

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

August 11, 2021
6:00 PM
Administrative Center
1500 "N" Avenue
National City, CA 91950
<https://youtu.be/urBJqlcVh50>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Updated Attendance:

Ms. Rocina Lizarraga was updated to present at: 4:05 p.m.

Mrs. Jocelyn Gomez took roll call.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

5. CLOSED SESSION - 4:00 P.M.

Closed session was held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:18 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

6. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

7. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

9. ROLL CALL

Attendance taken at 6:03 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.

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, called for a moment of silence in honor of Ms. Kim Peterson, a former National School District employee that recently passed away.

10. PRESENTATIONS

10.A. Introduce and welcome the new employees.

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

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, presented each new employee with a District pin.

11. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

12. AGENDA

12.A. Accept Agenda.

Motion Passed: Acceptance of the Agenda 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

13. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Agenda 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

13.A. Minutes

13.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 23, 2021.

13.A.II. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 7, 2021.

13.A.III. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on July 20, 2021.

13.B. Administration

13.C. Human Resources

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

13.C.II. Accept the employee resignations/retirements.

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. Presentation on the reopening of schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Superintendent and Executive Cabinet shared information with Trustees on the reopening of school for full in-person instruction.

At 7:39 p.m., Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, called a brief recess.

At 7:49 p.m., Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, reconvened the meeting.

14.B. Adopt Resolution #21-22.02 terminating Resolution #19-20.22 delegating the authority to take necessary action to protect students and staff from the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Motion Passed: Following discussion, adoption of Resolution #21-22.02 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.C. Adopt Resolution #21-22.03 regarding absence of Board Member Ms. Alma Sarmiento due to illness.

Motion Passed: Adoption of Resolution #21-22.03 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

Abstain Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.D. Adopt Resolution #21-22.04 regarding absence of Board Member Ms. Alma Sarmiento due to illness.

Motion Passed: Adoption of Resolution #21-22.04 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

Abstain Ms. Alma Sarmiento

14.E. Approve contract #CT3868 with California School Boards Association to include services for online board policies and online agenda for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Passed: Approval of contract #CT3868 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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.F. Approve memberships for the California School Boards Association and the Education Legal Alliance for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of memberships for the California School Boards Association (CSBA) and the Education Legal Alliance (ELA) 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

15. POLICIES, REGULATIONS, BYLAWS

15.A. Second reading of Board Policy 0415 - Equity.

15.B. Adopt Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158 - Independent Study.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, adoption of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158 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

16. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

16.A. Approve the purchase of a digital subscription for Microsoft Licenses from True Cloud for all National School District sites for the school 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Passed: Approval for the purchase of a digital subscription for Microsoft Licenses from True Cloud 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

16.B. Approve the National School District's adopted instructional materials list for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Passed: Approval for the National School District's adopted instructional materials list 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

16.C. Amend Memorandum of Understanding #CT3800 with San Diego County Office of Education for District subsidized internet access through their San Diego County of Education Broadband Connectivity Program.

Motion Passed: Amendment of Memorandum of Understanding #CT3800 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates 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

16.D. Approve contract #CT3864 with the City of National City to provide National City Police Department School Resource Officers for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3864 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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

16.E. Approve contract #CT3867 with San Diego Project Heart Beat to provide services for 13 Automatic External Defibrillator units on site for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.

Motion Passed: Approval of contract #CT3867 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

16.F. Approve Memorandum of Understanding #CT3871 with The Regents of the University of California to offer free parent education workshops for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Passed: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding #CT3871 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

17. HUMAN RESOURCES

17.A. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources to hire temporary employees.

Motion Passed: Authorization for the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources to hire temporary employees 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

17.B. Approve Declaration of Need for fully qualified educators for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion Passed: Approval of Declaration of Need for fully qualified educators passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates 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

18. BUSINESS SERVICES

18.A. Presentation on Proposed Transportation Department Reorganization.

Mr. Arik Avanesyans, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services and Ms. Candace Byerly, Director of Transportation gave a presentation on proposed transportation department reorganization.

18.B. Approve change order submitted by Jackson & Blanc for contract #CT3821 HVAC Replacement on Modular Buildings.

Motion Passed: Approval of change order submitted by Jackson & Blanc for contract #CT3821 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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

18.C. Approve Resolution #21-22.05 authorizing Conveyance of an Easement to NC Galleria LLC.

Motion Passed: Approval of Resolution #21-22.05 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

18.D. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, authorization for the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services 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

18.E. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Financial Advisory services.

Motion Passed: Authorization for the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Financial Advisory services 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

18.F. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for scanning and reprographic service contractors.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, authorization for the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for scanning and reprographic service contractors passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga 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

18.G. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for proposals from qualified firms to provide Other Post-Employment Benefits and/or Pension trust fund management services.

Motion Passed: Authorization for the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for proposals from qualified firms to provide Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and/or Pension trust fund management services passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga 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

18.H. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for Request for Qualifications in preparation for assessing and implementing comprehensive energy conservation and energy related capital improvement services.

Motion Passed: Following discussion, authorization for the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for Request for Qualifications in preparation for assessing and implementing comprehensive energy conservation and energy related capital improvement services passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates 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

19. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Lizarraga welcomed the new employees. She thanked Ms. Byerly for her presentation on the Transportation department. She wished everyone a good night.

Ms. Gates thanked everyone for an insightful and informative Board meeting. She thanked those who shared a presentation this evening. She encouraged administration to continue the work and awareness to the community, families and staff regarding, protocols and COVID-19. She also encouraged everyone to advocate to open more COVID-19 testing sites in the city. She shared that she visited Central School and thanked them for their welcome. She shared that she will be absent at the next Regular Board meeting due to her son getting married.

Ms. Sarmiento shared that the city of National City announced several openings for boards, commissions, and committees. She shared that the deadline to submit applications is on Thursday, September 2, 2021, by 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda thanked those who shared a presentation this evening. She welcomed the new employees. She shared that she visited Palmer Way, Ira Harbison, and Olivewood schools. She sent her condolences to the Peterson family. She shared that, Noah Barron, a former Olivewood School student passed away recently. She wished everyone a wonderful evening.

Mr. Avanesyans thanked Mr. Castillo and Ms. Byerly for their presentations. He thanked all staff for their hard work.

Dr. Hernandez welcomed the new employees. She shared her appreciation for staff and the dedication, resilience, and perseverance they have for their work. She shared that Governor Gavin Newsom signed an order that all school employees will need to be vaccinated or tested for COVID-19 weekly.

Dr. Kraft welcomed the new employees. She thanked the Rady Children's Hospital team, especially Ms. Ashley Rollins, Health Team Supervisor, for their work. She shared that the first two weeks back to school have been dynamic, and thanked teachers and principals for their hard work.

Dr. Brady thanked the Board and staff for their hard work. She especially thanked Ms. Ceseña and Mrs. Gomez for their work behind the scenes during Board meetings. She thanked Mayor Sotelo-Solis for organizing the donation of 4,000 student face masks from the Last Mile San Diego. She shared that District Committees will resume this school year, after being on hold for 18 months. She asked Trustee Lizarraga for clarification regarding awareness campaign with disabilities. She congratulated Trustee Gates' son on his marriage. She wished Ms. Vicario, Principal, Kimball School, a happy birthday.

Ms. Dalla congratulated Trustee Gates on her son's upcoming marriage. She congratulated school administrators, certificated staff, classified staff, and students on the re-opening of school. She encouraged everyone to keep safe and wished everyone a good night.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Clerk of the Governing Board

Secretary to the Governing Board