

Nyssa School District 26
Monthly School Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017

Board Members Present:

Bob Fehlman
Dennis Savage
Lucy Beck
Dave Bunker
Michael Hartley
Torie Ramirez

Staff Members Present:

Jana Iverson, Superintendent
Ryan Hawkins, Dir. District Operations
Audrie Tracy, Admin. Assistant
Matt Murray, Elem. Principal
Sara Savage, 5th Grade Teacher
Lindsay Malinowski, Business Manager

Board Members Absent:

Marlon Wilson

Others:

Amy Shuster
Shanna Sallee
Trisha Bunker
Brenda Kesler
Darci Payne

Call to Order – Chairman Dave Bunker called the board meeting to order at 6:03 PM in the boardroom of the Administration Building

Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was declared adopted as presented

Oath of Office – Superintendent Iverson administered the Oath of Office to Torie Ramirez, Dave Bunker, Dennis Savage and Bob Fehlman. .

Election of Officers – Nominations were opened for the following

A) Chairman

Torie Ramirez nominated Dave Bunker for the position of Board Chairman. Bob Fehlman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Voting in favor: Torie Ramirez, Bob Fehlman, Dennis Savage, and Lucy Beck. Abstained: Michael Hartley. Absent: Marlon Wilson.

B) Vice Chairman

Lucy Beck nominated Dennis Savage for the position of Board Vice Chairman. Torie Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion carried. Voting in favor: Lucy Beck, Torie Ramirez, Bob Fehlman, and Michael Hartley. Against: None. Absent: Marlon Wilson

Visiting Patrons & Delegations

A) Sara Savage, 5th grade teacher – Solar Eclipse, first day of school

Mrs. Savage addressed the school board and audience with concerns regarding the school start

date of August 21st and the Solar Eclipse event. She presented a hand out to board members (copy on file)

Concerns –

- Student safety, eye safety, public safety, traffic, attendance, not enough time to prepare students or teachers to coordinate field trip permission slips
- Attendance – many parents will keep their children home to ensure their safety and to experience the event with family
- Probability that differences of opinion regarding this event could set the tone for the entire school year
- Proposed that the school start date for 2017-2018 be August, 22, 2017. Encourage parents/families to view the eclipse, create family memories and ensure safety of their own children

Discussion/Recommendations –

- Provides an opportunity for all
- Address first day of school procedures with staff during the week of in-service, August 14th -18th
- August 21st, mandatory start date for students and all staff as per adopted calendar
- Building administrators would work out the number of staff attending and staff remaining at school
- Custodial staff, cafeteria staff, district staff and others have volunteered to chaperone
- Transport students in waves, taking the MS/HS first. Will call if there are concerns so elementary students can be held at school
- Lunches will be provided, water and supplies will be on hand if they are stuck in traffic or in the event of an accident
- Have a summary of plans available to staff and parents prior to the event

B) Nickie Shira, Malheur ESD – Solar Eclipse

Malheur ESD is spear heading this event with cooperation from TVCC. Met this morning with administrators and leadership of TVCC to discuss the event and ensure safety of students.

Presentation/Discussion –

- Bus students to TVCC campus via designated route to secure area with no public access
- Take MS/HS students first, elementary to follow later. Students will be sectioned by grade level
- Frontier STEM Hub is providing glasses for all students
- Advantage if having on a school day - majority of kids have parents working, kids may not have the opportunity to participate in this event
- Eclipse starts at 11:26 AM
- Path of totality
 - Nyssa – 0
 - Ontario – 1 minute, 25 seconds
 - Weiser – 2 minutes
- Plan is in place to signal when students should put glasses on and when to remove them
- Would hate for students to miss this event, opportunity for all kids to view and participate in activities planned
- Districts planning to attend the event at TVCC - Nyssa, Adrian, Jordan Valley and possibly a couple of other small schools

Audience/Staff/Community Concerns –

- Students not leaving their glasses on, safety & liability
- Expect high concentration of people in the Treasure Valley to view the eclipse
- Worry about individual(s) or groups choosing to target a highly populated area
- Limited police/security if an incident should occur (same if at school or on TVCC campus)
- Start school on Tuesday, August 22 versus Monday, August 21st
- Staff who want to attend or had plans to attend with their children, families, or friends

Administrator/Board Recommendations –

- Have procedures in place to address concerns
- Parents can opt out and not send their child/children to school without consequences
- Parents have the option to request their kids remain at the school and not attend the event
- Excused absence, will not affect perfect attendance
- All volunteers/chaperones need to have background checks completed/approved prior to August 21. Chief Rau of Nyssa Police Department offered to assist with this.
- Officer Robert Rodriguez is available to assist with safety/security of students/staff enroute to TVCC

Dennis Savage made a motion to schedule a community meeting on July 24th at 7:00 PM in the auditorium to discuss community concerns regarding the Solar Eclipse on August 21st, the first day of school. Address prior to scheduled registration dates in order to have a plan in place and information available for parents. Robert Fehlman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- A) Approve minutes of the June board meeting as presented
- B) Approve bills of the district as presented
- C) Designations: Annual Requirements
 1. Chief Administrative/Budget Officer/District Clerk: Jana Iverson
 2. Business Manager: Lindsay Malinowski
 3. Custodian of Funds & Signature Authorization: Jana Iverson is the custodian of the funds and any two of the following are authorized to sign checks: Audrie Tracy, Ryan Hawkins, Roberta Hayden, Board Chairman, Board Vice Chairman
 4. Official Auditor: Brian L. Richens, P.C.
 5. Legal Counsel: Mike Horton of Stunz, Fonda, Kiyuna, and Horton, LLP
 6. Board Meeting: Second Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the boardroom of the Administration Building. Summer months (June-September) 6:00 or 7:00 P.M.
 7. Depository of Funds: Umpqua Bank, Nyssa Branch
 8. Local Public Contract Review Board and Rules: Adopted as policy
- D) Budget Calendar: The proposed calendar for the 2018-2019 budget is presented for review
- E) Resignation: Carol Steinmetz, Volleyball Coach – Middle School
Ryan Moody, Maintenance
- F) Hire: Mary Woodruff, 3rd Grade Teacher
Katy Holcomb, Head Cross Country Coach
Emily DeLeon, Food Service
Sherry Goff, Food Service

Dennis Savage made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with all regular monthly board meetings throughout the year to start at 7:00 PM (Item C, #6). Torie Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

A) Middle School Construction Update

Beniton Construction presented the construction update for July (copy on file). They meet with Design West weekly. Meetings with owner/architect/contractor, etc. are scheduled each month on the Wednesday before board meeting. Board members are welcome to attend. Superintendent Iverson will send a reminder to board members regarding the Wednesday meetings.

B) Tennis Court Update

Progressing. Recent debate about wings/height of wings, decided to leave them at 4 ft.

C) Baseball / Soccer Field Update

Progress slowed. Waiting for C & M Enterprises to level the field, has other obligations to fulfill.

New Business – None

Financial Report – Lindsay Malinowski presented copies of the following financial reports to board members: Expenditures and Revenues, Paid Bills, Check Register, MS Construction, and Baseball Field.

The board would prefer the MS Construction report start over on July 1, 2017 for tracking purposes during 2017-2018.

Legislative Report

- \$8.2 billion approved, 50/50 split for 2017-2019 biennium
- \$550,000 bump
- Keep as budgeted at \$7.8 billion

Board Study

A) Internet Provision, informational presentation

- Provide Wi-Fi city wide
- 27 mesh points on power poles, working with Idaho Power
- Currently for student and learning environments
- Provide mobile cards for students living in the country
- Able to monitor, see the whole system
- Student access to social media and other sites is a concern, access should be blocked through our filter

B) Gym Floor – update and design

- Patching for winter sports for 2017-18, replace whole floor in spring 2018
- Insurance may cover cost of whole floor
- Controversy over design previously
- Templates of the original design and current design are at the high school

C) Eclipse, August 21, 2017

This item was moved to Visiting Patrons and Delegations.

D) Chromebooks

Currently researching and working toward 1:1 initiatives. A handout received from a school district in Edmonds, WA regarding the use of Chromebooks within their district was provided to board members (copy on file). It provides information and answers to questions about their program.

Discussion –

- Plan to adapt this to our district
- Cost is approximately \$250 per Chromebook, last approximately four years
- Plan for insurance of Chromebooks
- Grant available for certain group of students and tech dollars for others with certain parameters for each.
- Start with middle school on up, send with students through middle school, high school and on
- Check out Chromebooks for students to take home
- Charge a fee of \$50 to be used for repairs/replacement
- Teachers teach from curriculum adopted, supplemental resources

Members of the PTO were present, they have been doing research and are working on purchasing swing sets for the elementary for disabled children. The swing sets meet ADA requirements. Superintendent Iverson will check with insurance company.

Adjourn – At 8:10 PM the board meeting adjourned.


Chairman


Clerk