

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

May 12, 2021  
6:00 PM  
Administrative Center  
1500 "N" Avenue  
National City, CA 91950

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**4. CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 p.m.**

Closed session was held from 5:03 p.m. to 5:39 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

**5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**6. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **8. ROLL CALL**

### **Attendance taken at 6:07 p.m.:**

#### Present:

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

Mrs. Jocelyn Gomez took roll call.

## **9. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **10. AGENDA**

### **10.A. Accept Agenda.**

**Motion Passed:** Acceptance of the Agenda 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

## **11. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Consent Agenda 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

### **11.A. Minutes**

**11.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on April 26, 2021.**

**11.A.II. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on April 28, 2021.**

**11.A.III. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 28, 2021.**

### **11.B. Administration**

## **11.C. Human Resources**

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

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

## **11.D. Educational Services**

**11.D.I. Approve contract #CT3830 with San Diego Brainworks to provide an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for student #3709544.**

**11.D.II. Approve contract #CT3831 with Academic Cognitive Connections to provide an Independent Education Evaluation (IEE) for student #3708427.**

## **11.E. Business Services**

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

**11.E.II. Adopt annual Resolutions #20-21.44 through #20-21.47 for the 2021-2022 school year authorizing signatures with the State Department of Education and the San Diego County Office of Education, effective July 1, 2021.**

## **12. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

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

Mr. Arik Avanesyans shared updates on the opening of hybrid instruction.

**12.B. Discussion on Board meeting parliamentary procedure.**

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, led a discussion on Board meeting parliamentary procedures.

Board expressed formally adopting Rosenberg's Rules of Order, and therefore, will bring back at a future meeting for formal action.

## **13. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**13.A. Presentation of the National School District's reclassification procedures.**

Ms. Beverly Hayes, Director of Educational Services, gave a presentation on the National School District's reclassification procedures.

**13.B. Approve #CT3823 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools to provide a Multilingual California Project (MCAP) for the National School District for the 2020-2021 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of #CT3823 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

**14. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**14.A. Conduct Public Hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 3547 regarding the initial proposal for a Successor Contract from the National School District (NSD) to the California School Employee Association (CSEA) and its Chapter 206 for the 2021-2022 school year.**

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

There were no public speakers.

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

**14.B. Adopt proposal from the National School District to open negotiations with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its National Chapter 206 for the 2021-2022 School Year.**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of proposal from the National School District to open negotiations with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its National Chapter 206 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

**14.C. Conduct Public Hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 3547 regarding the initial proposal from the National City Teachers Association (NCETA) to the National School District for a new successor agreement.**

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Ms. Christina Benson, NCETA, spoke regarding negotiations.

Ms. Jessie Nord, NCETA, spoke regarding negotiations.

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

**14.D. Conduct Public Hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 3457 regarding the initial proposal from the National School District to the National City Elementary Teachers Association (NCETA) regarding the "Impacts and Effects of the Enrichment Wheel Program" Memorandum of Understanding.**

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

There were no public speakers.

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

**14.E. Adopt initial proposal from the National School District to open negotiations with the National City Elementary Teachers Association (NCETA) regarding the "Impacts and Effects of the Enrichment Wheel Program" Memorandum of Understanding.**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of initial proposal from the National School District to open negotiations with the National City Elementary Teachers Association (NCETA) 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

**15. BUSINESS SERVICES**

None

**16. BOARD WORKSHOP**

None

## **17. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Sarmiento welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District family and wished him well. She shared her optimism on the reopening of school. She shared that Eugene Robert "Skip" Forscht Sr., a former teacher at Palmer Way School, recently passed away.

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District family and shared that she looks forward to working with him. She welcomed staff and students back that started hybrid instruction. She wished her eldest son, Giovanna Castañeda a happy 21st birthday. She wished Dr. Brady and Trustee Sarmiento a happy birthday. She wished everyone a happy belated Mother's Day. She echoed Ms. Christina Benson's earlier comments about the Comfort Drive for the unaccompanied minors. She encouraged anyone that can to go out and donate.

Ms. Lizarraga welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District family. She shared that she saw many families and students excited to return to Olivewood School. She thanked Ms. Hayes for her reclassification presentation. She echoed Ms. Christina Benson's earlier comments about the Comfort Drive for the unaccompanied minors. She wished Dr. Brady and Trustee Sarmiento a happy birthday.

Ms. Gates welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District family. She wished Dr. Brady and Trustee Sarmiento a happy birthday. She thanked Olivewood School for inviting her to attend their virtual recycling show. She thanked Ms. Hayes for her reclassification presentation. She thanked everyone for their positivity around the reopening of school. She echoed Ms. Christina Benson's earlier comments about the Comfort Drive from the South County Teachers United for the unaccompanied minors. She shared that the drive will take place on Friday, May 14th from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 15th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the South County Teachers United office.

Dr. Hernandez thanked certificated, classified, and administrative staff that have ensured both hybrid and distance learning models work to benefit the students. She shared that it was great to see students back on campus. She wished Dr. Brady and Trustee Sarmiento a happy birthday.

Mr. Avanesyans thanked everyone for the warm welcome. He shared that even though the deadline to register for the School Services of California, May Revision Workshop has passed, if a Board member is interested in attending, we will make an effort to include them. He shared that information regarding the Governor's May Revise and District updates will be presented to the Board.

Dr. Kraft welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District family. She wished Dr. Brady and Trustee Sarmiento a happy birthday. She thanked certificated and classified staff for their work on the reopening of school. She shared that she visited schools and that it was great to see the excitement from students and families on the reopening.

Dr. Brady wished a happy certificated appreciation week to certificated staff, specially to Trustee Gates. She wished a happy early classified appreciation week to those being honored next week and school administrators the following week. She thanked the reopening task force, the partnership with labor groups, administrators, and the Board for the work on the Reopening Plan. She welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District and shared how happy it is to have him on the team. She reminded the Board of the upcoming in-person Special Board Meeting for end of the year recognitions on Monday, May 17, 2021 at Palmer Way School. She wished an early happy birthday to Trustee Sarmiento and to Giovanne Castañeda.

Ms. Dalla congratulated and thanked all who had a part in the reopening of school. She welcomed Mr. Arik Avanesyans to the National School District family. She thanked Ms. Hayes for her reclassification presentation. She congratulated all educators on the California Day of the Teacher. She wished Dr. Brady and Trustee Sarmiento a happy birthday. She also wished Giovanne Castañeda a happy early birthday.

## **18. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board