

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

October 09, 2019  
6:00 PM  
Administrative Center  
1500 "N" Avenue  
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, Ms. Alma Sarmiento, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

Closed session was held from 5:05 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

**5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**6. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Student, Kara Abano, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**8. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Vanessa Ceseña took roll call.

## **9. PRESENTATIONS**

### **9.A. Presentation by Ira Harbison School students.**

Ira Harbison students shared an interactive presentation about the Technology Squad with the Governing Board.

Board Members Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda and Ms. Dalla presented each student with a certificate and book.

### **9.B. Recognize Kim Garrido, Ira Harbison School, as an Exceptional National School District Volunteer.**

Recognized Ms. Kim Garrido, Ira Harbison School, as an Exceptional National School District Volunteer.

Board Member, Mr. Brian Clapper, presented Ms. Garrido with a certificate and a District logo clock.

### **9.C. Recognize Jose Quiñonez, Transportation, School Bus Driver, as National School District Employee of the Month for October 2019.**

Antonio Perez, Director, Transportation Department, recognized Jose Quiñonez, Bus Driver, as the National School District Employee of the Month for October 2019.

Board Clerk, Ms. Barbara Avalos, presented Mr. Quiñonez with a certificate and a District pencil and pen set.

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

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

Board Clerk, Ms. Barbara Avalos, presented each new employee with a District pin.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Frank Parra, Chief, National City Fire Department, spoke regarding a community Flu Clinic.

## **11. AGENDA**

### **11.A. Accept agenda.**

**Motion Passed:** Accept agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper 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

## **12. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Consent Calendar 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

### **12.A. Minutes**

**12.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 11, 2019.**

**12.A.II. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on September 18, 2019.**

### **12.B. Administration**

### **12.C. Human Resources**

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

**12.C.II. Approve Classified Employee of the Year qualifications and nomination criteria for 2019-2020 school year.**

**12.C.III. Approve Teacher of the Year qualifications and nomination criteria for 2020.**

**12.C.IV. Accept the employee resignations/retirements.**

### **12.D. Educational Services**

**12.D.I. Adopt Resolution #19-20.09 proclaiming October 23-31, 2019 as Drug Awareness Week (National Red Ribbon Week) in National School District.**

**12.E. Business Services**

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

**13. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

None

**14. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**14.A. Approve contract #CT3659 with Bright Spot Unlimited to provide workshops for Las Palmas School staff.**

**Motion Passed:** Contract #CT3659 passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper 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.B. Approve Consultant Contract #CT3666 with Rebecca Walker to provide dance lessons for all sixth grade students at Palmer Way School.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, contract #CT3666 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda 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.C. Approve contract #CT3680 with Achieve3000 Inc. for implementation at Lincoln Acres Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, contract #CT3680 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda 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 Memorandum of Understanding #CT3681 for Wellness Champion Program between YMCA Childcare Resource Service and National School District from January 1, 2020 through January 1, 2021.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, Memorandum of Understanding #CT3681 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda 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.E. Approve the National School District application for Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program (IEEEP) Grant (Exhibit B).**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, application for Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program (IEEEP) Grant passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos 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. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**15.A. Approve the negotiated agreement between California School Employee Association (CSEA) and its National Chapter 206 and the Board of the National School District for the 2019-2020 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, negotiated agreement between California School Employee Association (CSEA) and its National Chapter 206 and the Board of the National School District for the 2019-2020 school year passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper 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

**15.B. Approve Internship Agreement #CT3679 between the Trustees of the California State University on behalf of California State University San Marcos ("University") and National School District ("Learning Site").**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, Internship Agreement #CT3679 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

**16. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**16.A. Accept gifts.**

**Motion Passed:** Accept gifts passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda 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. BOARD WORKSHOP**

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

Due to the high quantity of policies to review, Board members conducted a workshop to discuss suggestions in more detail.

No policy updates or changes were suggested in this workshop.

**18. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to attend the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) conference with of Ms. Dalla. She shared information received at the event with the Governing Board and the public. She encouraged the community to participate in the 2020 Census. She also shared an opportunity offered by NALEO for the Board to attend a two-day course on budget/finance.

Ms. Dalla shared information gathered at the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) conference she recently attended. She expressed how proud she felt of the Technology Squad at Ira Harbison and their achievements. She thanked the National City Fire Department for attending the Board meeting and inviting the community to the upcoming Flu and Hepatitis A vaccine clinics. She congratulated Mr. Quiñonez and Ms. Garrido for their recognition, and she thanked everyone who was present.

Mr. Clapper thanked the Ira Harbison students for their presentation and congratulated Mr. Quiñonez and Ms. Garrido for their recognition. He shared that in partnership with the National City Lyon's Club, they were able to complete 259 eye screenings at Rancho de La Nación School and he announced the dates of the upcoming One Sight event.

Ms. Barbara Avalos shared that she attended the California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) Unity Conference. She shared information from the conference on human trafficking, which impacts our children and information received from Governor Newsom's office. She thanked the student presenters and congratulated Mr. Quiñonez and Ms. Garrido for their recognition. She also shared family experiences during her vacation in New Mexico.

Dr. Hernandez congratulated Ms. Garrido and Mr. Quiñonez for their recognition. She informed the Board that she has received great feedback from staff on Professional Growth Day. She thanked them for approving the contract.

Mr. Carson gave the Board an update on District-wide projects.

Dr. Kraft congratulated Ms. Garrido and Mr. Quiñonez on their recognition. She informed the Board that she was able to present the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) information to parents and asked them if they would like to have an SPSA workshop as well, the Board agreed. She thanked Ms. Meghann O'Connor and Ms. Charmaine Lawson for their work on the draft application for Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program (IEEEP) Grant. She also wanted to do a special mention to the Purchasing Department for their great help and teamwork.

Dr. Brady thanked the Board members for sharing their learning. She also thanked the National City Fire Department for being present and for being an innovative partner to the District. She shared that the District is working on hosting a Partnership Exchange event with members of our community, focusing on Global Goals. She wanted to do a special shout out to all the hard working employees who have not had the opportunity to be recognized and should. She congratulated Dr. Hernandez and Dr. Kraft for their recognition of Women in Leadership.

Ms. Sarmiento congratulated Ms. Garrido and Mr. Quiñonez on their recognition. She thanked Mr. Carson for the information he provided on the District-wide projects and for touring the sites with them.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President, Ms. Alma Sarmiento adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board