

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

December 15, 2020

6:00 PM

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Barbara Avalos called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President, Barbara Avalos, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**Attendance taken at 6:04 p.m.:**

Present:

Ms. Barbara Avalos

Mr. Brian Clapper

Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Ms. Maria Dalla

Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Ms. Vanessa Ceseña took roll call.

**4. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**

**4.A. Honor Ms. Barbara Avalos and Mr. Brian Clapper for their distinguished service as Board Members.**

Dr. Brady presented a video to honor Ms. Barbara Avalos and Mr. Clapper for their distinguished service as Board Members. Members of the Governance Team shared their appreciation for their colleagues.

**5. RECESS**

At 7:05 p.m., Dr. Brady called the meeting to a recess.

At 7:11 p.m., Dr. Brady reconvened the public meeting.

## **6. OATH OF OFFICE**

### **6.A. Administer Oath of Office for Ms. Michelle Gates and Ms. Rocina Lizarraga.**

The Oath of Office was administered to the following elected Board Members:

Michelle Gates oath administered by Leighangela Brady, Ed.D., District Superintendent. The newly elected Board Member was presented with a certificate of election from the State of California.

Rocina Lizarraga oath administered by Leighangela Brady, Ed.D., District Superintendent. The newly elected Board Member was presented with a certificate of election from the State of California.

## **7. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

### **7.A. Election of Board President.**

**Motion Passed:** Election of Board President 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

### **7.B. Election of Board Clerk.**

**Motion Passed:** Election of Board Clerk passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

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

### **7.C. Appointment of Secretary to the Governing Board:**

#### **Leighangela Brady, Ed.D., District Superintendent.**

**Motion Passed:** Appointment of Secretary to the Governing Board passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Dalla 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

**7.D. Approve the National School District Governing Board meeting schedule for the 2021 calendar year.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Governing Board meeting schedule passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**8. RECESS**

At 7:25 p.m., Dr. Brady called the meeting to a recess.

At 7:30 p.m., President Dalla reconvened the public meeting.

**9. PRESENTATIONS**

**9.A. Introduce and welcome the new employees.**

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

**10. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**Motion Passed:** Vote to waive 20 minutes allowed time for public communications passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Absent Ms. Alma Sarmiento

**11. AGENDA**

**11.A. Accept Agenda.**

**Motion Passed:** Acceptance of 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

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

**Motion Passed:** Approve Consent Calendar 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

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

**12.A.I. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on November 17, 2020.**

**12.A.II. Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 18, 2020.**

**12.A.III. Approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on December 9, 2020.**

### **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. Adopt Resolution #20-21.28 to designate authorized representative to San Diego County Schools Fringe Benefits Consortium (FBC) for fringe benefits programs.**

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

## **13. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

### **13.A. Updates and discussion on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.**

Dr. Brady, along with Executive Cabinet, updated the Governing Board on District-wide collaboration during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **14. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **14.A. Adopt Local Control and Accountability Plan Budget Overview for Parents for the 2020-2021 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Adoption of Local Control and Accountability Plan Budget Overview for Parents passed with a motion by Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

### **14.B. Approve the South County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Local Plan for the 2020-2021 school year (Exhibit B).**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the South County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Local Plan passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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

### **14.C. Amend #CT3451 with National School District and Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego for the provision of health services.**

**Motion Passed:** Amendment of #CT3451 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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

**14.D. Approve contract #CT3738 with the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools to link the District's student information system to the Sacramento County Office of Education Foster Focus Data System.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of contract #CT3738 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

**14.E. Approve contract #CT3785 with S.T.A.R. Academy / Haynes Family of Programs to provide specialized academic instruction and speech and/or language therapy services for student #3713278.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of contract #CT3785 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

**14.F. Approve contract #CT3786 with Miriam Nenninger Enterprises to provide parent workshops for National School District families.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of contract #CT3786 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

**14.G. Approve contract #CT3787 with MeBe Family Services to provide speech and language therapy services for student #3709544.**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of contract #CT3787 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

**14.H. Amend contract #CT3788 (Exhibit C) memorandum of agreement between San Diego County Superintendent of Schools and National School District for the After School Education and Safety (ASES) 2020-2021 school year.**

**Motion Passed:** Amendment of contract #CT3788 (Exhibit C) 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

**15. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**16. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**16.A. Presentation and approval of First Interim Financial Report (Exhibit D).**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of First Interim Financial Report (Exhibit D) 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.B. Approve Resolution #20.21-29 to identify the amount of budget reductions needed in 2021-22 and 2022-23.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion and correction of amount, approval of Resolution #20.21-29 passed with a motion by Ms. Michelle Gates and a second by Ms. Maria Dalla.

Yes Ms. Maria Betancourt-Castañeda

Yes Ms. Maria Dalla

Yes Ms. Michelle Gates

Yes Ms. Rocina Lizarraga

Yes Ms. Alma Sarmiento

Correction of \$800,00 to \$805,000 amount in Resolution #20.21-29 to be reflected in the minutes.

**16.C. Adopt Resolution #20-21.30 (Exhibit E) authorizing the borrowing of funds in 2020-21 for the issuance and sale of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS); and authorizing participation in the SDCOE District TRANS program to execute all related application services.**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, adoption of Resolution #20-21.30 (Exhibit E) passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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.D. Approve extension of contract CT3365 for two additional years with LogMeIn USA, Inc. (formerly Jive Communications).**

**Motion Passed:** Following discussion, approval of extension of contract CT3365 passed with a motion by Ms. Alma Sarmiento 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. BOARD/CABINET COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Sarmiento welcomed the new Board Members and shared she was very impressed with them on their first meeting. She also shared that curious to see what the financial outcome for Sweetwater Union High School District will be.

Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda thanked all participants of the meeting and welcomed the new Board Members. She thanked Ms. Erina Cowart and Dr. Johnson for their presentation and she also thanked Ms. Vicario for inviting them to participate in Kimball School's Toys for Tots event and for showing her the safety protocols that were in place. She wished happy belated birthdays to Noa Brady and to her husband, Mr. Pablo Castañeda, and she wished everyone a great night.

Ms. Gates thanked Ms. Erina Cowart and Dr. Johnson for their presentation, she expressed that looking at the future decisions that must be made, it is important they work together and listen to each other. She shared a few questions for Dr. Kraft and shared that she is excited about the approved contracts for future parent workshops.

Ms. Lizarraga thanked everyone for their welcoming comments, and she shared she is looking forward to working together. She had a special shout out for Ms. Castañeda, Olivewood School, and she thanked Ms. Erina Cowart and Dr. Johnson for their presentation.



Dr. Hernandez welcomed the new Board Members and let them know they are here to support them. She thanked all employees for their hard work and wished staff a restful winter break.

Dr. Johnson thanked Board Members for participating and engaging in the budget presentation. She congratulated the new Board Members, Board President and Board Clerk for their new role.

Dr. Kraft welcomed the new Board Members and wished happy birthdays to Ms. Janna Piper, Noa Brady, and wished everyone a safe and happy winter break.

Dr. Brady congratulated Ms. Dalla and Ms. Betancourt-Castañeda for their new roles, she welcomed the new Board Members, and congratulated all Board Members for their fabulous job. She shared information regarding the search for a new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. She wished happy birthdays to Mr. Yousuf Hussain and Ms. Jocelyn Gomez, she also congratulated Ms. Gomez for her new baby. She thanked Ms. Erina Cowart, Dr. Johnson, and Ms. Michele McClowry for their work in the presentation.

Ms. Dalla welcomed the new Board Members and shared she is looking forward to working together. She had a special shout out to the participants of Kimball School's Toys for Tots event, especially to Ms. Maria Campaña, Ms. Araceli Gurrola, Ms. Mayra Graciano, Ms. Maria Julia Araiza, and Ms. Alma Gloria Tirado. She thanked staff for their hard work. She wished happy birthdays to Mr. Yousuf Hussain, Noa Brady, Mr. Pablo Castañeda, and Ms. Jocelyn Gomez. She wished everyone a good night.

## **18. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President, Maria Dalla, adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

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Clerk of the Governing Board

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Secretary to the Governing Board