

Nyssa School District # 26  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2017

**Board Members Present:**

Dave Bunker  
Bob Fehlman  
Marlon Wilson  
Torie Ramirez  
Lucy Beck  
Dennis Savage

**Others:**

Adrian Herrera, HS ASB President  
Paola Amaral Delgado, HS Student  
Michelle Pearson  
Alycia Van Meter's family  
Abigail Pacheco's family  
Alexis Lopez Salazar's family  
Bryce Parker

**Staff Members Present:**

Jana Iverson, Superintendent  
Audrie Tracy, Admin. Assistant  
Lindsay Malinowski, Business Manager  
Ryan Hawkins, Dir. of District Operations  
Matt Murray, Elementary Principal  
Jon Wood, Elementary Vice Principal  
Luke Cleaver, MS Principal  
Malcom McRae, HS Principal  
Parker Hill, HS English/Lang. Arts Teacher  
Kent Blanchard, HS Teacher/Tennis Coach

Call to Order - Chairman Dave Bunker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the Administration Building.

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

Commendations

A) Students

Alycia Van Meter was selected as the Middle School Student of the Month. She is a sixth grade student at NMS. You can count on Alycia, she cares about others and is always willing to help someone. Alycia is hard working, kind, polite and respectful. She understands the importance of school, works quietly, is not afraid to ask questions if needed and turns in all assignments. Alycia is an asset to math class. She is a model student and a pleasure to have in class.

The high school selected Alexis Lopez Salazar as their Student of the Month. Alexis is a junior at NHS, she is an awesome student who is dedicated to her studies. She writes very well and posted the highest score on a recent writing sample. Alexis did a class project on cancer and presented it to the class. She is a quiet person so this was a challenge that took her out of her comfort zone. Alexis did a great job, earning a well-deserved A. It is a pleasure to have her in class. Alexis is kind and respectful with a bright future ahead of her, she is very deserving of this honor.

The Primary Student of the Month for the elementary school was not present and will be recognized at a later date.

The Intermediate Student of the Month for the elementary is Abigail Pacheco. She is a student in Mrs. Bunker's fourth grade classroom. Abigail is a hard worker who does her best no matter what. She is kind, caring, responsible and respectful. Abigail is the perfect example of an ideal student. Abigail is a bright girl with a wonderful future ahead of her.

#### B) Employee

The commended Employee of the Month is Parker Hill. Mr. Hill has been employed with the district since 2012, he teaches English/Language Arts at the high school. Parker Hill is a very deserving pick for the employee commendation. Mr. Hill is concerned about his students and what he can do to improve learning in his classroom. He arrives to work early and is willing to work as long as it takes to provide instruction to his students. Mr. Hill's passion, expectations, and encouragement helps students reach their goals and prepares them for the future. His disciplinary skills, organizational skills, dedication, commitment, and professionalism are remarkable. Other teachers commented what a pleasure and honor it is to work with Parker. Mr. Hill is leaving the district at the end of the semester. He is an outstanding teacher who will be missed by all staff and students. We're sorry to see him go, but are truly grateful for his contributions to students and the district.

#### C) Parent

The high school recognized Michelle Pearson as the Parent Volunteer of the Month. Ms. Pearson is one of the high schools key contributors. She is actively involved in many different organizations and activities, mostly with our FFA Program. Michelle took time to review application packets and interview students for the interview contest. Her expertise contributed to the success of our FFA Job Interview CDE. Our students won in the Beginning and Advanced Job Interview Contest. Ms. Pearson volunteers for many other events in the community also. She is a great role model for our high school students.

Michael Hartley arrived at 7:22 p.m.

#### Visiting Patrons/Delegations

##### A) Beniton Construction - Update (copy on file)

- Curbs in place, asphalt in spring 2018
- Windows in (all but one!)
- Insulation installed, sheetrock hung, painting in one area started
- Cabinets expected second week in January
- Gym painted, subfloor installed, maple material being monitored for moisture

##### B) Adrian Herrera, ASB President - High School Activities Update

Adrian Herrera and Paola Amaral Delgado reported on current activities at the high school.

A penny drive competition was held, earning over \$600 that was used to buy gifts to donate to Help Them to Hope and Toys for Tots.

The Calhoun Classic wrestling tournament took place with Nyssa winning fourth place over all.

Basketball is just getting started.

Several clubs have been started to help get students involved:

*Key Club* - community service to help others in need

*Dance/Cheer Club* - more hype at activities/events, help with school spirit

*Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO)* - Education on culture & promotes awareness among students and the community. Currently there are 30 students participating, encourage growth to be more successful. A Posada, the celebration of Christmas in Mexico, is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend.

### C) Kent Blanchard, Tennis Court Presentation

#### *Discussion -*

- Contractor work spectacular
- Capped posts so water can't get it
- Tennis shed at the corner of the high school built by Eagle Scout
- Outlet for power installed, 110 power can be hooked up now
- Lights approximately \$100,000
- Appreciate persistence, not giving up on focus

#### *Concern -*

- Bottom of boards are bowed because of weight, water running and freezing
- Puddles by the gate near the native garden

#### *Recommendation -*

- Build something to hold pressure, weight
- Place gravel so water will run off, not puddle near gate
- Set up annual maintenance program for all projects, allot a certain dollar amount to each project to maintain

Mr. Blanchard expressed appreciation to the board for approval of funding to repair the tennis courts. The kids are proud of the facility.

Consent Agenda

- A) Approve minutes of November board meeting
- B) Review bills of the district as presented
- C) Hires: Megan Kerner, District Website Manager and Pep Club Advisor - HS  
Jonathan Ramirez, C-Team Boys Basketball Coach - High School  
Isela Escobedo, Early Head Start Teacher, Zero to Three Program  
Cyrus Garner, English Language Arts Teacher - High School
- D) Resignation: Katlin Holcomb, Cross Country Head Coach - High School  
Roberta Hayden, Special Education Office Manager - District

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

Old Business

- A) OSBA Election - Board action required, cast vote for the following:
  - Legislative Policy Committee Position 1 - Nominee, Andrew Bryan, Baker 5J  
*Discussion -*
    - Do not know Andrew Bryan, the candidate for LPC Position 1
    - Candidate didn't attend the Fall Regional Meeting held at the Malheur ESD to introduce himself
  - Resolution 1: Reorganizes the Oregon School Boards Association as a non-profit corporation and adopts the proposed 2017 bylaws

***Legislative Policy Committee Position 1 - Nominee, Andrew Bryan, Baker 5J***

Dave Bunker made a motion to not approve Nominee, Andrew Bryan, Baker 5J for this position. Lucy Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

***Resolution 1: Reorganizes the Oregon School Boards Association as a non-profit corporation and adopts the proposed 2017 bylaws***

Dennis Savage made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Seconded by Michael Hartley. Motion carried.

Official ballot for the 2017 OSBA Election was submitted to OSBA on December 14, 2017 as follows:

**Board of Directors Position 1**, No election this year - Vote, Not applicable

**LPC Position 1, Andrew Bryan, Baker 5J** - Vote, No

**Resolution 1**- Vote, Yes - adopt

B) Superintendent Evaluation - Item moved to executive session portion of the meeting.

New Business

A) Adopt Migrant Program Supervisor Job Description

*Discussion -*

- New position, full time exempt supervisor position
- Position written into grant funding dollars available
- Migrant program has doubled
- Current positions within program - Recruiter(s), 0.50 FTE OMSIS Specialist, Graduation Specialist, Family Involvement Specialist

*Concern -*

- Will person hired for this position have grant writing responsibility for program funding?

*Response -*

- Not necessary. This is not a competitive grant, already allocated funds

Dennis Savage made a motion to adopt the Migrant Program Supervisor job description as presented. Seconded by Marlon Wilson. Motion carried

B) Certified Contract Negotiations - select board members for negotiation committee in response to intent letter received from Vic Woods

Board members selected for the negotiation committee are Dennis Savage, Bob Fehlman and Michael Hartley. Torie Ramirez, alternate.

Financial Report - Lindsay Malinowski, Business Manager presented the district financial reports. Copies on file.

*Discussion -*

- Tax revenue received nearly 95%
- Debt Service due again in June
- MS Construction - Retainage, hold final payments until project is complete

Board Study

A) Audit, 2016-17

*Discussion -*

- Audit is not finished, should be done by end of December
- Report to ODE by December 31<sup>st</sup> or January payment to the district will be delayed
- Draft of audit prepared with no findings

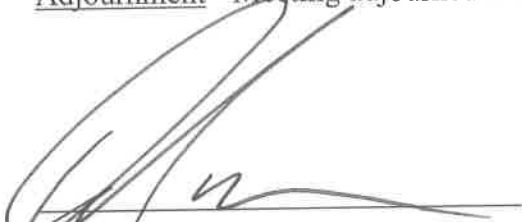
- Superintendent, business manager, board chairman and board vice chairman to meet with auditor next week to review draft. Available to meet December 22<sup>nd</sup>, early morning
- The 2016-17 Audit will be presented at the January board meeting

**Executive Session** - *At 8:10 p.m. the board went into executive session regarding the following: 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*

Present a summary of the Superintendent's evaluation at the January meeting.

Out of executive session at 9:01 p.m., returned to regular session.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Chairman



Clerk