. Approve Multi-Year Budget Reduction Plan as attached (Exhibit A).

Motion Failed: Following discussion, approval of Multi-Year Budget Reduction Plan as attached (Exhibit A) failed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. María Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. María Dalla

No Ms. Michelle Gates

No Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

No Ms. Alma Sarmiento

9. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

9.A. Approve contract #CT3796 with Catalina Dolores Maynard to provide Performing Arts Services for Kimball Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3796 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda 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

At 9:06 p.m., Board President, Maria Dalla, called the meeting to a recess.

At 9:14 p.m., Board President, Maria Dalla, reconvened the public meeting.

9.B. Approve contract #CT3799 with BCK Programs, LLC to provide a composting/food waste reduction educational program at El Toyon School for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3799 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

No Ms. Alma Sarmiento

9.C. Approve #CT3801 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools for the Digital Divide Grant for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3801 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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

10. HUMAN RESOURCES

Motion Passed: Following discussion, vote to table items 10.A., 10.B., and 10.C. 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

10.A. Adopt Resolution #20-21.34 of intention to eliminate/reduce classified positions due to lack of work and/or lack of funds pursuant to the provisions of Education Code sections 45114, 45117 45298, and 45308.

10.B. Adopt Resolution #20-21.35 of intention to eliminate/reduce a particular kind of service performed by certificated positions pursuant to the provisions of Education Code sections 44949 and 44955.

10.C. Approve Resolution #20-21.36 establishment of criteria for order of layoff and reemployment following layoff of employees with same first date of paid service in a probationary position.

11. BUSINESS SERVICES

11.A. Presentation update of seating area projects at Ira Harbison School.

Mr. David Castillo, Director of Maintenance, Operations & Facilities, shared a presentation of before and after he and the grounds personnel developed for parents and students at the east side entrance on the campus of Ira Harbison School.

11.B. Update on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes Loan, Series 2020-21-B.

Dr. Johnson provided an update on the recommended sizing of the Tax and Anticipated Revenue Notes (TRANS) loan for the National School District.

12. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda thanked all presenters and thanked everyone for their time. She emphasized that decisions made by her are always thinking of students first and for the good of the District. She thanked everyone for sharing transparent information. She wished everyone a good night.

Ms. Gates thanked everyone for a very informative evening, and she thanked all presenters. She asked the District to work with the Bargaining Units. She agreed with Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda's comments and added that in trying to be responsible for students, they each view things differently. She encouraged listeners to get the COVID-19 vaccine. She shared she participated in a fun and positive school visit at John Otis School.

Ms. Lizarraga thanked all presenters, especially Palmer Way Students and Mr. Denegri. She shared there were tough decisions to be made and she trusts the District can come up with a better solution. She wished Ms. Ceseña a happy belated birthday.

Ms. Sarmiento shared her appreciation for the student presentation and thanked Mr. Castillo for his presentation as well.

Dr. Hernandez expressed how wonderful it was to see the student presentation and wished everyone a good night.

Dr. Johnson congratulated the students and Mr. Castillo on their presentations. She expressed she has enjoyed the time working with National School District, she thanked everyone for their support.

Dr. Kraft congratulated all presenters and she thanked Ms. Thatcher for her part in the development of the Ira Harbison sitting area. She wished everyone a good night.

Dr. Brady thanked all presenters and thanked BCK. She thanked Dr. Johnson for her time and dedication for National School District. She welcomed back Ms. Gomez and wished everyone a good night.

Ms. Dalla thanked all presenters and shared her experience attending a school visit at John Otis School. She gave Dr. Johnson a heartfelt thank you for her work at the District. She shared that all decisions made by her are for the best of the children and the District. She wished everyone to keep safe, healthy, and to have a good night.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Board President, Maria Dalla, adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

Clerk of the Governing Board

Secretary to the Governing Board