

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

March 10, 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 of National School District School Counseling Program.

National School District counselors shared highlights of the counseling programs focusing on the social emotional development of students during distance learning.

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. AGENDA

6.A. Accept Agenda.

Per staff request, agenda item 11.A was pulled and will be brought forth at a future meeting.

Motion Passed: Acceptance of the Agenda, excluding agenda item 11.A, 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

7. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Calendar 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

7.A. Minutes

7.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 24, 2021.

7.B. Administration

7.B.I. Adopt Resolution #20-21.38 declaring the month of April 2021 as Public Schools Month.

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. Adopt Resolution #20-21.39 declaring the week of April 12 through April 16, 2021 as the "Week of the Young Child."

7.E. Business Services

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

7.E.II. Approve contract #CT3804 with City Heights Music School at John Otis School.

7.F. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) contract #CT3803 with Handle with Care to provide Notification of Exposure to Trauma Services for the National School District during the 2020-2021 school year.

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. Based on the agreement between the Governor and Legislature, she requested input for setting a reopening date. This discussion also included case rates in San Diego county and National City, timeline for educators, on-site COVID-19 testing options, reopening target dates, and vaccination efforts. 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. Cast vote for 2021 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly election.

Board vote results for up to seven (7) candidates are as follows:

1. Leslie Bunker- Chula Vista ESD
2. Andrew Hayes- Lakeside Union SD
3. Melissa Krogh- Warner USD USD
4. Dawn Perfect- Ramona USD
5. Barbara Ryan- Santee SD
6. Katrina Young- San Dieguito Union High SD
7. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda- National SD

8.C. Approve updated Governance Handbook (Exhibit B).

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of updated Governance Handbook, with revisions, 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

9. POLICIES, REGULATIONS, BYLAWS

9.A. First reading of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations from California School Boards Association updates (Exhibit C).

10. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

10.A. Approve the final 2020-2021 School Plan for Student Achievement for each National School District elementary school (Exhibit D).

Motion Passed: Approval of the final 2020-2021 School Plan for Student Achievement passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates 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

10.B. Approve contract #CT3802 with Catherine Dolores Maynard to provide Virtual Performing Arts Services for Las Palmas Elementary School for the year 2020-2021 school year.

Motion Passed: Approval of contract #CT3802 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

11. HUMAN RESOURCES

11.A. Adopt the school year work calendar for the 2021-2022.

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

12. BUSINESS SERVICES

12.A. Approve the Positive Certification and Budget Revisions for the Second Period Interim Financial Report as of January 31, 2021 (Exhibit E).

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of the Positive Certification and Budget Revisions 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

The Governing Board nominated Ms. Gates and Ms. Lizarraga as part of the Budget Reduction Task Force, both accepted.

12.B. Approve National School District Audit Report and its findings for the 2019-2020 fiscal year (Exhibit F).

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of the National School District Audit Report and its findings 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

13. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda thanked everyone for everything they have done during the pandemic. She welcomed Ms. Gomez back and thanked Ms. Ceseña for her support. She reiterated her thanks to the counselors for their dedication and support for the students and their families during these difficult times. She thanked the presenters and wished her youngest son a happy fifteenth birthday. She wished everyone a good night.

Ms. Gates thanked the counselors for their support of students and families during this time. She also thanked the administrative team for the regular and very detailed COVID-19 information provided to the Governing Board and for continuing to ensure they are as informed as they can be so they can make the best decisions possible for students. She also thanked the Fire Department for their continued care of the community making COVID-19 vaccines available. She wished her daughter a happy birthday and she wished everyone a good night.

Ms. Lizarraga thanked the presenters and had a special shout out for counselors, thanking them for the support provided to students and families. She shared her personal experience and reiterated the positive impacts of interventions . She expressed she is confident that the Budget Reduction Taskforce will address the deficit. She had a special shout out to the Principals, especially Mr. Vine and Dr. Segura, for facilitating parent meetings via Google Meet.

Ms. Sarmiento shared she is gratified with the beginning of the vaccination process and excited for the hope. She complimented Ms. Gates and Ms. Lizarraga on their admirable job in the Governance Team and expressed how impressed she is by them. She shared her input and suggestions on documents presented and commented on documents delivered to her home for presentation purposes only.

Dr. Hernandez thanked the counselors for always going above and beyond for schools, students, and families. She wished everyone a good night.

Dr. Kraft thanked the counselors and Ms. Janna Piper, Director of Student Support Services, for their presentation and support provided to students, families, and staff. She had a special shout out to everyone for their efforts to turn this situation into a positive and for continuing to do the best for students. She wished everyone a good night.

Dr. Brady thanked the counselors on a great presentation and support. She expressed that even though we do not have a date for reopening, she is amazed at how far classrooms have come during distance learning, she is confident students will continue to learn. She wished happy birthdays to Ms. Gates' and Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda's children and wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.

Ms. Dalla wished happy birthdays to Ms. Gates and Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda's children. She welcomed Ms. Gomez back and thanked Ms. Ceseña for her support. She thanked Ms. Erina Cowart, Director of Finance, and all other presenters for the information provided. She shared a personal message to the Governance Team Trustees, regarding respect during the meetings. She wished everyone to keep safe and to have a good night.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Board President, Maria Dalla, adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Clerk of the Governing Board

Secretary to the Governing Board