

Nyssa School District #26
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2018

Board Members Present:

Dave Bunker
Bob Fehlman
Lucy Beck
Dennis Savage
Michael Hartley
Tori Ramirez
Marlon Wilson

Others Present:

Dalton Koplín & family
Tracy Cleaver & family
Dave Toll

Staff Members Present:

Jana Iverson, Superintendent
Audrie Tracy, Administrative Assistant
Ryan Hawkins, Dir. of Dist. Operations
Malcom McRae, HS Principal
Hector Martinez, HS Vice Principal/AD
Luke Cleaver, MS Principal
Araceli Gomez, MS Vice Principal
Matt Murray, Elementary Principal
Jon Wood, Elementary Vice Principal
Melodie Ayarza, Elementary Teacher
Paige Koplín, Elementary Teacher

Call to Order - Vice Chairman Dennis Savage called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the boardroom of the administration building.

Adoption of Agenda - The agenda was declared adopted with the following change -
Move Item #4 - A) Beniton Construction - MS Construction Update
Move from: Visiting Patrons & Delegations, Item A)
Move to: Commendations

Commendations -

A) Beniton Construction - MS Construction Update

- Paving is complete
- Gym floor is striped and finish is complete
- Carpet in classrooms and administrator completed
- Ceiling tile underway
- Continue to remain on schedule

B) Students

Students from the fifth grade requested approval of the annual fifth grade field trip to the Oregon Coast. The trip is scheduled for the week of May 14-18, 2018. They are going to visit the Lava Caves in Sisters, Oregon State University in Corvallis, the aquarium, Ripley's, Wax Works, Yaquina Bay/Yaquina Head Lighthouse, Planetarium, and OMSI in Newport and the Bonneville Dam Hatchery on the way home.

Request approval for the use of two school buses and bus drivers for the trip also.

A Measure 99, Outdoor Science Grant was applied for and awarded to the 5th grade for this trip, \$388 per student.

Torie Ramirez made a motion to approve the trip to the coast, including buses and bus drivers for the week. Lucy Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Bunker arrived at 7:17 PM

The Elementary Primary Student of the Month is Robert De La Cruz. Robert is a second grade student in Ms. Christina Garcia's classroom. Robert has made great gains this year, he has become a stronger, more confident reader. Robert is a kind, smart, polite young man who loves to come to school to learn. He completes tasks to the best of his ability and will volunteer to help get things done. Robert is always on the move, quite the jokester and fun to have in class.

The Intermediate Student of the Month for the elementary is 5th grader, Aislin Carrasco. Mrs. Bunker is her classroom teacher. Aislin is a student dedicated to her studies and other activities. She stays focused, is organized, works hard to complete tasks and is a natural leader. Aislin brings joy to any room with her big smile.

Mr. McRae, HS Principal introduced Elijah Cleaver, High School Student of the Month. Since the fall of 2017, Elijah has sacrificed a lot of his personal time to help with the baseball fields. He is committed to school and the community. His motivation, incredible work ethic, and dependability make him an excellent role model. Elijah is very intelligent, he challenges himself and often helps tutor other students on weekends and on trips. Elijah will be successful in whatever he chooses to do, he is very deserving of this recognition.

The Student of the Month for the middle school is Brianna Banuelos. Brianna is an eighth grade student at NMS. She is eager to learn, determined to do her best and her work is tops. Brianna is always smiling. The positive attitude she displays will take her far. She is kind, polite, and respectful to all. Congratulations Brianna, you're a great example to others.

Thank you to the High School Culinary Arts class taught by Chris Carlton for providing cherry cheesecake and plain cheesecake as refreshments for tonight's board meeting.

C) Employee

Nyssa Elementary School selected Paige Koplin, 2nd grade teacher as the Employee of the Month. Mrs. Koplin always has such a positive attitude. She is prepared, organized and her classroom management skills are amazing. She is a remarkable person and teacher providing lots of dedication to her students. When visiting Paige's classroom, all of her students are well behaved and engaged in the lesson or activity.

D) Parent

David Toll is the Parent of the Month. The elementary school would like to give a big 'Thank You' to Mr. Toll for his consistent help and dedication. Mr. Toll volunteers daily, he listens to and helps students with their reading, helps with assignments, participates in class parties, chaperones field trips and does whatever else is needed. He has a positive impact on students and makes students feel important. Mr. Toll is very much appreciated at the elementary school for everything he does.

Visiting Patrons & Delegations -

~~A) Beniton Construction – MS Construction update~~

Moved to commendations

B) Malcom McRae and Luke Cleaver – Advisory program for MS and HS

Discussion -

- Schedule for fall 2018
- Oregon Graduation/Diploma requirements
- Start 7th grade thru 12th - road map career research/exploration and personal educational career, post high school goals, culminates in Senior Project
- Formalized mentor system - 1 day/week, 35 minute class, Tuesday or Wednesday consistent
- Student will receive credit as required for graduation
- Work with staff - 2 year rotation for 9th-10th and 11th-12th, looping system
- Middle school - daily focus on behavior/expectations, lessons needed for social skills
- Expand career research/exploration in middle school
- Professional Development training, teachers navigate Oregon Career Information System

Concerns -

- Previous advisory periods were a waste of time
- Change of advisor

Recommendation -

- Develop a management plan/structure
- Final plan - return with information to the board

Mr. McRae will present information on the structure/management plan of Advisory Program at the next board meeting.

C) Malcom McRae – Accreditation Exit Report

Mr. McRae presented the findings of the Accreditation Team visit (copy on file).

Accreditation findings -

- Five (5) Powerful Practices
- Three (3) Opportunities for Improvement (due in 5 years)
- Two (2) Improvement Priorities (within 2 years)

A final exit report will be sent to the district at a later date.

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

- D) Resignation: Keri Gallegos, Instructional Assistant - High School
Lois Peterson, Custodian
Kristi Sucher, Language Arts - Middle School
- E) Hires: Jenae Heninger, KG/1st Grade Teacher
- F) Retire Rescission - Vince Perez, Maintenance Supervisor
- G) Reappoint Budget Committee Members: Ross Durfee and Marla Froerer - (term expired June 30, 2017)

Dennis Savage made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Torie Ramirez. Motion carried.

Dave Bunker declared a conflict of interest.

Old Business -

- A) Policy BDDH-AR, *Public Comment at Board Meetings (Optional)* - 3rd Reading
Discussion -

- Policy BDDH in place, Policy BDDH-AR is optional, not required
- Policy designed for larger districts
- Cards intent, not a limiting factor
- Most meetings are informal, option to switch to a formal meeting

Dennis Savage made a motion to table the policy until next month. Without a second the motion will not be considered.

Dave Bunker made a motion to not approve optional Policy BDDH-AR, *Public Comment at Board Meetings*. Lucy Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Voting to not approve Policy BDDH-AR are Dave Bunker, Lucy Beck, Robert Fehlman, Marlon Wilson, Dennis Savage and Michael Hartley. Torie Ramirez abstained from voting.

New Business -

- A) High School Math Credits

Departmental recommendation, proposed wording regarding curriculum for handbook

Discussion -

- Algebra 1 and above credit be awarded only to grades 9-12 at NHS
- All students - 3 years of math for graduation
- Students entering a four year college or university - 3 years of math, Algebra 1 or above
- NHS Honors Program - 4 math classes, Algebra 1 or above
- Allow college credits at high school
- Middle school Algebra 1 credit, transfer to high school
- State requirement - 3 years of Algebra 1 and above

Concerns -

- Recommendation says NHS but what about students transferring in from other districts
- Proposed wording

Recommendation -

- Reasonable to transcript middle school Algebra 1 credit
- Address concerns and wording before publication

Financial Report - Business Manager Lindsay Malinowski presented the monthly bills and financial statements.

- Construction Fund, on track as far as spending
- Budget for 2018-19, still finishing bills

Torie Ramirez made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. Michael Hartley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Study -

A) Teacher Renewals

Discussion -

- Board frustration regarding annual certified/administrator contract extension, renewal and non-renewal list
- Administrators concerned they would not have the support of the evaluation - teacher improvement, plan of assistance, etc.
- Administrators backed by the Superintendent, she is backed by the School Board

Concern -

- Some board members voted no due to lack of information regarding non-renewal(s)
- List barely approved at the March board meeting, 4 in favor and 3 against

Recommendation -

- Support and trust administrators to do their job
- Message this shares and sends to staff is they are doing a great job and policy is followed as determined by the Superintendent

B) Board Scholarship

Discussion -

- \$5,000 - distribute total amount this year, no carryover to next year
- Applications due April 20
- Use same application form as last year
- Applications to be reviewed by Dennis Savage, Lucy Beck & Marlon Wilson

At 8:40 PM the meeting went into Executive Session in regards to the following:
ORS 192.660 (2) (d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

The board came out of executive session at 9:13 PM.

Adjournment - At 9:14 PM the meeting adjourned

