

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
Tyson Vogeler, District 1

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom and in the Naselle middle school commons.

Present: Chuck Hendrickson, Amy Chadwick, Amy Hunt, Lonnie Eaton, Tyson Vogeler (via Zoom) 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

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to move agenda item 8A to follow consent agenda. Motion carried

Consent Agenda – Approved as Presented

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Mr. Vogeler to approve the consent agenda consisting of, payroll warrants 191470-191491 in the amount of \$427,643.71, general fund warrants 191426-191469 in the amount of \$81,661.24, ASB warrants 12867-12870 in the amount of \$1,046.58 and Board minutes from December 21, 2021. Motion carried.

8a.

Ms. Nelson recognized the volleyball team and coaches for their 5th place finish at the State Championships in November 2021. Ms. Nelson gave each coach a plaque honoring their coaching efforts. Coach Bekah Wirkkala thanked Ms. Nelson for her support of the team and their Summer League events.

Public Comment

Roger Hodges addressed the board and asked if Neil Wirkkala's questions, which were submitted to the Board in November, had been sent to legal counsel for answers. He also asked who supplied the schools insurance and bonds and requested information on school contracts. Mr. Hendrickson said the questions were not submitted and that Mr. Hodges needed to contact administration to submit a public records request.

Karen Bertroch thanked the District and the transportation supervisor, Karl Smith, for the way they handled the recent flooding issues.

Brandi Tarabochia stated she was concerned about a school bus driver checking his mirrors so often that he seemed distracted from driving and was spending more time worrying about masks than driving.

Marijane Anderson asked if there are cameras on the buses. Mr. Hendrickson suggested she ask administration during school hours and not during a Board meeting. Ms. Anderson asked if there were limitations on how the public addresses the School Board. Mr. Hendrickson said there are procedures to follow. Ms. Nelson said this is a public meeting of the board and not a Q & A and asked that question be asked in advance or at school so responses could be prepared and devote the time to a topic that it needed.

Ms. Anderson said she had concerns about testing students 2 to 3 times per week. She said it is still a rule to wear masks on the bus and there are coaches and other adults on the bus that can direct the students to wear masks. She stated the driver shouldn't be focused on that. She was concerned that the driver, who is also a board member, was not focused on driving. She stated that students need to be kept safe and not just from Covid, but other things as well. She questioned whether the Board cared about student safety.

Ms. Anderson questioned why Neil Wirkkala's questions were not submitted for answers. She said she felt disrespected

by not having those questions answered. She stated she is frustrated because they want to work together with the Board. Ms. Nelson said they went through two rounds of Q & A with attorneys and many of Neil's questions were duplicates. Ms. Anderson said she understands that this could not happen all the time, but that this isn't something that happens all the time.

Mr. Hendrickson said the Board does care about how the people feel, but have to take all things into account. Mr. Hendrickson asked Ms. Anderson if she had read the letter from the Board about following the guidelines from OSPI and DOH. Ms. Anderson said she had not seen it. Ms. Chadwick explained what was in the letter and said it would be nice to have questions in advance so they are prepared to answer when they are in the board meeting.

Ms. Bertoch said she honors what Ms. Anderson is saying and reminded those present that normal board meetings have time limits on public comment.

Ms. Anderson exclaimed about time limits and her child's safety.

Ms. Tarabochia asked what the board will do about safety on the buses.

Mr. Hodges asked what the board will do about Neil Wirkkala's questions and stated that he wants the questions answered.

Personnel

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Ms. Chadwick moved, seconded by Ms. Hunt to approve the donation from Naselle Sports' Club of \$1500 to purchase portable bleachers for the Fieldhouse. Motion carried.

Principals/Staff Reports

Mr. Laine presented preliminary test scores from the state testing in the Fall. He stated that students were tested at the grade level of the previous Spring.

Ms. Nelson said that Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chris Reykdal, acknowledged the lower test scores across the State due to loss of learning. Ms. Nelson said that we are currently unable to compare scores with other schools across the State since the data has not yet been released.

Mr. Laine pointed out the test scores include refusals and students brand new to the district.

Ms. Chadwick asked if there will be curriculum adjustments to help with learning loss. She said she has concerns about the current standards in place.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Nelson shared that the District is currently working with Pacific County for mental health services to start soon. These services currently are scheduled to run through January of 2023 and that this opportunity is grant funded. Mr. Laine added that the mental health worker will be able to meet with students from both Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties and that parents would be contacted if their child was scheduled to meet with the counselor.

Ms. Nelson said that make up days for the recent flood cancellations on January 7th and 12th would be made up over mid-winter break. Those make-up days are March 2nd and 3rd. Currently, March 4th is still scheduled as a day off. NYCS did not cancel on January 12th, but did on January 7th. They will have one make-up day added to the end of the school year as they do not have mid-winter break.

303 FTE – K12, 25 FTE – NYCS

Ms. Nelson thanked the board for their service over the years and provided the Board with certificates of service.

Board Member Reports and Future Agenda Items

Mr. Hendrickson said Mead School District came out with a resolution to oppose mandatory vaccinations for K-12 students. He asked the Board members if they wanted to develop a letter or resolution about mandatory vaccinations for K-12 students. The rest of the Board members agreed.

Mr. Hendrickson said the superintendent evaluation will be in February.

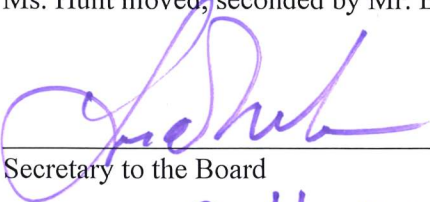
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Mr. Vogeler said he has been following the legislature and will have more info in the next few weeks when more information becomes available.

There was some discussion among the Board members whether a letter or a resolution was the best approach to address K-12 mandatory vaccinations. Mr. Vogeler recommended checking with legal counsel about letters vs. resolutions.

Adjournment


Ms. Hunt moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried.



Secretary to the Board

2-16-22

Date



Chairman of the Board

2-15-22

Date