

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

May 09, 2018

6:00 PM

Rancho de la Nación School  
1830 East Division Street  
National City CA 91950

**Attendance Taken at 6:09 PM:**

Present:

Ms. Barbara Avalos

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Mr. Brian Clapper

Ms. Maria Dalla

Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, called the public meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Irma Sanchez, NCETA, spoke regarding negotiations.

Ms. Tamlyn McKean, NCETA, yielded her time to Mr. Gene Chavira.

Ms. Vanessa Barrera, SCTU, spoke regarding negotiations.

Ms. Susan Skala, Chula Vista Educators, spoke regarding negotiations.

Mr. Gene Chavira, SCTU, spoke regarding negotiations.

Ms. Christina Benson, NCETA, spoke regarding negotiations.

**3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

#### **4. CLOSED SESSION - 4:30 P.M.**

Closed session was held from 4:45 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Board President, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, announced that in a unanimous vote, the Board voted to approve the settlement agreement between Alpha Decor and Painting, Inc. and the National School District for painting work at Kimball Elementary School.

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

#### **6. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, called the public meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

#### **7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **8. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Yvette Olea took roll call.

#### **9. PRESENTATIONS**

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

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

Board President, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, and Board Clerk, Alma Sarmiento presented each new employee with a District pin.

##### **9.B. Recognize Ms. Lissette Blanchet, Resource Specialist Program Teacher, Central School as National School District Employee of the Month for May 2018.**

Recognized Ms. Lissette Blanchet, Resource Specialist Program Teacher, Central School as the National School District Employee of the Month for May 2018. Principal, Ms. Vanessa Lerma, introduced Ms. Blanchet and commented on her many fine qualities.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Ms. Barbara Avalos presented Ms. Blanchet with a certificate and a District logo watch.

**9.C. Recognize and honor the recipients of the National School District 20, 25, 30 and 35 Year Service Pin/Award.**

Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and the Governing Board recognized and honored the recipients of the National School District 20, 25, 30 and 35 Year Service Pin/Award.

**9.D. Recognize and honor the National School District Classified Employee of the Year 2018, Lino Garcia, District Office, and finalists.**

Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and the Governing Board recognized and honored the Classified Employee of the Year 2018, Lino Garcia, District Office and finalists.

Board President, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, presented the Classified Employee of the Year 2018, Lino Garcia, with a certificate of recognition and award.

Board President, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, presented the Classified Employee of the Year 2018 finalists with a certificate of recognition and engraved pen.

**9.E. Recognize and honor the National School District Teacher of the Year 2018, Jennifer Jaquish, El Toyon School, and finalists.**

Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and the Governing Board recognized and honored the Teacher of the Year 2018, Jennifer Jaquish, El Toyon School and finalists.

Board President, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, presented the Teacher of the Year 2018, Jennifer Jaquish, with a certificate of recognition and award.

Board President, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, presented the Teacher of the Year 2018 finalists with a certificate of recognition and engraved pen.

**9.F. Recognize employees retiring at the end of the 2017-18 school year.**

Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and the Governing Board recognized and honored the retirees with an engraved plaque.

**10. RECEPTION**

At 7:42 p.m., Board President, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda called the meeting to a recess.

At 7:56 p.m., Board President, Maria Betancourt-Castañeda reconvened the public meeting.

**11. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **12. AGENDA**

### **12.A. Approve agenda.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve agenda Passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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. CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Consent Calendar 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.A. Minutes**

**13.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 25, 2018.**

**13.A.II. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on April 26, 2018.**

### **13.B. Administration**

### **13.C. Human Resources**

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

**13.C.II. The employee resignations/retirements on the attached list were accepted by Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources.**

### **13.D. Educational Services**

### **13.E. Business Services**

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

## **14. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**14.A. Adopt Resolution #17-18.22 regarding absence of Board Member Barbara Avalos due to illness.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, Adopt Resolution #17-18.22 regarding absence of Board Member Barbara Avalos due to illness. Passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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.B. Approve Employment Agreement with Christopher Carson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Employment Agreement with Christopher Carson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. Passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla 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

**14.C. Approve new Employment Agreement with Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve new Employment Agreement with Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. 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

**14.D. Approve new Employment Agreement with Sharmila Sohl Kraft, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve new Employment Agreement with Sharmila Sohl Kraft, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. 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. Approve out of state travel for Cynthia Valle-Lone, Jacqueline Ma, Melissa Kwan and Jessica Gastelum, Lincoln Acres School Teachers, to attend the Trustey Fellow Summer Institute at Notre Dame on July 18-28, 2018.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, Approve out of state travel for Cynthia Valle-Lone, Jacqueline Ma, Melissa Kwan and Jessica Gastelum, Lincoln Acres School Teachers, to attend the Trustey Fellow Summer Institute at Notre Dame on July 18-28, 2018. 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

### **15.B. Approve Consultant Contract #CT3490 with Carolyn Daly from Tech4Learning to provide professional development for Ira Harbison School first grade teachers.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Consultant Contract #CT3490 with Carolyn Daly from Tech4Learning to provide professional development for Ira Harbison School first grade teachers. Passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos 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

## **16. HUMAN RESOURCES**

## **17. BUSINESS SERVICES**

### **17.A. Award Contract #CT3491 for Bid #17-18-177 to Veterans Painting Contractor, Inc., for Painting Project #1 at Ira Harbison School.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, Award Contract #CT3491 for Bid #17-18-177 to Veterans Painting Contractor, Inc., for Painting Project #1 at Ira Harbison School. Passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos 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

**17.B. Award Contract #CT3492 for Bid #17-18-177 to A.J. Fistes Corporation, for Painting Project #2 at John Otis School.**

**Motion Passed:** Award Contract #CT3492 for Bid #17-18-177 to A.J. Fistes Corporation, for Painting Project #2 at John Otis School. 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

**17.C. Award Contract #CT3493 for Bid #17-18-178 to LC Paving, for Asphalt and Paving Projects #1, #2, and #3.**

**Motion Passed:** Award Contract #CT3493 for Bid #17-18-178 to LC Paving, for Asphalt and Paving Projects #1, #2, and #3. Passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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

**17.D. Award Contract #CT3494 for Bid #17-18-179 to A&S Flooring, for Flooring Repair and Replacement.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, Award Contract #CT3494 for Bid #17-18-179 to A&S Flooring, for Flooring Repair and Replacement. 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

**17.E. Approve Contract #CT3495 with the K-12 Public Schools and Community Colleges Facility Authority (FACJPA) for Project Management Services.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Contract #CT3495 with the K-12 Public Schools and Community Colleges Facility Authority (FACJPA) for Project Management Services. Passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos 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

## **18. BOARD WORKSHOP**

### **18.A. Review and discuss suggested revisions and updates to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations.**

The Governing Board and staff reviewed and discussed suggested revisions and updates to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations.

## **19. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Dalla welcomed the new employees. She congratulated the Employee of the Month, the Teacher of the Year and finalists, the Classified Employee of the Year and finalists, the Service Pin recipients and the Retirees. She congratulated Kara Holtzman, Joaquin Morales, and Luz Vicario on their recognition at the Biliteracy Symposium. She wished Dr. Brady and Ms. Sarmiento a Happy Birthday. She shared a quote by Maya Angelou, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Mr. Clapper welcomed the new employees. He congratulated the Employee of the Month, the Teacher of the Year and finalists, the Classified Employee of the Year and finalists, the Service Pin recipients and the Retirees. He congratulated Kara Holtzman, Joaquin Morales, and Luz Vicario on their recognition at the Biliteracy Symposium. He wished Dr. Brady and Ms. Sarmiento a Happy Birthday. He shared that he enjoys visiting the departments/sites.

Ms. Avalos welcomed the new employees. She congratulated the Employee of the Month, the Teacher of the Year and finalists, the Classified Employee of the Year and finalists, the Service Pin recipients and the Retirees. She congratulated Kara Holtzman, Joaquin Morales, and Luz Vicario on their recognition at the Biliteracy Symposium. She wished Dr. Brady and Ms. Sarmiento a Happy Birthday.

Ms. Sarmiento welcomed the new employees. She congratulated the Employee of the Month, the Teacher of the Year and finalists, the Classified Employee of the Year and finalists, the Service Pin recipients and the Retirees. She congratulated Kara Holtzman, Joaquin Morales, and Luz Vicario on their recognition at the Biliteracy Symposium. She wished Dr. Brady a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Carson welcomed the new employees. He congratulated the Employee of the Month, the Teacher of the Year and finalists, the Classified Employee of the Year and finalists, the Service Pin recipients and the Retirees. He congratulated Kara Holtzman, Joaquin Morales, and Luz Vicario on their recognition at the Biliteracy Symposium. She wished Dr. Brady and Ms. Sarmiento a Happy Birthday.

Ms. Jameson-Whitney invited everyone to attend the final music performance of the year, which will be held on May 30 at Rancho de la Nación School at 6:00 p.m.



Dr. Brady invited everyone to the LCAP town hall meeting, which will be held on May 17 at Rancho de la Nación School at 6:00 p.m. She commented that this evening was exceptional. She congratulated PJ Whitney on her retirement. She congratulated Luz Vicario on her recognition at the Biliteracy Symposium. She wished Ms. Sarmiento a Happy Birthday. She wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda welcomed the new employees. She congratulated the Employee of the Month, the Teacher of the Year and finalists, the Classified Employee of the Year and finalists, the Service Pin recipients and the Retirees. She congratulated Kara Holtzman, Joaquin Morales, and Luz Vicario on their recognition at the Biliteracy Symposium. She wished her son, Pablo Castañeda, Dr. Brady and Ms. Sarmiento a Happy Birthday. She wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

## **20. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board