

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

November 14, 2018  
6:00 PM  
Administrative Center  
1500 "N" Avenue  
National City, CA 91950

**Attendance Taken at 6:05 PM:**

Present:

Ms. Barbara Avalos  
Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda  
Mr. Brian Clapper  
Ms. Maria Dalla  
Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Betancourt-Castañeda called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**4. CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session was held from 4:04 p.m. to 6:03 p.m.

Board President Betancourt-Castañeda announced that in Closed Session the Governing Board voted unanimously to approve Janna Piper as the new Coordinator of Student Support Services.

Board President Betancourt-Castañeda announced that in Closed Session the Governing Board voted unanimously to approve a compromise agreement and release in OAH Case No. 2018050958. The agreement includes special education placement, services, and fees in exchange for a waiver of claims against the District. *The announcement was made at the close of the meeting.*

## **5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

## **6. CALL TO ORDER**

President Betancourt-Castañeda called the public meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

## **7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Las Palmas student, Jacob Gallardo, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **8. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Jocelyn Gomez took roll call.

## **9. PRESENTATIONS**

### **9.A. Presentation by Las Palmas School students.**

Las Palmas students gave a presentation on the use of Rekenreks.

Board Member Sarmiento, presented each of the students with a certificate, pencil box and notebook.

### **9.B. Recognize Judith Aijara, Las Palmas School, as the National School District Volunteer for the Month of November 2018.**

Recognized Judith Aijara, Las Palmas School, as the National School District Volunteer for the Month of November 2018.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Maria Dalla presented Ms. Aijara with a framed certificate and logo clock.

### **9.C. Recognize Norma Victorio, Teacher, Rancho de la Nación School, as National School District Employee of the Month for November 2018.**

Recognized Norma Victorio, Teacher, Rancho de la Nación School, as National School District Employee of the Month for November 2018.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Ms. Brian Clapper, presented Ms. Victorio with a certificate and a District logo watch.

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

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

## **10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **11. AGENDA**

### **11.A. Approve agenda.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve 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. CONSENT CALENDAR/ROUTINE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Consent Calendar passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

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 October 24, 2018.**

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

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

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

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

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

### **12.E. Business Services**

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

### **13. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

**13.A. Set date, time and place of the Governing Board annual organizational meeting as December 12, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Administrative Center, 1500 N Avenue, National City.**

**Motion Passed:** Set date, time and place of the Governing Board annual organizational meeting as December 12, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Administrative Center, 1500 N Avenue, National City 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

**13.B. Nominate candidates as representatives to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly from Region 17.**

**Motion Passed:** Nominate Arturo Solis as representative to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly from Region 17 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

**Motion Passed:** Nominate Tamara Otero as representative to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly from Region 17 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

**Motion Passed:** Nominate Barbara Ryan as representative to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly from Region 17 passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos  
Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda  
Yes Mr. Brian Clapper  
Yes Ms. Maria Dalla  
Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**Motion Passed:** Nominate Guadalupe Gonzalez as representative to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly from Region 17 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla and a second by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**Motion Passed:** Nominate Dawn Perfect as representative to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly from Region 17 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

**Motion Passed:** Nominate Beth Hergesheimer as representative to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly from Region 17 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

**Motion Passed:** Nominate Maria Dalla as representative to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly from Region 17 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castaneda 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

**Motion Passed:** Nominate Maria Betancourt-Casta eda as representative to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly from Region 17 passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla 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

**13.C. Presentation and update on the status of the fundraising committee.**

Luz Vicario and Beverly Hayes gave a presentation and update on the status of the fundraising committee.

**13.D. Discuss possible hosting of a Harvard strategic project residency.**

**14. POLICIES, REGULATIONS, BYLAWS**

**14.A. First reading of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations suggested updates.**

**15. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**15.A. Amend contract CSPP-8460 between the National School District Governing Board and the California State Department of Education for the reimbursement of early childhood education programs for children three and four years of age during the fiscal year 2018-2019.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion amend contract CSPP-8460 between the National School District Governing Board and the California State Department of Education for the reimbursement of early childhood education programs for children three and four years of age during the fiscal year 2018-2019 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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 Memorandum of Understanding with Regents of the University of California - Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program for the 2018-2019 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Regents of the University of California - Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program for the 2018-2019 school year passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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.C. Approve Non-Public School Master Contract #CT3550 with San Diego Center for Children Academy to provide an educational program for special education students for the 2018-2019 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Non-Public School Master Contract #CT3550 with San Diego Center for Children Academy to provide an educational program for special education students for the 2018-2019 school year 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. HUMAN RESOURCES**

## **17. BUSINESS SERVICES**

### **17.A. Approve Agreement #CT3307 among San Diego County School Districts and the National School District for shared student transportation services for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Agreement #CT3307 among San Diego County School Districts and the National School District for shared student transportation services for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020 passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper and a second by Ms. Alma Sarmiento.

Yes Ms. Barbara Avalos

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Mr. Brian Clapper

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **17.B. Approve Consultant Contracts #CT3547 and #CT3548 with Catholic Charities for participation in their Foster Grandparents Program.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion approve Consultant Contracts #CT3547 and #CT3548 with Catholic Charities for participation in their Foster Grandparents Program passed with a motion by Mr. Brian Clapper 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.C. Approve Consultant Contracts #CT3549 with Catholic Charities for participation in their Foster Grandparents Program.**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Consultant Contracts #CT3549 with Catholic Charities for participation in their Foster Grandparents Program passed with a motion by Ms. Barbara Avalos 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

## **18. BOARD WORKSHOP**

## **19. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Maria Dalla congratulated the students on their presentation. She congratulated the Employee and Volunteer of the Month. She praised Mr. Clapper for his leadership with the OneSight Program. She thanked her supports for her recent re-election.

Brian Clapper congratulated the students on their presentation. He congratulated the Employee and Volunteer of the Month. He congratulated and welcomed Janna Piper, Coordinator of Student Support Services. He thanked everyone for all their hard work on the OneSight program.

Barbara Avalos congratulated the re-elected board members. She congratulated the Employee and Volunteer of the Month. She praised Sonia Ruan for her new role as Principal of Las Palmas School. She congratulated the Association of California School Administrators Principal of the Year honoree, Mrs. Beverly Hayes. She shared she visited the Kitchenistas and that she attended the retirement of Norma Hernandez, Southwestern Community College District Governing Board Member.

Alma Sarmiento congratulated the students on their presentation along with their parents and teacher. She congratulated the re-elected board members. She congratulated the Association of California School Administrators Principal of the Year honoree, Mrs. Beverly Hayes.

Leticia Hernandez congratulated the re-elected board members. She shared she enjoyed her visit to the OneSight Program. She congratulated the Employee of the Month.

Chris Carson mentioned that he noticed that the student presenters were half boys and half girls, which is admirable since women generally fall behind on these subjects.

Sharmila Kraft congratulated the re-elected board members. She congratulated the students on their presentation. She gave kudos to the Educational Services for their hard work. She shared she enjoyed her visit to the OneSight Program.

Leighangela Brady wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She thanked the Board for their continued support. She congratulated the Association of California School Administrators Principal of the Year honoree, Mrs. Beverly Hayes. She shared she enjoyed her visit to the OneSight Program. She thanked the Veterans for their service. She wished Dr. George Cameron, former District Superintendent, a happy birthday.

Maria Betancourt-Castañeda congratulated the Employee and Volunteer of the Month. She congratulated the students on their presentation. She praised Mr. Clapper for his leadership with the OneSight Program. She congratulated the Association of California School



Administrators Principal of the Year honoree, Mrs. Beverly Hayes. She congratulated the re-elected board members. She closed her comments by thanking everyone for the opportunity to serve as Board President and shared:

“It has been my pleasure to serve as Board President for the National School District community. In this role, we have worked together as a Board to accomplish some significant achievements for the District. While we may have differences of opinion, we recognize the importance of maintaining civility and upholding the ethical standards required of this position. While we hold a high regard for transparency, there are some topics required by law to be discussed confidentially in closed session. It is important that I, as President, uphold the responsibility of maintaining confidentiality and I implore my fellow Board members to do the same. It is this process that allows school districts throughout the state to fully support and serve the community in a constructive and productive way. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Board President and I look forward to welcoming our incoming President at the next Board Meeting.”

Board President Betancourt-Castañeda announced that also in Closed Session the Governing Board voted unanimously to approve a compromise agreement and release in OAH Case No. 2018050958. The agreement includes special education placement, services, and fees in exchange for a waiver of claims against the District.

## **20. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board