

Naselle-Grays River Valley School District No.155

Lisa Nelson, Superintendent
Rhiana Jacot, Executive Secretary

Board of Directors:
Chuck Hendrickson, Chairman, Dist. 3
Amy Hunt, District 2
Amy Chadwick, District 4
Lonnie Eaton, District 5

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom and in the MS commons.

Present: Chuck Hendrickson, Amy Chadwick, Amy Hunt, Lonnie Eaton and Lisa Nelson.

Call to Order

Mr. Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes or Additions to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda – Approved as Presented

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Hunt to approve the consent agenda consisting of, payroll warrants 191229-191257 in the amount of \$450,492.92, general fund warrants 191167-191228 in the amount of \$65,475.90, ASB warrants 12835-12844 in the amount of \$13,923.85 and Board minutes from September 21, 2021. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Student, Lauren Katyryniuk, presented her many concerns regarding Covid testing for basketball, not requiring testing for vaccinated students, students in Oregon not being required to test and that a non-medically licensed staff member would be conducting the tests. Miss Katyryniuk stated she would prefer to do the test on herself. She asked the board to challenge WIAA and the testing mandates.

Ms. Chadwick responded and thanked everyone for attending. She said there is some additional guidance available that will be looked at and the possibility of not requiring testing within a 90 day period after having Covid.

Luke Gardner spoke about his opposition to Covid testing. He passed out documents to the board. Mr. Gardner referenced the Nuremberg Code, the Declaration of Helsinki, rules for informed consent, a Harvard Law professors instructions for obtaining consent, cautions on the Binax testing, experimental treatments from the FDA, the National Institutes of Health informed consent, CDC science brief about schools identifying privacy concerns, sensitivity percentages for Covid, the international Journal of Health, DDT warnings and the banning of DDT, the danger of talcum powder, the FDA website and the claims of extensive testing. Mr. Gardner questioned whether the board was going to approve an experimental test. He asked the board to make a motion to not approve this testing.

Ms. Chadwick asked for more time to review the information and documents presented.

Student, Anthony Bruner, presented on behalf of himself and other students too shy to speak out. He opposes mask mandates and the hindrance of masks during learning and discussions in school. Mr. Bruner said masks are ineffective at stopping the spread of the virus. He also spoke out against sexual education in school.

Mr. Hendrickson stated that OSPI has said that they will pull funding if the school does not follow the mandates.

Neil Wirkkala said the boards duties are to uphold the US and Washington State constitution. He questioned whether the board should be supporting the mandates because Washington State has a constitutional duty to provide an education and he does not believe they would pull funding from the school.

Arnie Wirkkala stated the board does not have to adopt policy. They have a choice not to do so. Mr. Wirkkala said the board should not put themselves in the position of the role of parent and should be concerned about the potential of lawsuits in doing so. Mr. Wirkkala said the board should let OSPI try to pull funding.

Ms. Nelson began to show the community members the test swab used for the basketball testing mandates. The

community members did not want to see it.

Marco Colombo stated the definition of an ultimatum. Mr. Colombo said this is what he sees going on across the nation. Ultimatums are restricting free choice. Mr. Colombo stated that the people are in charge, not the government. He said that we are Americans, we stand for principles. Mr. Colombo said everyone has a right to free choice. Mr. Colombo questioned the board's compassion and integrity and said the board follows suit at the expense of others.

At this point, there were many comments from the members of the public.

Mr. Hendrickson asked what the board should do.

Chanel Wirkkala said this was an overreach of the school board. Ms. Wirkkala referenced the Governor's proclamation of the state of emergency and stated that there have not been any laws created for masks and vaccines. Ms. Wirkkala also referenced two RCW's one which authorized medical physicians to provide care and one about informed consent. Ms. Wirkkala read a statement to the board which referenced additional RCW's and the Nuremberg code.

A member of the public showed a photo to the board of a contracted school employee and said we are following advice from people who are not following their own guidance.

Jeff Tarabochia said that Seattle Public Schools is requesting that all students be vaccinated. Mr. Hendrickson replied that he has not heard about mandatory student vaccinations. Mr. Tarabochia said it is definitely coming and the board has the support of the parents to defy these mandates.

Brandi Tarabochia showed the board a statement signed by students that said they will not play basketball if there is mandatory testing. Ms. Tarabochia also stated that there is potential for side effects from testing and there is potential for lawsuits for issues caused by the testing.

Mr. Hendrickson thanked everyone for speaking.

Mr. Eaton thanked everyone for coming and said that we need to have involvement at board meetings.

Ms. Tarabochia asked if the board was willing to call other schools to form a coalition against these mandates.

Ms. Nelson said she has been calling and sending emails to WIAA and OSPI, but things are constantly changing. Ms. Nelson said the superintendents have Zoom calls monthly with Chris Reykdal and the comment section is packed with complaints and angry comments. Ms. Nelson said the job of superintendent has completely changed in the past year and a half. Ms. Nelson said we can walk away from WIAA, but we will not have games, Districts or State.

Haleigh See asked how the school has authority to force these kids to be tested. She asked how it can be considered optional if they are being made to take the tests in order to play.

Marijane Anderson stated this is about the kids. They are already dealing with mental health issues and now they might not be able to play basketball. Ms. Anderson said that we can all take a stand for what is right and there is power in numbers. She asked what the effects would be of taking the tests twice a week for months.

A member from the public stated that WIAA has taken direction from the governor and the students are being subjected to this only because of where they live. Other states are not doing this.

Ms. Anderson asked when a decision has to be made.

Ms. Nelson responded by saying that middle school basketball starts next week. Ms. Nelson said she can give out the contact numbers for OSPI, the Governor and Chris Reykdal.

Neil Wirkkala said that people weren't there to attack the board or to tell them they are doing a bad job. He said that the mandates are not lawful or constitutional. Mr. Wirkkala said he was at the board meeting because he is against Marxism and totalitarianism. Mr. Wirkkala said you have to fight that when you have the chance. Mr. Wirkkala said the masks don't do what they say they do. Mr. Wirkkala said that it is pretending that a fake thing is real. Mr. Wirkkala said he is pleading with the board to stand up against totalitarianism. He said that this must be fought at the stores, at the school board meetings and at the county commissioner meetings. Mr. Wirkkala said that a significant number of kids will be pulled from the school if the board acquiesces to totalitarianism.

Chanel Wirkkala asked if the open position at the school was to monitor the testing.

Summer Johnson said she thinks there is a rapid saliva test.

Ms. Nelson showed the Binax test to the crowd.

Trina Erickson asked how many students were absent on the Monday protest.

A member from the public said they heard 109 students were absent.

Ms. Erickson asked if a policy had been enacted about mask breaks.

Ms. Nelson said staff has been asked to make sure mask breaks are happening each period.

Mr. Tarabochia asked if a positive antibody test is an option instead of regular testing.

Ms. Nelson said the school is trying to follow the minimal amount of requirements and not create additional requirements.

Mr. Hendrickson read a statement that said if a student has had COVID within 90 days, they could provide a letter from their provider and they don't have to test.

Ms. See asked if the board would be willing to write a policy allowing antibody tests without a 90 day window that would

allow kids to play without being tested.

Stacy Katyryniuk asked how the school is keeping track of students that are vaccinated.

Ms. Nelson said that the school is not currently requesting that information.

Mr. Hendrickson thanked everyone for coming and said this is a difficult situation and he appreciates how difficult this is for parents.

Ms. Anderson asked if there would be answers by the following month's board meeting, or before that time so parents know what the board is deciding. She asked the board if they were willing to have a community meeting.

Tari Zimmerman recommended an anonymous survey be sent out asking who has issues with masks and testing.

Ms. Anderson said that we are working against time and we must figure this out. She asked if the board would take a vote on this.

Interview Prospective Board Member, District 1

The board interviewed Tyson Vogeler.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to appoint Tyson Vogeler as Board Director for District 1. Ms. Chadwick, aye. Mr. Eaton, aye, Ms. Hunt, aye. Mr. Hendrickson, aye. Motion carried.

Personnel

Ms. Chadwick moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to acknowledge the resignation of Haleigh See, middle school basketball coach. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Hunt to approve the hire of Haleigh See HS assistant girls' basketball coach. Motion carried.

Ms. Hunt moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to approve the hire of Cody Olsen, assistant boys' basketball coach. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to approve the hire of Marie Green, middle school girls' basketball coach. Motion carried.

Ms. Hunt moved, seconded by Mr. Vogeler to approve the hire of Robert Dalton, middle school girls' basketball coach. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Hunt to approve the hire of Victoria Nanney, Naselle Youth Camp School Secretary. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Ms. Chadwick moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to approve the continued unsafe walk routes to school. Motion carried.

Principals/Staff Reports

None

Superintendent's Report

304 FTE – K12, 31 FTE – NYCS

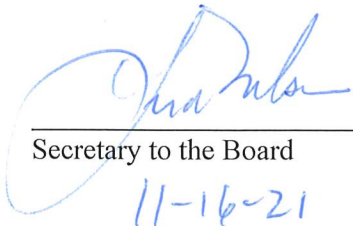
Ms. Nelson shared the first read of Policy 3411, Accommodating Students with Seizures. Ms. Nelson also shared the first read of Policy 5400, Personnel Leaves. Ms. Nelson said there were two recent records requests. The first was for a copy of the Transgender Policy by Sloane Kreiger. The second was for funds received and spent for Covid from Angela Metcalf.

Board Member Reports and Future Agenda Items

The board discussed the idea of calling a special board meeting to continue to discussions with the community about their concerns about Covid testing for sports and masks. They discussed apportionment projections, classified and certificated staff contracts, enrollment loss possibilities, optional testing practices and drafting a letter to OSPI and WIAA. The board discussed holding a special meeting of the board on November 4, 2021.

Adjournment

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m. Motion carried.



Secretary to the Board

11-16-21

Date



Chairman of the Board

11/16/21

Date