

Board of Director’s Meeting

Minutes- January 8, 2024

OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Boyd at 6:01 pm. Board Chair Boyd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

- X - Joseph Boyd-Board Chair- Present
- X - Wally Neson-Vice Chair-Present
- X - Diane Boisa-Present
- X - Irene Barajas-Present
- X - Misty Wharton, Superintendent-Present
- X - Ken Richwine, High School Principal Present
- X - Megan Kellow, Special Programs Administrator Present
- X - Chad Holloway, District Facilities and Alternative Education Administrator-Not Present
- X - Kristina Albin, K8 Principal-Present

Patrons, Students and Staff: Alicia Olson, Heidi Schultz, Mary Lussier, Steve Lussier, Miyles Dodson, Meesha Pena, April Bailey, Kayla Cole, Chloe Love, Rachel Gregory, Abby Love, Lauren Olson, Greg Woods, Sherry Hartford

Zoom: Kaelin Longanecker, Jessica Elder, Breanne Kennedy Andescavage, Macie Best, Cindy Marshall, Tera VanDyke, Trever Madison, Gianella’s, Julie, Peter Deam, Dave Seals, Bobbie Stirling, Sharman, Liz Steinmetz, Travis, Robin Richwine, Tim Hirsch, Sydney, Rachel Cardwell, Carolyn Hill, Stormee, Melanie, Natasha Durgan, Adam, Mary, Ursula McVittie, Dia

Approval of Agenda – January 8, 2024

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Wally Nelson AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

Board of Director's Appreciation

Superintendent Wharton shared that January is School Board appreciation month. We have a video to show you that was made by Peter Deam and his middle school media class at the K8. Administration and staff worked to put together the packages and cards in front of you, which is only a small token of thanks for everything you do. Mrs. Wharton said I don't think anyone realizes just how much time you dedicate outside of the school board meetings to the business of the school. As a parent of a child in the district, she wanted to express her thanks for all that they do.

Diane Boisa asked that administration please share with the kids, how wonderful the thank you cards are and how much they appreciate it!

School Board Appreciation video shared, made by the K8 Media Production class.

PUBLIC COMMENT

April Bailey wanted to thank the board for posting the budget committee positions on the district's website, which allows for more transparency in the community. Mrs. Bailey wished to discuss the Integrated Guidance Plan that was recently adopted. This plan had several things that were identified, such as social-emotional learning. With recent test scores being low, Mrs. Bailey feels the district should shift their attention to test scores and away from things such as social and emotional well-being.

Lauren Olson had some concerns about the bus accident. It is difficult getting notifications to check your email while you are driving. She inquired how the wrong bus colors got communicated out and what exactly happened with the bus because she was hearing different things. Lauren wished to also mention the wi-fi policy and if it being off during the day, will last the whole school year? In her opinion, it is a problem with discipline and having control over a classroom. She feels it is difficult not being able to communicate with your student during the day and heard that students may not be able to work on their homework during the day without wi-fi.

Mrs. Wharton said she can answer the questions regarding the bus accident. Every emergency is chaotic and she apologized for the wrong bus colors going out. She checked three times to confirm bus colors before it was communicated out. Bus colors were communicated to her incorrectly and they sent an updated Blackboard message as soon as they realized the error. Tomorrow we will have an

administrative debriefing on the incident. Mrs. Wharton said she cannot say exactly what happened as there is an active investigation. There is mandatory drug testing and ODE will get involved. All of the kids walked off the bus on their own. We will review all of this as an administrative team in our debriefing and alter practices as needed. As far as wi-fi goes, we just started instituting that at the K8 as well because of issues with Tiktok.

Mr. Richwine said he realizes it is inconvenient for parents and staff to have the wi-fi off during the day. He wishes there was a solution so that students could work on homework during advisory period, but we just don't have a fix for that yet. As far as cell phones in the classroom, when you have 25 kids in a class, even with rules in place, cell phones are still being used. Without the wi-fi, it is not an issue. Mr. Richwine said some of the students have said they kind of like it being off because it takes away the option for that distraction.

Mrs. Wharton said we appreciate the feedback, this is a new process and we are still figuring it out. Cell phones are very disruptive in the learning environment and if students would just follow the rules, we would not have to enforce this. Lauren said she understands, she just feels it is a result of teachers not having control of their classrooms. Mrs. Albin said it goes beyond having control of a classroom. She feels most teachers do have control of their classroom. Even with a cell phone policy, signed contracts, processes in place to keep phones put away (pouches on the classroom door for students to put their phone in during class) and consequences for having them out, they still get on them.

CONSENT AGENDA—consolidated motion

- Board Minutes from December 11, 2023
- December 2023 Financial Report
- Ratification of Employment
- Quarterly Statement of Assurance

MOTION: Wally Nelson 2nd: Diane Boisa AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

ACTION DISCUSSION

Recommendation: Approve – The Nestucca Valley School District Budget Calendar for the 2024/2025 School Year.

Mrs. Wharton explained this is the annual budget calendar that follows previous years. We will have to post it in the Headlight Herald legally. We are currently advertising for budget committee member's. The application process closes on the 10th and we have had three people apply so far. Once approved, we will post a notice in March and start meetings in April.

MOTION: Wally Nelson 2nd: Irene Barajas AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN

Recommendation: Approve – 2024/2025 NWRES D Local Service Plan

This is our annual process of agreeing to participate in the NWRES D Local Service Plan. The Superintendents convene with the Superintendent of NWRES D and talk about the needs of all of our school districts. Rural school districts get resources that we could not get on our own, such as an autism specialist that consults with us. We contract with them for our business office and grant applications. For the last two years, we have been fortunate enough to have our own speech therapist, but continue to use their team for other specialists.

MOTION: Irene Barajas 2nd: Wally Nelson AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

INFORMATION/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS

Superintendent Wharton said that all administrative reports are in the packet. They are a little short due to winter break and the team only being back for a few days.

There were no updates from the Board of Director's.

The Board will convene again on Wednesday for a special meeting, where they will go into executive session to complete Mrs. Wharton's evaluation with Mr. Hanline. Mrs. Barajas will need to attend virtually.

We are starting to look at the school calendar in preparation for working on the Strategic Plan this spring. Mrs. Wharton has been working with Willamette University on the Conversation Project, to come and engage the community in different conversations about the needs of the school district. We are looking at an April date for the Strategic Plan. Because we do not have enough subs to free up all the needed teachers for this, Mrs. Wharton will work with both unions to propose a couple changes to the calendar at the end of April. This will likely be an early release on a Thursday, with a Friday off as professional development to free up staff to work on the Strategic Plan. The first day will be staff and community, the second day will be staff only, and the third day (Saturday) will be just the Board.

First reading of policy EFAA, which is an administrative rule. This is us starting the process of the first reading, second reading and/or adoption. This is one the food service went through because it needed to be updated to be compliant with the state of Oregon. This is the first reading, so if you go through

there and have any questions on anything, we would pull it out as an action item, not a consent agenda item. If you go through and have no questions, then we can pass on the consent agenda as the second reading. We will start digging in and working on all the policies that are required first and get those updated.

Mrs. Wharton said they are in the process of getting out the notice of the Board vacancy. Similar to last time, we will have the application process open for three weeks and then the Board will conduct interviews.

A letter will go out tomorrow regarding the bus accident. All students walked off the bus and we were very cautious. There were a few students who went to urgent care to get checked out, with a couple going to Tillamook and Lincoln City ER. Thankfully, all injuries were minor.

The Board thanked everyone for the gifts and wanted to make sure that the kids were thanked. Mrs. Albin said she would be sure to tell the kids how much they appreciated everything.

FURTHER BUSINESS

No further business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Boyd at 6:27 pm.