

**NEW HAVEN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES**

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, in the Board Room of the Educational Services Center, 34200 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, California.

Members Present: Canlas, Cheema, Dino, Matthews, Ritchie
Student Members Present: Cuellar, Tesfai

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in the Superintendent's Conference Room at 6:32 p.m. by President Dino.

Adjourn to Closed Session

At 6:32 p.m. the Board of Education adjourned to closed session to discuss the following:

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Co-Superintendents Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)
2. Public Employee: Dismissal/Discipline/Release (Government Code Section 54957) – Meeting with Legal Council
3. Update on Negotiations with NHUSD Bargaining Units (Government Code Section 3549.1)

Reconvene to Open Session/Action from Closed Session Discussion

The Board of Education reconvened to open session in the Board Room at 7:33 p.m.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Co-Superintendents Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

President Dino stated there is nothing to report.

Public Employee: Dismissal/Discipline/Release (Government Code Section 54957) - Meeting with Legal Council

President Dino stated there was no action taken.

Update on Negotiations with NHUSD Bargaining Units (Government Code Section 3549.1)

President Dino stated there was no action taken.

Approval of Agenda – As Amended

(M.Matthews, S.Ritchie, C.) to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as Amended:

AYES: Canlas, Cheema, Dino, Matthews, Ritchie
Student Member Cuellar, Student Member Tesfai

President Dino introduced the new Student Board Representatives, Teresa Cuellar from Conley-Caraballo H.S. and Leah Tesfai from James Logan H.S.

Public Comment – Hearing of Visitors on Topics Not on Agenda

Helen Foster from Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) addressed the Board, she is candidate for the Alameda County Superintendent. She provided her background in education and shared her

website: www.helenfoster.org. She also requested that the Board Members vote for her at the November election.

Public Comment – Hearing of Visitors on Topics on Agenda – None
2013-14 Student Achievement Update

Co-Superintendent Dr. Arlando Smith, along with Directors from the Division of Teaching and Learning, provided a Student Achievement Update for 2013-14. The update incorporated a comprehensive list of the professional development that was offered and implemented over the last year. Each Director provided highlights and next steps related to their areas of supervision.

Tracie Noriega, Director of Assessment, shared information regarding the number of students meeting NWEA reading growth targets and highlighted those groups of students that are exceeding those targets. Our African-American students exceeded the district growth in four grade levels and our English Learners exceeded the district in grades 3, 8, and 9. She added that 2014-15 will be the second year that our students will be taking the Common Core aligned version of the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress Assessment and students will also be using their Chromebook devices to take the test.

Scott Pizani, Director of K-12 Instruction, provided an update on the district's English Learner program. Mr. Pizani shared that approximately 24% of the students in New Haven are English Learners. He added that of the 2,468 students who exceeded their NWEA Growth Targets by 1.5 times their expected growth, 1,215 (49.2%) students were English Language Learners. He also reviewed the mixed results in regards to our district's Title 3 Accountability Report which focuses upon the academic progress of our English language learners.

Quiauna Scott, Director of K-12 Instruction, presented details on the District's California High School Exit Exam passing rate. Although the rate dipped slightly for both Math and English/Language Arts last year, 88% and 84% respectively, she noted that the passing rates still exceeded those of students within Alameda County collectively. Ms. Scott also briefed the Board on the continued success of the Advanced Placement (AP) program in which over the last four years, more New Haven students have enrolled in more AP classes, took more AP tests and passed them than ever before.

John Mattos, Coordinator of District Safety, Risk Management and Enrollment, informed the Board that the number of students suspended for misconduct last year fell by a third, 33%, from the year before. This is the third year in a row that the number of suspensions has gone down district-wide.

Sarah Kappler, the Director of Special Services, outlined key aspects of her program. Ms. Kappler shared that roughly 10% of the district's students qualified for some form of special services support, a number that is comparable to other local districts and the state in general. The Board also received information related to professional development opportunities available for staff working in special services as well as an update on other recent successes and accolades experienced by the department.

Annual Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14

Co-Superintendent Akur Varadarajan provided a brief update regarding the District's Annual Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14. There were no questions or comments from Board Members.

Items from Board Members and Co-superintendents

Member Matthews reminded the students that they represent students across the district and requested that they speak with other school sites to update the board about activities at other district sites.

Member Ritchie:

- Reminded folks that the NHSF will be having their annual Mutt Strutt on October 18. Information is on their website.
- This year's "Evening of Champions", which is Coach Webb's annual fund raiser and features dinner with Olympic athletes is scheduled for February 7, 2015.

Member Matthews requested that the Board recognize Coach Webb at a future Board meeting as he was selected to coach the National Track Team. He is the first High School coach to hold this national position.

President Dino:

- Was pleased to participate in the New Haven bus tour for new teachers
- Announced that Logan student Uma Mahajan met with the staff at Kitayama Elementary and will be starting a Robotics team at their school. She is hoping to hold a "Lego-League" contest at Logan this year.
- Shared that October 18th NASA-AMES will be holding its first open house in 17 years – but it's sold-out for 125,000 guests. Anyone interested in attending can go to the NASA-AMES website at noon on Thursdays as there may be the opportunity to obtain back-stage passes.
- Reminded Parents and Community members to be cautious while driving near our school sites and dropping off students.

Member Canlas:

- Is looking forward to all the Back to School Nights (BTSN) that are coming up. Elementary BTSN will be held September 17, High School BTSN is September 18 and Middle School BTSN is scheduled for September 23.

Member Cheema:

- Also attended the New Haven new teacher bus tour.
- Participated in Youth Violence and Intervention Committee meeting where important information relative to AB109 was shared and discussed.
- Invited community members to attend the City of Union City's Community Workshop for updating the City's General Plan which will be held on Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ruggieri Senior Center.

Approval of Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14

Director of Fiscal Services Annette Heldman presented the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and requested approval. She stated that these numbers will be vetted and examined by our independent auditors and come back to the board for approval in January 2015.

The District has received less, spent less and ended the fiscal year with a 3.7% balance, which is above the required 3%. In focusing on the unrestricted expenditures, 91% of our expenditures are employee wages and benefits. After setting the State reserve requirements as well as additional costs that have not yet been billed, we were able to add approximately \$40,000 to the reserve and therefore, we are ending the year with a positive balance and have met the state requirement.

(M.Canlas, S.Matthews, C.) to approve the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14

AYES: Canlas, Cheema, Dino, Matthews, Ritchie
Student Member Cuellar, Student Member Tesfai

Resolution No. 002-1415, Resolution of the Board of Education of the New Haven Unified School District Authorizing The Issuance and Sale of the District’s 2014 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series A, and the District’s 2014 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series B

(M.Ritchie, S.Canlas, C.) to approve Resolution No. 002-1415, Resolution of the Board of Education of the New Haven Unified School District Authorizing The Issuance and Sale of the District’s 2014 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series A, and the District’s 2014 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series B

AYES: Canlas, Cheema, Dino, Matthews, Ritchie
Student Member Cuellar, Student Member Tesfai

Approval of Chief Personnel Officer Contract – Derek McNamara

(M.Matthews, S.Canlas, C.) to approve the Chief Personnel Officer Contract – Derek McNamara

AYES: Canlas, Cheema, Dino, Matthews, Ritchie
Student Member Cuellar, Student Member Tesfai

Approval of Consent Agenda Items – as AMENDED

(M.Matthews, S.Cheema, C.) to approve the following consent agenda items as AMENDED:

10. Minutes – Regular Board Meeting of August 19, 2014 – Amended
11. Personnel Actions
12. Approval of Multiple Day/Out of State Field Trips
13. Expenses for the Month of August, 2014
14. Payroll Warrant Numbers/Cancelled Warrant Numbers August, 2014
15. Resolution No. 003-1415: Temporary Borrowing from the Alameda County Treasury
16. Resolution No. 004-1415: Adoption of the Appropriations (“Gann”) Limit for the District
17. Resolution No. 005-1415, Declaration of Obsolete/Surplus Property
18. Resolution No. 006-1415: Awarding Food and Nutrition Produce Bid
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20. Resolution No. 008-1415 Local Reserves Cap
21. New Board Policy #0200, Goals for the School District, Second Reading
22. Revised Board Policy #C-1325, Advertising And Promotion, Second Reading
23. Revised Board Policy #C-1431, Waivers, Second Reading
24. Revised Board Policy #B-3280, Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property, Second Reading
25. Revised Board Policy #B-3460, Financial Reports and Accountability, Second Reading
26. Revised Board Policy #B-3513.3, Tobacco-Free Schools, Second Reading
27. Revised Board Policy #S-5131.62, Tobacco, Second Reading
28. Revised Board Policy #S-5144, Discipline, Second Reading
29. Revised Board Policy #S-5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion /Due Process, Second Reading
30. New Board Policy #I-6141.5, Advanced Placement, Second Reading
31. Revised Board Policy #I-6142.92, Mathematics Instruction, Second Reading
32. Revised Board Policy #I-6151, Class Size, Second Reading
33. Revised Board Policy #I-6162.5, Assessment, Second Reading
34. Revised Board Policy #I-6163.1, Library / Media Centers, Second Reading
35. Revised Board Policy #BB-9324, Minutes and Recordings, Second Reading
36. Revised Contract By and Between New Haven Unified School District and Buck Institute for

Education

- 37. Approval of a Contract with Turnitin, iParadigm LLC for 2014-15 and 2015-16
- 38. 2014-15 Approval for Special Education NPS/NPA Contracts
- 39. Approval of Contract between New Haven Unified School District and Lori Onderwyzer
- 40. Approval of MOU By and Between National University and the NHUSD to Support the K-12 Teacher Intern Credential Program for the 2015-15 School Year
- 41. Agreement for Financial Advisory Services
- 42. Agreement for Bond and Disclosure Counsel Services
- 43. Approval of Contract for E-Rate Consulting Services

AYES: Canlas, Cheema, Dino, Matthews, Ritchie
 Student Member Cuellar, Student Member Tesfai

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

 Arlando Smith,
 Co-Superintendent and
 Secretary of the Board of Education of
 New Haven Unified School District

 Akur Varadarajan,
 Co-Superintendent and
 Secretary of the Board of Education of
 New Haven Unified School District