



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Written notice is hereby given, in accordance with Education Code Section 35144 and Government Code Section 54957.6, that a special meeting of the Governing Board of the National School District will be held as follows:

Palmer Way School
2900 Palmer Street
National City, CA 91950

Monday, May 17, 2021
Open Session – 4:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held in-person by invitation only. The public may view the meeting by accessing the following link:
<https://meet.google.com/atf-sncq-tav>

*(If you are having trouble with any of the above links, please try copying
and pasting the links to the address bar in your browser.)*

To listen to the meeting, please call (US) +1 573-930-0133 PIN: 503 435 259#
(long distance charges may apply)

National School District employees can also use the live stream link to view the meeting:
<https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/102c79b5-a661-42fe-87df-e873defaccfe>

NOTICE

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order 28-20 relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to applicable Public Health Orders issued by the County Health Officer, the National School District will not be open to the public.

AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Maria Dalla,
Board President

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5. WELCOME/STAFF RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Maria Dalla,
Board President

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. Recognize employees retiring at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Dr. Leticia Hernandez,
Assistant
Superintendent,
Human Resources

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

Dr. Leticia Hernandez,
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6.C. Recognize and honor the National School District Classified Employee of the Year 2021, Joel Mendoza, Buyer Storekeeper, Child Nutrition Services, and finalists.

Dr. Leticia Hernandez,
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6.D. Recognize and honor the National School District Teacher of the Year 2021, Amy Wert, Sixth Grade Teacher, Ira Harbison School, and finalists.

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10. WELCOME/STUDENT RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Maria Dalla,
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11. PRESENTATIONS

11.A. Recognition of one sixth-grade student from each school as a Distinguished Scholar for the 2020-2021 school year.

Dr. Leighangela
Brady, Superintendent

11.B. Recognize the school winner and finalists of the fifth annual sixth grade writing contest.

Dr. Leighangela
Brady, Superintendent

12. ADJOURNMENT



Maria Dalla, Board President

Agenda Item: **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Agenda Item: **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Agenda Item: **3. ROLL CALL**

Quick Summary /
Abstract:

Board:

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Ms. Maria Dalla

Ms. Michelle Gates

Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Staff:

Dr. Leighangela Brady, Superintendent-Administration

Mr. Arik Avanesyans, Assistant Superintendent- Business Services

Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources

Dr. Sharmila Kraft, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services

Agenda Item: **4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Speaker: Maria Dalla, Board President

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Agenda Item: **5. WELCOME/STAFF RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

Speaker: Maria Dalla, Board President

Agenda Item: **6. PRESENTATIONS**

Agenda Item: **6.A. Recognize employees retiring at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.**

Speaker: Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Comments: It has been the practice of the Governing Board to honor employees who are retiring at the end of the year. The employees on the attached list retired prior to the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Attachments:
Retirees

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

It has been the practice of the Governing Board to honor employees who are retiring at the end of the year. All the employees below retired prior to June 2021:

Name	Position	Effective Date	Years of Service
Susana Benton	Preschool Classroom Teacher	June 3, 2020	23
Laverne Curry	Instructional Assistant-Health Care	September 16, 2020	5
Rachel Pedregal	Administrative Assistant-District	October 31, 2020	24
Angela Solorio	Campus Student Supervisor	June 3, 2020	1
Mary Kay Thomas	Child Nutrition Services Site Manager	December 18, 2020	24
Vanessa Uribe	Instructional Assistant-Special Education	November 11, 2020	35

Agenda Item: **6.B. Recognize and honor the recipients of the National School District 20, 25, 30, and 35 Year Service Pin/Award.**

Speaker: Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Quick Summary / Abstract: It has been the practice of the National School District to honor employees with 20, 25, 30, and 35 Years of Service to the District annually at our Board meetings.

Comments: Our success in the National School District can be directly attributed to the support and contributions of long-standing team members like these. In recognition of their many years of commitment and dedication to our District, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the achievement of these career milestones.

Attachments:
Years of Service Pin Recipients

20-Year Service Pin Recipients	
Maria Bravo-Hiesel	Classroom Teacher, Las Palmas School
Maria Fausto	Instructional Assistant-Health Care, Rancho de la Nación School
Yen Dang Hagler	Classroom Teacher, El Toyon School
Jamie L. Hill	Classroom Teacher, Las Palmas School
Melissa Ann Lee Kwan	Classroom Teacher, Lincoln Acres School
Elizabeth M. McEvoy	Classroom Teacher, El Toyon School
Myrna Ramirez	Welfare and Attendance Specialist, District Office
Antonio Rosas	Classroom Teacher, Olivewood School
Anna Gabriela Saenz	Classroom Teacher, Palmer Way School
Irene Sanchez	Instructional Assistant-Health Care, Central School
Linda O. Vazquez	Classroom Teacher, Olivewood School
Glenn Whitaker	Lead Groundskeeper, Maintenance & Operations

25-Year Service Pin Recipients	
Rachelle S. Bacong	Classroom Teacher, Ira Harbison School
Richard Bermúdez, Sr.	Classroom Teacher, Palmer Way School
Angela Marie Censoplano-Holmes	District Resource Teacher, District Office
Lidia Chavez	Instructional Assistant-Special Education, Lincoln Acres School
Socorro Cortazar	Classroom Teacher, John Otis School
Maria Duarte	Classroom Teacher, Central School
Terri Entzminger-Ma	Classroom Teacher, El Toyon School
Belinda Gonzalez	Classroom Teacher, Ira Harbison School
Victoria Guberek	Speech Language Pathologist, John Otis School
Bethzaida Johnson	Classroom Teacher, Las Palmas School
Amelia Loaiza-Avila	Classroom Teacher, John Otis School
Kirsten Rae Madueña	Classroom Teacher, Rancho de la Nación School
Maria J. Medina	Classroom Teacher, Rancho de la Nación School
Alma S. Medrano	Classroom Teacher, John Otis School
Rex J. Payumo	Classroom Teacher, Palmer Way School
Aaron A. Schall	Language Arts Specialist, Ira Harbison School
Carolyn Ann Schelin	Classroom Teacher, Las Palmas School
Jeannene Rene Smith	Classroom Teacher, Palmer Way School
Sally Ann Stump	Classroom Teacher, Rancho de la Nación School
Jacqueline Thompson	Classroom Teacher, Kimball School

30-Year Service Pin Recipients	
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Margaret A. Franco	Language Arts Specialist, Kimball School
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35-Year Service Pin Recipients	
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Jean A. Howard	Classroom Teacher, Central School
Adriana Medigovich	Classroom Teacher, Olivewood School
Monica Robles-Cho	Classroom Teacher, Olivewood School
Vanessa Uribe	Instructional Assistant-Special Education, Lincoln Acres School

Agenda Item: **6.C. Recognize and honor the National School District Classified Employee of the Year 2021, Joel Mendoza, Buyer Storekeeper, Child Nutrition Services, and finalists.**

Speaker: Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Quick Summary / Abstract: National School District is proud to honor Joel Mendoza, Buyer Storekeeper, Child Nutrition Services, as the Classified Employee of the Year 2021.

Comments: The following Classified Employee of the Year finalists will also be honored at the Board meeting:

Velia Alcocer, Transportation Assistant/Bus Driver, Transportation Department
Maria Fausto, Instructional Assistant-Health Care, Rancho De La Nación School
Jennifer Reynolds, Library Media Specialist, El Toyon School

Agenda Item: **6.D. Recognize and honor the National School District Teacher of the Year 2021, Amy Wert, Sixth Grade Teacher, Ira Harbison School, and finalists.**

Speaker: Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Quick Summary / Abstract: National School District is proud to honor Amy Wert, Sixth Grade Teacher, Ira Harbison School, as the Teacher of the Year 2021.

Comments: The following Teacher of the Year nominees will be honored at the Board meeting:

Eleanor Felker, Olivewood School, Sixth Grade Teacher, Finalist
Ronald Rodriguez, John Otis School, Sixth Grade Teacher, Finalist
Wendy Geraldine Schulien, Central School, Kindergarten Teacher, Finalist

Agenda Item: **7. RECESS**

Agenda Item: **8. RECONVENE MEETING**

Agenda Item: **9. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Agenda Item: **10. WELCOME/STUDENT RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

Speaker: Maria Dalla, Board President

Agenda Item: **11. PRESENTATIONS**

Agenda Item: **11.A. Recognition of one sixth-grade student from each school as a Distinguished Scholar for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Speaker: Dr. Leighangela Brady, Superintendent

Quick Summary / Abstract: Each year, the Governing Board recognizes a distinguished sixth grade scholar from each of the District's elementary schools. Each scholar is presented with a Medal of Distinction in honor of this achievement.

In partnership with the Governing Board, the Sweetwater Kiwanis Club has graciously agreed to sponsor our Distinguished Scholars Program for the 17th consecutive year, by awarding students with a \$50 gift card and certificate to promote student achievement.

The following students were selected as National School District 2021 Distinguished Scholars:

Central- Janelle Abundo
El Toyon- Jacob Morales
Ira Harbison- Paula Marie Grefaldon
Kimball- Yssabele Flores
Las Palmas- Valeria Coronado
Lincoln Acres- Laura Franco Arellano
Olivewood- Eva Cruz
John A. Otis- Sebastian Villalpando
Palmer Way- Gabrielle Diego
Rancho de la Nación- Karla Ybarra Barajas

Comments: The sixth grade scholars were selected by their teachers and principals according to one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrated Academic Excellence - Recipients of this award have demonstrated consistent, high standards of written work and classroom participation throughout their educational process.
- Community Service - Recipients of this award have made significant, recognized efforts to assist members of their community over time or have organized some outstanding community effort to benefit others.
- Leadership Ability - Recipients of this award have demonstrated outstanding leadership performance over time in school affairs.

Each scholar will be introduced to the Governing Board by their teacher or school principal.

Agenda Item: **11.B. Recognize the school winner and finalists of the fifth annual sixth grade writing contest.**

Speaker: Dr. Leighangela Brady, Superintendent

Quick Summary / Abstract: In honor of Read Across America Week, all sixth-grade students in National School District were challenged to write a picture book story. Principals from participating schools, selected one winning entry per school to be honored by the Governing Board tonight. The following students were selected as winners for their schools:

<u>School</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Book Title</u>
Ira Harbison	Mitzie Dela Cruz	Saudade
John Otis	Sebastian Villalpando	Young Superhero
Las Palmas	Emily Grande	We Are The Same
Lincoln Acres	Laura Franco Arellano	Always Be Yourself
Olivewood	Saye Westley	The Thirteen Birthday Curse
Rancho de la Nación	Karla Zoe Ybarra Barajas	Miss. Spider's Home

Comments: The District winner will be presented to the Governing Board. The winning story will serve as next year's Read Across America book, and will be printed for each of National School District's school libraries.

Agenda Item: **12. ADJOURNMENT**