

Minutes

**LOS NIETOS SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Board Meeting via video conference due to Governor Newsom's "Safer at Home" Order at 6:00 p.m. (Closed Session) and 7:00 p.m. (Open Session) Pacific Time (US and Canada).

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9975825904?pwd=UnRnZTFsNVI0R2w1QmVCcVRsNIZQQT09>
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**Whittier, California
February 24, 2021**

Governing Board of Trustees, Los Nietos School District, held via video conference due to Governor Newsom's "Safer at Home" Order.

Regular Meeting

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Nietos School District held via video conference on February 24, 2021, there were present Board Members Avdalyan, Marcel, Nieves, Sosa, and President Martinez.

Closed Session Report

President Martinez announced there was nothing to report as a result of the Closed Session.

Call to Order

The Board Meeting Open Session was called to order at 7:03 p.m. via video conference.

Staff Present

Staff present via video conference were Los Nietos School District (LNSD) Superintendent Vasquez, Assistant Superintendent McMasters, Assistant Superintendent Gideon, Director Tan, and Assistant to the Superintendent Serrano-Aiken.

Community Comments

Catalina Prieto commented regarding the safety of staff upon re-opening.

Approval of Minutes

Approve the Minutes of the Los Nietos School District School Board Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2021, as submitted.

It was moved by Member Avdalyan, seconded by Member Nieves, and carried 5 – 0, to approve the Minutes of the Los Nietos School District Board Meeting held on February 10, 2021 as submitted.

Member Avdalyan – Yes; Member Marcel – Yes; Member Nieves – Yes; Member Sosa – Yes; President Martinez – Yes.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by Member Sosa, seconded by Member Marcel, and carried 5 – 0, to approve the Consent Calendar, as submitted.

Member Avdalyan – Yes; Member Marcel – Yes; Member Nieves – Yes; Member Sosa – Yes; President Martinez – Yes.

**A & B Warrants and PO
Listing January 2021**

Ratify "A" and "B" Warrants and Purchase Order Listing for amounts greater than \$1,000.00 for the month of January 2021.

Personnel Report
#2020/2021-11

Approve Personnel Report #2020/2021-11.

LACOE Basic Plan –
Expelled Students

Approve and Adopt a Basic Plan to address the needs of all Expelled Students in Los Angeles County, as required by Education Code Section 48926.

Presentation

Update of the Los Nietos School District Master Facilities Plan, Maria-Elena Romero of Maria -Elena Romero Consulting, Inc. Ms. Romero outlined the LNSD Capital Facilities Program which included an overview of Bond Measures E, M, and N, as well as the completed projects of each Bond. She went over topics such as: Needs vs. Funding vs. Timing, Priorities, Public Bid Overview, Nelson Modernization, Rancho Fencing, Rancho Modernization, State Funding Status, Planning for Future Projects, and Questions from the Board.

New Business

Introduction & Update
CSBA-Nicholas Cabeza

Nicholas Cabeza, California School Boards Association (CSBA) Public Affairs & Community Engagement Representative introduced himself. He explained the ways in which the CSBA provides training and communicates with Board Members. He will reach out to Board Members regarding the Advocacy meeting date/time. Superintendent Vasquez reminded the Board that he sent out Legislative Action Week information.

LNSD Distance Learning
Program

Discuss and Approve the extension of the Los Nietos School District's Distance Learning Program and Update the Board regarding plans to reopen schools. Superintendent Vasquez mentioned that at the February 10, 2021 LNSD Board Meeting, the Board voted 5 – 0 to continue distance learning through the 2020-21 school year. However, since COVID-19 case rates are down, some school districts are choosing to open up schools. Thus, the LNSD now must discuss the possibility of re-opening schools. March 1, 2021 is the start of the third trimester, then Spring Break, and testing begins April 19, 2021. Board Members asked that surveys be conducted to staff, parents, and students. They added questions regarding vaccinations, ample PPE, and keeping parents in the loop. Various Board Members expressed appreciation to LNSD Superintendent, Administrators, principals, teachers, and classified staff acting in the students' best interests and not succumbing to political pressure. Superintendent Vasquez announced there would be a Board Study Session on March 6, 2021 to present and discuss more information regarding the possibility of re-opening schools. At the March 10, 2021 Board Meeting, the Board can make a decision regarding the possibility of re-opening of LNSD schools. It was moved by Member Sosa, seconded by Member Nieves, and carried 5 – 0, to extend the Los Nietos School District Distance Learning Program through March 31, 2021. Member Avdalyan – Yes; Member Marcel – Yes; Member Nieves – Yes; Member Sosa – Yes; President Martinez – Yes.

LNSD 2020-21 School Safety Plans

Approve the LNSD 2020 – 2021 School Safety Plan for Ada S. Nelson, Aeolian, and Rancho Santa Gertrudes Elementary Schools, as well as for the Los Nietos Middle School STEAM Academy.

It was moved by Member Sosa, seconded by Member Avdalyan, and carried 5 – 0, to approve the LNSD 2020 – 2021 School Safety Plan for Ada S. Nelson, Aeolian, and Rancho Santa Gertrudes Elementary Schools, as well as for the Los Nietos Middle School STEAM Academy.

Member Avdalyan – Yes; Member Marcel – Yes; Member Nieves – Yes; Member Sosa – Yes; President Martinez – Yes.

Reso #09-20/21 PKS

Approve the LNSD Resolution #09-20/21 Reduction or Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Services Pursuant to Education Codes 44949 and 44955.

It was moved by Member Sosa, seconded by Member Marcel, and carried 5 – 0, to approve the LNSD Resolution #09-20/21 Reduction or Discontinuance of Particular Kinds of Services Pursuant to Education Codes 44949 and 44955.

Member Avdalyan – Yes; Member Marcel – Yes; Member Nieves – Yes; Member Sosa – Yes; President Martinez – Yes.

Public Hearing - CSEA Initial Proposal 2020-21

Conduct a Public Hearing to Receive the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #380 initial proposal for the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year. The Public Hearing was opened at 8:39 PM and due to no comments, it was closed at 8:40 PM.

CSBA Delegate Assembly Election Vote

Vote for Candidates for the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election.

It was moved by Member Nieves, seconded by Member Sosa, and carried 5 – 0, to approve to Vote for all six Candidates for the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election.

Member Avdalyan – Yes; Member Marcel – Yes; Member Nieves – Yes; Member Sosa – Yes; President Martinez – Yes.

LNSD Distance Learning

Update of the Los Nietos School District's Student Attendance during Distance Learning. Superintendent Vasquez suggested to the Board that this presentation be postponed until a future Board meeting due to time constraints.

It was moved by Member Sosa, seconded by Member Avdalyan, and carried 5 – 0, to postpone the presentation regarding the Update of the Los Nietos School District's Student Attendance during Distance Learning, to a future Board meeting due to time constraints.

Member Avdalyan – Yes; Member Marcel – Yes; Member Nieves – Yes; Member Sosa – Yes; President Martinez – Yes.

Reports

Don Fulton, President of the Los Nietos Teachers' Association (LNTA) stated the possibility of returning to in person teaching is causing anxiety among teachers. Teachers are concerned with vaccinations, students socializing, falling ill due to COVID-19, ventilation systems, classroom windows locked, preparing classrooms, restrooms being sanitized, reporting PPE violators, and disinfecting their classrooms. Mr. Fulton thanked to Board for not giving into political pressure and all of LNSD personnel working together.

Jose Martin Duran, President of the California School Employees Association (CSEA) stated the bottom-line is health and safety of students and staff. His concerns are students mingling, ventilation system, and the need for all to be vaccinated. He thanked the Board for considering safety first.

Members of the Board thanked Superintendent Vasquez, his Administrators, principals, teachers, and classified staff for all there efforts. They added that we all have the staff and students' best interests at heart and that the LNSD community trusts us. Board President Martinez added that just because we can open schools, does not mean we should. Superintendent Vasquez said the intent is not to create anxiety; however, we need to plan and communicate. He thanked the Board, his Administrators, principals, teachers, and classified staff for all their hard work.

Items for Inclusion

– Financial Advisor regarding Bond Issuance

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Member Avdalyan, seconded by Member Sosa, and unanimously carried, 5 – 0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Member Avdalyan – Yes; Member Marcel – Yes; Member Nieves – Yes; Member Sosa – Yes; President Martinez – Yes.

Approved: March 10, 2021

Evelyn Avdalyan, Clerk

Jonathan Vasquez, Superintendent