

# NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Board Meeting Highlights September 15, 2015

### WELCOME STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS!

This year the Board brought back student board members representing the three high schools: Tommy Sanz from San Marin, Reilly Agmon from Novato High, and Alondra Escamilla from Marin Oaks. These students will serve on the board during the 2015-16 school year and provide a student voice at the meetings.



### STUDENT PRESENTATION:

Sinaloa Middle School presented a video highlighting an archery lesson given by students to Trustees Debbie Butler and Ross Millerick, Superintendent Jim Hogeboom, Public Information Officer Leslie Benjamin and Principal Jim Larson. The video not only highlighted the archery unit in the physical education program but also the students in Mr. Matern's film class as they recorded and edited the video.



### DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- **Priorities & Goals:** Superintendent Jim Hogeboom presented the final draft of priorities and goals for 2015-16 for Board approval. The Board has been working with district staff and principals to revise and refine the priorities and goals which originated from the August 18, 2015, Board Workshop on Priorities and Goals. The four priorities are:
  - Equity
  - Student Success
  - Staff Support
  - Community Involvement and Engagement

Also presented were final draft goals supporting these priorities which were developed by school principals and staff. The goals will become SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results-oriented, and Timebound.) Mr. Hogeboom pointed out that these priorities are multi-year priorities (three years) and that Principals and staff will work on establishing

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their own school site goals ensuring they are in alignment with the district goals. ([Discussion/Action Item 9b.](#)) Board approved the final priorities and goals.

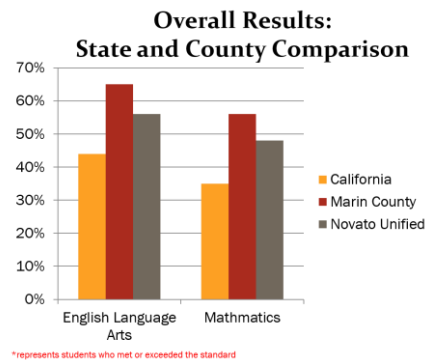
To review the final Priorities and Goals, please visit the [2015-16 Board Priorities and Goals webpage](#). Also, if you would like to submit any comments or suggestions, please email [prioritiesandgoals@nUSD.org](mailto:prioritiesandgoals@nUSD.org).

- **Mission, Vision, Values and Student Outcomes:** The Board of Trustees had previously directed Superintendent Hogeboom to begin the process of identifying the student outcomes that are expected of all NUSD high school students to possess upon their graduation. In response to that direction, Superintendent Hogeboom presented the process and resources enabling the district to develop a new mission, vision, values and student outcomes that will guide the district's efforts to ensure NUSD students are well prepared for the future.

A District Advisory Committee (DAC) will be established to represent key stakeholders: students, parents, teachers, classified staff, principals, district administrators, DELAC/ELAC parents, and community members and partners. It was proposed that The Napa Group be retained to facilitate this process beginning in October. Once a draft is established, the DAC will be asked to take it back to their groups for further discussion and comment. A final draft is scheduled to be presented to the Board in December. ([Discussion/Action Item 9c.](#)) Board approved the process and contract with The Napa Group.

## STAFF REPORT

- **CAASPP – Smarter Balanced ELA and Math Tests:** Julia Kempkey presented initial results from the California Assessment of Student Performance Progress (CAASPP), Smarter Balanced English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics tests. The Smarter Balanced tests requires students to think critically, write analytically and explain how they solve problems which is much different than previous state tests (STAR). This year's results are a baseline for progress students will make over time and cannot be compared to the former STAR test.



Some initial findings:

- Novato Unified students outperformed as compared to the state average in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics.
- There is a noticeable decrease in math scores at the 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade math had the highest average as compared to other grade levels with 58% of students either exceeding or meeting the standard.
- There is a dip at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for ELA as compared to the state and county trends, possibly being due to the adjustment of an online test.
- There is a noticeable decrease in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade scores for ELA.
- 11<sup>th</sup> graders performed close to the Marin County average for ELA/Literacy and had the highest average of all grade levels.

More information can be found in the Staff Report ([Staff Report Item 8](#)).

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