

Nyssa School District #26
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017

Board Members Present:

Dave Bunker
Dennis Savage
Lucy Beck
Michael Hartley
Torie Ramirez
Marlon Wilson

Others:

Bette Lasley
Harold Nevill, TVT
Schulthies family
Jensen family
Arreola family

Staff Members Present:

Jana Iverson, Superintendent
Audrie Tracy, Admin. Assistant
Lindsay Malinowski, Business Mgr.
Ryan Hawkins, Dir. of Dist. Operations
Araceli Gomez, MS Vice Principal
Luke Cleaver, MS Principal
Danny Pratt, HS Teacher
Roger Hunter, MS Teacher
Cindy Cook, Bus Driver

Call to Order – At 7:02 PM the school board meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Bunker in the boardroom of the Administration Building.

Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was declared adopted as presented.

Commendations

A) Students

Isabella Arreola was selected by the elementary as the Primary Student of the Month. Isabella is a second grade student in Mr. Bieker's classroom. She gives her best effort daily, is willing to help out and can be counted on to get things done. Isabella is a model student who follows the rules of the elementary to "Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible". She has a positive attitude and doesn't complain. Isabella is a quiet student but her actions speak to her character. She will do great things in the future.

The Intermediate Student of the Month for the elementary was not in attendance and will be recognized at a later date.

The Middle School Student of the Month is 7th grader, Jaynee Schulthies. She is inquisitive, asks questions and is determined to do her best. Jaynee has not had one missing assignment all year. She is an excellent art student, her work has been on display at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, OR. Jaynee has the ability to motivate others to work efficiently and can often be found at the center of an activity. Her willingness to help is greatly appreciated. Jaynee is delightful, kind, respectful and an excellent role model for her peers. She is definitely a student who leads by example.

Senior Mallory Jensen is the High School Student of the Month. Mallory is hard working, trustworthy, thoughtful and smart. She strives to complete all task in a timely manner. Her ability to lead from the front or participate and be a supporting member of a team is amazing.

Mallory is respectful to all staff and students. She is a natural leader among her peers, leading by example and her actions. Mallory is a student who will live up to the highest expectations.

B) Employee

The school district custodial/maintenance staff was selected by the elementary school as Employees of the Month. They worked many hours doing snow removal during the long winter. The crew continued to work addition time to make sure students and staff were safe. The custodial/maintenance staff do an amazing job to keep the buildings and grounds extremely clean and well maintained. They are very responsive to maintenance requests submitted also. We appreciate these employees very much for all they do throughout the year.

C) Parent

Bette Lasley is the commended Parent of the Month chosen by the elementary school. Mrs. Lasley is one of the Foster Grandparents who volunteer their time helping at the elementary. She is a wonderful resource to help students. Students appreciate her help and are proud to show off the skills learned. Mrs. Lasley makes a positive impact and the elementary staff is grateful for all her efforts. Thanks Mrs. Lasley for all you do!

Visiting Patrons & Delegations

A) Nathan Dorathy, HS Student Body Report

Nathan gave a report on the numbers of students participating in Band, Choir and other extra-curricular activities to date (copy on file). He reminded the board and audience of the Annual FFA Banquet on April 11th at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria also. The board requested Nathan attend the May board meeting with another report.

Mr. Cleaver, MS Principal provided information on number of students participating in electives and extra-curricular activities at the middle school.

B) Harold Nevill, TVT Memorandum

Mr. Nevill provided clarification of Item 8 in the TVT Memorandum of Agreement. A thirty day notice must be received by the end of January if the district is not wanting to participate. Best case scenario would be by the beginning of January prior to the TVT February board meeting and budget planning. Costs and a MOA for the next year will be provided to districts in November or December. If districts want to pull out, it won't be allowed without a fight or payment up front is requested and received.

MOA's received from districts to date are Nyssa, Vale, Malheur ESD. Ontario school board meeting is later this month. Fruitland and Payette are signing on. Adrian, Harper and Annex are waiting to find out the time schedule for classes, AM or PM.

Onsite courses offered will be Intro to Health, CAN, Welding 1 & 2, and ECE Blackboard.

C) Matt Murray, Kindergarten Late Start

Mr. Murray requested a late start date for incoming kindergartners. The first day of school for 2017-2018 is August 21st. He is proposing a late start date of August 24th for kindergarten students. They will only attend one day that week as there is no school on Friday.

This allows kindergartners to not be so overwhelmed on the first day of school and allows more time for other grade levels to settle into their classrooms. It gives teachers and administrators additional time to meet with and get more acquainted with parents if necessary.

Dennis Savage made a motion to approve the late start date. Torie Ramirez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

D) Classified Employees

Classified employees were not prepared and did not attend. Cindy Cook, Bus Driver / Classified Employee addressed the board about the issue regarding bus drivers not being included longevity pay in the OSEA contract. Steps on the salary schedule were eliminated several years ago for bus drivers. She said it wasn't so much about the money but the fact that a group was excluded.

The board expressed that the intent was not to exclude a group and they would try to come up with a way to make it equitable. The OSEA contract may have to be re-opened to do so, the superintendent and the board will check into this.

The board expressed appreciation to Cindy Cook for her years of service and loyalty to the district.

Mrs. Cook stated it has been a pleasure and rewarding experience working for the district and thanked the school board for listening.

Representatives of the classified union will need to come to the superintendent prepared to present information to the school board.

E) Roger Hunter – Question for the board

Mr. Hunter had a question regarding the \$7.5 million levy. The amount approved by voters was \$7 million, \$500,000 remaining can still be sold. This is still an option.

Estimated building costs of \$11.5 million, bids received were over \$13 million. Additional dollars are not needed, need to cut back on facilities. Keep in mind information given to voters who approved the levy.

Consent Agenda

- A) Approve minutes of the March board meeting
- B) Approve bills of the district as presented
- C) Action item: The Board is required to renew the Classified Staff Members, Supervisors and Confidential Employees at the April Board meeting (list included)
- D) Hires: Emily DeLeon – Food Service, 3.5 hours per day-temporary
Sherry Goff – Food Service, full time-temporary
Malcom McRae – HS Principal

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Ryan Moody – Maintenance Worker, full time

Lucy Beck made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Dennis Savage. Motion carried.

Old Business - None

New Business

A) Board Polices - 1st Reading / Board Approval

EFAA, District Nutrition and Food Services

EFAA-AR, Reimbursable School Meals

EFAL, Child Nutrition – Second Meals

IGAI, Human Sexuality, Aids/HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Education

ING, ING-AR, Animals in District Facilities

JOC, Legal Names of Students

KGB, Public Conduct on District Property (Version 2)

KL, Public Complaints

Don Bullard made a motion to approve policies presented with the exception of policy *KGB, Public Conduct on District Property (Version 2)*. The motion was seconded by Marlon Wilson which passed unanimously.

Policy *KGB, Public Conduct on District Property (Version 2)* will be deferred to the May board meeting.

Financial Report - Lindsay Malinowski, Business Manager gave reports on the following:

MS Construction Fund Balance and Expenditure Report – Copies provided for review

• Bond information –

Sent email to Piper-Jaffrey regarding option to sell remaining \$500,000 in bonds.

Interest rate on bonds sold has increased, currently earning approximately \$7,500 in interest monthly

Paid Bills / Check Register – Copies provided for review

General Fund/Revenue and Expenditure Summary – Copies provided for review

• Board requested when an item on the summary report is in the red to make the font red

Work Study

A) Promise Scholarship

Application forms were reviewed by the scholarship committee and sent to the counselor at the high school. The process and criteria information is at the bottom of the application. Application deadline was April 1st but has been extended to April 21st. The scholarship committee will meet to review applications and will make a recommendation of the number of scholarships to provide and the amount for each. Information was provided by Torie Ramirez, Scholarship Committee / School Board Member.

Discussion –

- \$11.5 million - \$7 million approved by voters, \$4 million from OSCIM Grant, \$500,000 from budget
- Bids came in at \$13 million
- Amount reduced with options down to \$12.2 million
- Cuts made - \$66,000 sound system for commons, library projector and \$250,000 bus turn around, landscaping, capitol costs
- Need to know as soon as possible whether to include a gym or not

Concern –

- Stay with, don't change information given to voters

Recommendation –

- Yes, include a gym. Superintendent Iverson will notify Beniton Construction to include
- Consensus of the board to wait until Beniton Construction has chiseled at the numbers more and brings it to the board

Kudos to Mr. Cleaver, MS Principal for his work to reduce costs but remaining adamant to teacher comfort. Options are:

- 1) Remaining \$500,000 to sell - bonds
- 2) Make cuts by Beniton that won't impact the building

Baseball Field /Practice Field Update –

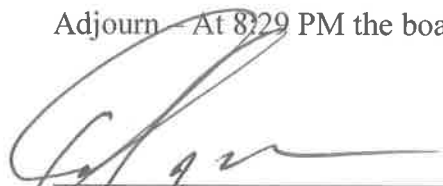
Discussion –

- Baseball field officially gone, practice field (outfield) looks good
- Practice field needs to be leveled/replanted for baseball field
- Committee has been working toward the process to start
- Grass needs to be planted right away, sprinkler system re-configured
- Three different sprinkler systems needed to water grass, dirt field and outfield
- Cut out infield and bring in new fill dirt
- Cost approximately \$100,000, around \$83,000 remaining
- Soccer area – assess for area to be playable
- Requesting permission to move forward with baseball field, begin prep work for infield, get grass sufficient for play next spring

Michael Hartley made a motion to begin process on the baseball field, move forward with sprinkler configuration and planting grass. Marlon Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board requested a committee update prior to or at the May school board meeting.

Adjourn – At 8:29 PM the board meeting adjourned.


Chairman

Clerk