

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

October 27, 2021

6:00 PM

Administrative Center

1500 "N" Avenue

National City, CA 91950

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**2. CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL**

**Attendance taken at 4:02 p.m.:**

Present:

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Ms. Maria Dalla

Ms. Michelle Gates

Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Ms. Jocelyn Gomez took roll call.

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Mr. Alfredo Alvarez, CSEA, spoke regarding negotiations.

Ms. Luz Allshouse, CSEA, spoke regarding negotiations.

Ms. Jennifer Reynolds, CSEA, spoke regarding negotiations.

Ms. Mona Ribada, CSEA, spoke regarding negotiations.

**4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

Closed session was held from 4:16 p.m. to 5:50 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. OPEN SESSION 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

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.

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, presented new employees present with a District pin.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Alfredo Alvarez, CSEA, spoke regarding negotiations.

Ms. Jennifer Reynolds, CSEA, spoke regarding negotiations.

Ms. Luz Allshouse, CSEA, spoke regarding negotiations.

Ms. Suzy (Martha) Cardenas, CSEA, spoke regarding negotiations.

Ms. Corina de Leon, CSEA, spoke regarding negotiations.

Mr. Hugo Michel, CSEA, spoke regarding negotiations.

Ms. Mona Ribada, CSEA, spoke regarding negotiations.

## **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. 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. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Consent Agenda 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

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

**13.A.I. Approve the Quarterly Report to the San Diego County Office of Education on Williams Complaints.**

**13.A.II. Adopt Resolution #21-22.12 delegation of authority to enter into written agreements or written contracts under specific limitations.**

### **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.C.I. Amend Non-Public School Master contract #CT3836 with Aseltine School to provide an educational program for special education students for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**13.C.II. Amend Non-Public School Master contract #CT3838 with Stein Education Center to provide an educational program for special education students for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**13.C.III. Amend Individual Services Agreement #CT3839 with Aseltine School to provide an education program for student #3711706 for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**13.C.IV. Amend Individual Services Agreement #CT3840 with Aseltine School to provide an educational program for student #3709915 for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**13.C.V. Amend Individual Services Agreement #CT3842 with Stein Education Center to provide an educational program for student #3712441 for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**13.C.VI. Ratify Individual Service Agreement #CT3905 with Aseltine School to provide an educational program for student #3713445 for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**13.D. Business Services**

## **14. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**14.A. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 13, 2021.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the October 13, 2021, minutes passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Abstain Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**14.B. Adopt Resolution #21-22.13 regarding absence of Board Member Ms. Maria Dalla due to bereavement.**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of Resolution #21-22.13 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento and a second by Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Recuse Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

## **15. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **15.A. Approve application for National School District to apply for the California Department of Education, California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 3043(d) waiver.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of application 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.B. Approve contracts #CT3884 through #CT3893 with the YMCA of San Diego County for sixth grade camp.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of contracts #CT3884 through #CT3893 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

### **15.C. Approve contract #CT3898 a San Diego County Interagency Agreement to provide educational support to students in Foster Care for National School District from August 2021 to July 2026. (Exhibit A)**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3898 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

Contract cost will not exceed \$500 per year.

**15.D. Approve contract #CT3899 with 360 Degree Customer Inc. to provide Special Education Services for the 2021-2022 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3899 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. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**16.A. Approve agreement #CT3902 with National University and National School District for an unpaid Student Teaching, Field Experience and Practicum Agreement.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of agreement #CT3902 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

**16.B. Approve agreement #CT3903 with the Azusa Pacific University and National School District from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2025, for educational field experiences. (Exhibit B)**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of agreement #CT3903 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

## **17. BUSINESS SERVICES**

### **17.A. Authorize District personal property as disposal, obsolete and surplus per California Education Code 17545-17555.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, authorization 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

### **17.B. Approve the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Expenditure Plan. (Exhibit C)**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Plan 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

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

Ms. Lizarraga thanked CSEA classified staff for attending the meeting and welcomed new employees. She congratulated the City of National City for receiving the 2021 Culture of Health Prize for innovative efforts, awarded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She wished Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda a happy birthday and wished everyone a good night.

Ms. Gates thanked CSEA classified staff for attending the meeting and thanked them for the work they do behind the scenes. She wished Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda a happy birthday.

Ms. Sarmiento shared details of a news article, spotlighting late Palmer Way School teacher, Dr. Sue Crittendon, and her contributions to National City students through Southwestern College.

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda welcomed the new employees and thanked tonight's public speakers. She thanked staff for the work they do behind the scenes. She welcomed her mom in the audience and thanked her for attending the meeting on her birthday. She wished Mr. Mike Dalla a happy birthday and wished everyone a good night.

Mr. Avanesyans thanked El Toyon School staff for welcoming them during Executive Cabinet's site visit. He shared it was a great experience observing students participate in a soccer league started by fourth grade teacher, Mr. Steve Cokkinis.

Dr. Hernandez welcomed the new employees, especially Ms. Melissa Northcutt, Human Resources Specialist. She shared her observations during Executive Cabinet's site visits and thanked school administrators for always putting children first. She wished Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda and Mr. Mike Dalla happy birthdays.

Dr. Kraft welcomed the new employees. She shared her observations during Executive Cabinet's site visit and celebrates the work done at all school sites for targeted supports. She wished Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda and Mr. Mike Dalla happy birthdays.

Dr. Brady wished Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda and Mr. Mike Dalla happy birthdays. She thanked Ms. Lizarraga for notifying her about the accessibility projects from Central students and shared information regarding COVID-19 testing throughout the District.

Ms. Dalla welcomed the new employees, audience members, and thanked CSEA classified staff for addressing the Board during the meeting. She wished Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda and Mr. Dalla, her husband, happy birthdays. She wished everyone a good night.

## **19. ADJOURNMENT**

Closed session was held from 4:16 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

Board President, Ms. Maria Dalla, adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board