

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

October 13, 2021

6:00 PM

Administrative Center

1500 "N" Avenue

National City, CA 91950

<https://youtu.be/FKPD-FtJYIY>

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Clerk, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**2. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL**

**Attendance taken at 4:01 p.m.:**

Present:

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Ms. Michelle Gates

Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Absent:

Ms. Maria Dalla

Ms. Vanessa Ceseña took roll call.

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**5. CLOSED SESSION- 4:01 P.M.**

Closed session was held from 4:01 p.m. to 5:44 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

## **6. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

## **7. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Clerk, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

## **8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Clerk, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **9. OPEN SESSION ROLL CALL**

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

#### Present:

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

#### Absent:

Ms. Maria Dalla

Ms. Vanessa Ceseña took roll call.

## **10. PRESENTATIONS**

### **10.A. Introduce and welcome the new employees.**

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

## **11. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **12. AGENDA**

### **12.A. Accept Agenda.**

**Motion Passed:** Acceptance of the Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent 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. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

#### **13.A. Administration**

#### **13.B. Human Resources**

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

**13.B.II. Accept the employee resignations/retirements.**

#### **13.C. Educational Services**

#### **13.D. Business Services**

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

### **14. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**14.A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 8, 2021.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of minutes passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Abstain Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**14.B. Adopt Resolution #21-22.10 regarding absence of Board Member Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda due to bereavement.**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of Resolution #21-22.10 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Recuse Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

## **15. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **15.A. Adopt Resolution #21-22.11 proclaiming October 23-31, 2021, as Drug Awareness Week (National Red Ribbon Week) in National School District.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, adoption of Resolution #21-22.11 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **15.B. Amend contract #CT3823 with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools to extend Multilingual California Project grant funds from the 2020-2021 school year through June 30, 2022.**

**Motion Passed:** Amendment of contract #CT3823 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **15.C. Discussion regarding sixth grade camp with the YMCA of San Diego County.**

Dr. Kraft facilitated a discussion regarding sixth grade camp for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Rich Krudner, representative from Camp Marston, attended the Board meeting and answered questions from Trustees.

### **15.D. Approve contract #CT3895 with Building Block Entertainment, Inc. to provide services for Lincoln Acres School students.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of contract #CT3895 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**15.E. Approve agreement #CT3896 with Assistance League of Greater San Diego to provide services for National School District.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of agreement #CT3896 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

At 6:41 p.m., Board Clerk, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, called a recess.

At 7:00 p.m., Board Clerk, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, reconvened the meeting.

**15.F. Approve Memorandum of Understanding #CT3900 with BCK, LLC to promote environmental education, literacy, and awareness.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of Memorandum of Understanding #CT3900 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**15.G. Approve Memorandum of Understanding #CT3901 with Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center to promote environmental education, literacy, and awareness.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Memorandum of Understanding #CT3901 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Recuse Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**15.H. Approve contract #CT3894 with Olivewood Gardens & Learning Center to provide garden support to National School District for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of contract #CT3894 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Recuse Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

At 7:02 p.m., Ms. Alma Sarmiento was marked absent from the meeting.

## **16. HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **16.A. Conduct a public hearing for the Collective Bargaining Agreements with the National City Elementary Teachers Association (NCETA), in accordance with AB 1200 (Chapter 1213/1991), GC 3547.5, and CCR Title V, Section 15449.**

Board Clerk, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Avanesyans provided background on the item. There were no public speakers.

Board Clerk, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda, closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

### **16.B. Approve the Tentative Agreement between the National City Elementary Teachers Association and the Governing Board of National School District for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approvabf the Tentative Agreement passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **16.C. Approve Teacher of the Year qualifications and nomination criteria for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approvabf qualifications and nomination criteria passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **16.D. Approve Classified Employee of the Year qualifications and nomination criteria for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approvabf qualifications and nomination criteria passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

## **17. BUSINESS SERVICES**

### **17.A. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to advertise for E-Rate equipment and services.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, authorization for advertisement passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **17.B. Approve the transfer of wireless services from Verizon Wireless to T-Mobile.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of the transfer passed with a motion by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga and a second by Ms. Michelle Gates.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **17.C. Approve renewal of contract #CT3510 Fresh Pizza Delivery Service with Little Caesars Pizza, Inc. for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3510 renewal passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **17.D. Approve addendum for contract #CT3881 with MAXIM Healthcare Staffing to provide healthcare services for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of addendum for contract #CT3881 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Absent Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

## **18. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Lizarraga welcomed the new employees, Ms. Carolina Chavez and Ms. Cynthia Zavala. She expressed she is happy that National School District supports local businesses, and she shared her experience visiting a self-contained special education class at Central School. She wished everyone a good night.

Ms. Gates welcomed the new employees and shared she had the opportunity to celebrate last year's Teacher of the Year, Ms. Amy Wert, who was also recognized by San Diego County. She expressed she is thankful for the opportunity to recognize staff every year. She thanked Mr. Krudner from Camp Marston, for answering questions, and she thanked Little Caesars Pizza for their partnership. She welcomed everyone back from fall break.

Mr. Avanesyans thanked all Business Department Directors, Ms. Erina Cowart, Mr. Jon Hansen, Mr. David Castillo, and Ms. Candy Byerly, for working tirelessly and recognized the work that they do.

Dr. Hernandez welcomed the new employees and welcomed staff back from fall break.

Dr. Kraft welcomed the new employees and thanked Mr. Krudner from Camp Marston for attending the meeting. She wished everyone a good night.

Dr. Brady sent a condolence message to the Dalla family for the loss of Ms. Nancy Dalla. She thanked Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda for running tonight's Board meeting. She gave a shout out to the M&O Department for the deep cleaning and necessary projects finalized throughout the District during fall break. She thanked them for the hard work happening behind the scenes.

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda sent a condolence message to the Dalla family for the loss of Ms. Nancy Angela Dalla. She welcomed the new employees and thanked all staff for their hard work. She also thanked Mr. Krudner from Camp Marston for attending the meeting. She shared her experience during her visit at Ira Harbison School and thanked Ms. Young. She wished happy belated birthdays to Ms. Gates and Ms. Lizarraga and thanked all meeting attendees.

## **19. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Clerk, Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Closed session was held from 4:01 p.m. to 5:44 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board