

Board of Director's Meeting**Minutes- March 11, 2024****OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Boyd at 6:00 pm. Board Chair Boyd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

- X - Joseph Boyd-Board Chair- Present
- X - Wally Neson-Vice Chair-Present via Zoom
- X - Diane Boisa-Present
- X - Irene Barajas-Present
- X - Marty Wisehart-Not Present
- X - Misty Wharton, Superintendent-Present
- X - Ken Richwine, High School Principal-Not 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: Miyles Dodson, Steve Lussier, Mary Lussier, Sherry Hartford, Aimee Trute, Peter Deam, Jason Hagan, Tina Wing

Zoom: Kaelin Longanecker, Alex Croke, Ursula McVittie, Sydney Leja, Tera VanDyke, Breanne Kennedy Andescavage, Meesha Filosi, Tevin Gianella, Mary Hurliman, Heidi Schultz, Kayla, Dia Norris, Tana Higdon, Alicia Olson

Approval of Agenda – March 11, 2024

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

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

There were no community or school presentations this evening. Superintendent Wharton said in April we will have Megan Kellow and team will present on special education and student services. In May we will have Sherry Cook and Chad Holloway come back to talk about the county wide career tech development.

Diane Boisa asked if they could do a school presentation on the Wizard of Oz? Mrs. Wharton said that is a great idea, there are a lot of munchkins and flying monkeys that could come. Everyone is looking forward to this performance and they will do the early matinee again this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherry Hartford said she has been working in the high school kitchen many times over the last few months helping with the basketball dinners. This is by far the cleanest, nicest kitchen she has ever worked in. Mrs. Hartford said every time she has been in the kitchen, everything is labeled, well stocked and extremely clean. She wanted to give Ida Monroe props for a job well done!

Ms. Boisa thanked Sherry for sharing and wanted to make sure this was passed on to Ida.

CONSENT AGENDA—consolidated motion

- Board Minutes from February 12, 2024
- February 2024 Financial Report
- Ratification of Employment
- Licensed Contract Renewal

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

ACTION DISCUSSION

Recommendation: Approve – 2024-2025 Nestucca Valley School Board Meeting Calendar

Superintendent Wharton said if you look at the calendar, there is no meeting in July. This is due to it being a non-election year. For the most part, all the other meetings fall on the third Monday of every month, with the exception of a few falling on the second Monday. March for example, will be on the second Monday again in order to meet the requirements for licensed contract renewals.

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

INFORMATION/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS

Superintendent Wharton said that all the administrative reports are in and do a good job capturing how busy things have been. Mrs. Wharton will give a verbal report.

There were no questions on administrative reports. Ms. Boisa asked what it was going to take to get the Beaver building up and running? Mrs. Wharton said she will cover the Beaver building in her report.

There were no Board of Director's updates.

Mrs. Wharton said we just celebrated our classified staff last week. The district office did a great job of getting together celebration items for the staff. The classified staff varies greatly from bus drivers, janitors, cooks, to instructional assistants. We could not do it without them! This year we asked local businesses for donations so we could do a raffle drawing of prizes. There were many businesses in the community that gave generous donations.

Here are a list of those who donated to the 2024 staff appreciation celebration:

Salty Raven

Rosenberg's

Rusty Cow

Nestucca Bay Creamery

Center Market

Chester's

Tillamook YMCA

Lucky Beach Boutique

Pelican Brewery

Stimulus Coffee

Doryland

Rod and Reel Wool and Wheel

Headlands

Thank you community businesses for participating in the celebration of our staff!

Legislature just passed the law that Board meetings have to be either audio or video recorded and posted to the website, which will cut way down on the transcribing. Mrs. Wharton said she is not sure when the start date for that will be but we will work with our IT staff to figure out how we will do this as a school district.

All of our budget committee members have been notified that they have been selected. Next week we will publish the first meeting schedule, to begin in April. Mrs. Wharton said they should have a draft of the budget in the next couple of weeks that will get pushed out to the Board, and then to the budget committee, where they will convene to review.

Superintendent Wharton said they will begin licensed negotiations on Thursday this week.

Administration and the union have been so busy we have agreed to just talk about cost of living increase, raise and step, and not really go into contract language. Most of the schools in Oregon are going through negotiations right now. We are going to wait and watch, and enter into full negotiations next year. The other piece we are looking at is health insurance and trying to save the school district money, by contracting with a company. They will take all of the money that we spend on insuring our employees, money that employees never see that goes directly to the insurance companies. Hundreds of thousands of dollars a year we could funnel into our own health savings account which then means we are paying less to the health insurance company and using that money for a benefit for all of us. Rough numbers between licensed and classified staff, could be about a 300,000 dollars savings to the district. We would then funnel that money back into salaries to make our salaries a competitive wage. Mrs. Wharton said it seems like a waste to give all that money to Moda and us to never use it. Mrs. Wharton and Ursula McVittie have a meeting tomorrow with a company called One Digital. Lincoln County uses them, Tillamook and Knappa also use them. We will ask them detail oriented questions and get our staff in front of them to ask questions, to see if this is the direction we want to go.

Mrs. Wharton shared they had a meeting today regarding career tech education, with ZCS Engineering, O'Brien, DLR group-all the firms we have been working with since 2016 on construction. They are excited to come back to the table to work on another project. What DLR and ZCS Engineering are doing is putting together a proposal that would lead a committee through a design plan of wants, needs and hopes for the Beaver building. They would create some communication that we can put out in the public and put together a one page ask for grants. There is an 8 million dollar federal facilities grant that we are about to go out for and that money would go directly into the Beaver building. Working with the architects and engineers, that is what those grants like to see-that you have your act together, with a very prepared package. The goal through all of that is that we go through all of that design process and in April of 2025, we would have one lab classroom and some offices open at the Beaver school. This would happen in phases. As the money becomes available, we would start the next phase of construction over there. What has been identified county wide, is that carpentry would be the first program of study to go into the Beaver building because all three school high schools have a carpentry program. We have the pre-apprenticeship side of it, and next year NKN and Tillamook will move to have the pre-apprenticeship side of it. This would allow us as a county, to have all of our kids on their home campus their 9th and 10th grade year, doing the intro to those types of things. The Premise of the Beaver building would be to have industry standards. Students in their 11th and 12th grade year would go into an environment like this is your job. There will be lots of movement on this during the summer. We will be asking Board members to come to the table. We also need one of our school Board members to sit on the county Board for this career tech education work. It would be a minimum of one meeting a month, not including our monthly Board meetings. Mrs. Wharton asked the Board if any of them are interested in doing this? Ms. Boisa said she was hoping Mr. Wisehart would be interested. Mrs. Wharton said we can ask him and thinks he has some interest in CTE program. Mrs. Barajas said

she might also be interested, depending on what nights the meetings would fall on. Ms. Boisa said if neither of them can do it, she is willing to do it. Mrs. Wharton said there is not a CTE Foundation this month so we have about four weeks to determine which Board member would like to sit on the Board and represent our district.

Mrs. Wharton said exploratory classes will happen again this spring, and go county wide. Through that 12 week span they will be at all three high schools, for a span of four weeks at each campus. It has been amazing at the response from industry partners willing to participate.

Mrs. Wharton said they have had an outstanding winter sports season with basketball and wrestling, as well as other extracurricular activities like band, speech and choir. Mrs. Wharton shared she has been to a lot of other school districts and she is biased-we have the best kids! She also had the opportunity to go to Pendleton to watch the girls basketball team and that was a lot of fun. It was a good community experience.

Mrs. Wharton has recently been on the radio and will be again two more times this year. She is sure they will talk about the Wizard of Oz, as Tillamook and Oregon Coast Dance are all doing Wizard of Oz this spring! There will be flying monkeys everywhere!

Superintendent Wharton said the state of Oregon recently reached out to us to apply for a 750,000 dollar grant. We have submitted for that and usually you stand a pretty good chance when they reach out to you like that. She will keep everyone updated on that. It is essentially for community engagement and social emotional health and well being for the whole community, not just the schools.

Mrs. Wharton said OSAA is bringing in a national company to conduct a two day seminar called Beyond Equity. Mrs. Wharton and Ursula McVittie will attend that in June. This will provide the opportunity on how to train staff and students how to have those difficult conversations concerning equity.

We have talked about the concept of holding board meetings over in the TBCC building and setting that up as the Board room. It would allow for a quiet space to hold meetings and has bathrooms as well as wheelchair access. That is something we might pursue for next school year.

Mrs. Wharton said on Wednesday she speaks at the Governor's conference and believes they record everything, so she will be able to share that speech with everyone. It will basically be celebrating community development with the K8 campus and other opportunities that have been created for our kids and the greater community as a whole.

We will start pushing communication out to staff regarding the Strategic plan and what that will look like. The Board members day to work on that will be Saturday the 27th. It will be a full day starting at 8:00 am.

The Town Halls have been very successful, with the latest one being on February 20th. We have been able to clear up miscommunication and things feel more collaborative and united. The next two Town Hall meetings we will be working with Willamette University on the Conversation Projects. One is coming up next week on March 20th at 6:00 pm, at the Kiawanda Community Center. Communication will go out later this week on that. They will lead a story telling session that will help us better understand the feelings in the community as we go into the Strategic Planning process. This is free to the community, you do not have to have a student in the system.

Mrs. Wharton said there is a track meeting on Wednesday. There was supposed to be a baseball/softball game today but due to weather that will be rescheduled.

Irene Barajas shared that she is in the orchestra for the musical and there were 3 or 4 high school students here on a Sunday helping with the stage, painting, even babysitting other orchestra members kids while they practiced. Mrs. Wharton said it really is a community event and we learned during Shrek, how wonderful it was involving the littles in the production. We hope to have a musical in the future at the K8.

Diane Boisa said as part of the negotiations committee, we as a board really appreciate all the teachers do!

FURTHER BUSINESS

No further business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Boyd at 6:24 pm.