

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

May 17, 2021  
4:00 PM  
Palmer Way School  
2900 Palmer Street  
National City, CA 91950

Staff Recognitions

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Student Recognitions

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**3. ROLL CALL**

**Attendance taken at 4:07 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. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**5. WELCOME/STAFF RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, welcomed attendees to the Staff Recognition Ceremony.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

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

Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, and the Governing Board, recognized and honored retirees by presenting them with an engraved plaque.

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

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

Recipients were presented with a pin/award.

### **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, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, and the Governing Board, recognized and honored the Classified Employee of the Year 2021, Mr. Joel Mendoza, Buyer/Storekeeper, Child Nutrition Services, and finalists.

Mr. Mendoza was presented with a certificate of recognition and award. The Classified Employee of the Year 2021 finalists were presented with an engraved pen.

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

Dr. Leticia Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, and the Governing Board, recognized and honored the Teacher of the Year 2021, Ms. Amy Wert, Sixth Grade Teacher, Ira Harbison School, and finalists.

Ms. Wert was presented with a plaque award. The Teacher of the Year 2021 finalists were presented with an engraved paperweight and certificate.

## **7. RECESS**

At 5:52 p.m., Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, called the meeting to a recess.

## **8. RECONVENE MEETING**

At 6:13 p.m., Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, reconvened the public meeting.

## **9. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **10. WELCOME/STUDENT RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, welcomed attendees to the Student Recognition Ceremony.

## **11. PRESENTATIONS**

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

During the Governing Board meeting, teachers and principals recognized one sixth-grade student from each school as a Distinguished Scholar for the 2020-2021 school year.

In partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Sweetwater, each Distinguished Scholar, received the National School District Medal of Distinction, a \$50 gift card, and a certificate.

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

Recognized the Ira Harbison School winner and participants of the fifth annual sixth grade writing contest. Dr. Brady introduced each of the participants. Each student received a certificate, and an engraved medal.

Dr. Brady announced the School winner, Mitzie De La Cruz, from Ira Harbison School with her book, "Saudade".

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board