

Nyssa School District #26
School Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017

Board Members Present:

Don Bullard
Dave Bunker
Michael Hartley
Torie Ramirez
Lucy Beck
Dennis Savage

Board Members Absent:

Marlon Wilson

Others Present:

Matt Richards
Harold Nevill

Staff Members Present:

Jana Iverson, Superintendent
Ryan Hawkins, Dir. of District Operations
Audrie Tracy, Admin. Assistant
Luke Cleaver, MS Principal
Araceli Gomez, MS Vice Principal
Ryan Swearingen, Interim HS Principal
Matt Murray, Elem. Principal
Jon Wood, Elem. Vice Principal
Roger Hunter, MS Teacher
Connel Petterson, Transp. Supervisor

Call to Order – Chairman Dave Bunker called the January meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the boardroom of the Administration Building.

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

Commendations

A) School Board Recognition

School board members throughout Oregon are recognized in January during School Board Recognition Month. Board members spend many unpaid hours working to provide what is best for students, staff and the district. We appreciate their commitment and express our thanks for all they do. Board members received certificates of appreciation for their years of service.

- B) Students – Deferred to February meeting
- C) Parent – Deferred to February meeting
- D) Employee – Deferred to February meeting

Visiting Patrons/Delegations

A) Harold Nevill, TVT

Mr. Nevill was present to propose course offering plans for the 2017-2018 school year (copy on file) and to let us know bylaws were adopted by the TVT Board. Superintendent Iverson is a member of the TVT board.

- Propose to distribute courses in welding and CNA to area high school(s) in order to benefit students.
- Share costs of a certified instructor to travel between districts.
- Suggest maintaining classes at TVCC for Automated Control Systems and Networking.

- Provide ECE classes to students via blackboard with TVCC Instructor.
- Eventually expand to add Idaho border districts, Payette, Fruitland, Weiser, etc.
- Availability of more slots for our students, cost per student is less
- No transportation costs, reduction in cost
- Industry certifications a must!
- Superintendent may control hiring of certified instructors
- Mr. Nevill wants to control curriculum

B) Special Populations Presentations

Araceli Gomez gave a presentation on the Title III, ELL Program. This is a federally funded program to help English Learner's attain English Language proficiency and achieve academic success. Currently there are 311 students who qualify for the ELL Program, 293 receiving services. There are 233 students in Monitoring status. Students receive daily ELL instruction from teachers who received training in Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP). Additional training is planned for the future. Copy of information presented is on file.

Ryan Hawkins presented information on the Special Education Program. As of December 1, 2017 there were 173 students in the district that were eligible to receive services through the Special Education Program. Teachers, specialists receive ongoing training to help these students with academics, social behavior, independent living, job skills, etc. Copy of information presented is on file.

Connel Petterson, Transportation Supervisor addressed the school board with the following concerns:

- 1) Having school on January 10th, weather and road conditions were poor
- 2) When to determine snow closure, the night before or early morning
- 3) Highways may be clear but outlying areas have not been cleared and are icy
- 4) Turn around areas on bus routes are blocked with snow and ice
- 5) Snow on roof

Recommendations from the school board

- Wait until early AM to determine snow closure. Superintendent will make the determination after discussion with other area Superintendents and the Transportation Supervisor
- If turn around areas are not cleared of snow and ice, have the bus driver(s) go further down the road or around the block
- Be safe, delays are okay and school will start when students get here
- Snow on roofs has already been addressed with the Maintenance Supervisor and area construction and roofing companies

Consent Agenda

- A) Approve minutes of the December board meeting
- B) Review bills of the district as presented
- C) Resignation: Jackie Pennington, Payroll/Benefits Clerk
Shawn Jensen, High School Principal

Dennis Savage made a motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Don Bullard. Motion carried.

Old Business - None

New Business

- A) Resolution to Approve and Expend Grant Funds from HB 3499, improving the achievement of ELL students

Dennis Savage made a motion to approve the Resolution to Approve and Expend Grant Funds from HB 3499, improving the achievement of ELL students as presented. Torie Ramirez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- B) Draft Calendars - 2017-2018 School Year

Discussion –

- Calendar labeled Original – same as this year
- Calendar labeled Draft 5 – End of semester change
- Calendar labeled Draft 4 – half day Friday with tutorial the other half

- C) Review/Approve Quote for Tennis Courts

Discussion –

- Committee pleased with proposal received, presented.
Committee: Kent Blanchard, Ryan Swearingen, and Matt Richards
- Same company did Vale's courts 17 years ago (no cracks)

Concern –

- Maintenance/upkeep, may need to resurface in 10 years or so

Recommendation –

- Option #7 of quote presented
- Wait until after 2017 tennis season to start
- Budget every year into a fund for maintenance of the tennis courts

Dennis Savage made a motion to approve the quote and other recommendations as presented. Seconded by Lucy Beck. Motion carried.

Financial Report – A Bond Report and monthly budget fund tracking sheet prepared by the Business Manager was presented to board members.

Lucy Beck made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Torie Ramirez. Motion carried.

Board Study

- A) Promise Scholarship Program check – OSBA

Determine date for presentation of check by OSBA and then determine how to distribute at a later date.

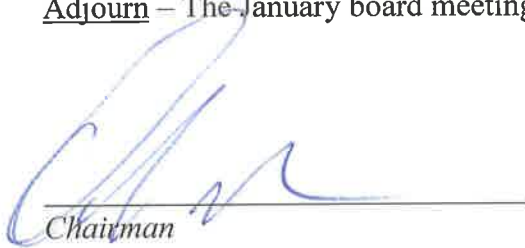
Executive Session – Immediately following the regular board meeting in regards to:
ORS 192.660 (2) (i) To review and evaluate the employment related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing

Executive Session not required.

The Superintendent Evaluation was summarized/reviewed/finalized. A copy will be placed in Mrs. Iverson's personnel file.

A motion to approve the Superintendent Evaluation as presented was made by Dennis Savage. Seconded by Lucy Beck. Motion carried.

Adjourn – The January board meeting adjourned at 8.20 PM.


Chairman


Clerk