

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, June 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school commons and via zoom.

Present: Chuck Hendrickson, Amy Hunt, Lonnie Eaton, Amy Chadwick, Tyson Vogeler 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

Coaching staff and student recognition to be presented after consent agenda.

Consent Agenda – Approved as Presented

Ms. Hunt moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to approve the consent agenda consisting of, payroll warrants 191908-191928 in the amount of \$430,300.42 general fund warrants 191825-191907 in the amount of \$119,868.72, ASB warrants 12914-12929 in the amount of \$12,802.30 and Board minutes from May 17, 2022. Motion carried.

Recognition

The robotics team shared their experience touring Washington DC and their experience at the robotics competition in Maryland. Ms. Nelson recognized the robotics team and Coach Bekah Wirkkala for outstanding achievements this spring. Other coaches will receive their plaques at another time because they were unable to attend.

Personnel

Ms. Chadwick moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to acknowledge the resignation of Chantal Knudson, NYC Librarian, end of August. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Mr. Vogeler to approve the reduction in force of the NYC secretary, August 2022. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Poul Toftemark said he is proud to have his son about to be a senior and wanted to thank the teachers and staff. He asked about the condition of the track.

Ms. Nelson talked about some of the repairs that have been ongoing on the track. She said “bubbles” will appear and then disappear depending on weather conditions. A portion of the track has been cut out and repaired. The track condition is being monitored. Ms. Nelson said redoing the track could cost upwards of \$400,000 and she wanted to avoid that at this time if repairs are working. She stated that the school anticipates having meets here in the future.

Karen Bertoch said she wanted to comment on the recognition of academics at the school. She said she has rarely witnessed the joy the students showed at their graduation and in receiving academic awards. She said she wanted to honor and thank the Board and the teachers at the school.

Neil Wirkkala asked about a policy and about appropriate action taken at a previous board meeting and whether the policy was followed. He stated that he did not believe appropriate action was taken regarding the policy. He asked the Board to review the policy and see if there were holes in it.

Mr. Hendrickson explained his response about a complaint against the superintendent. He said there was a planned executive session already on the agenda. During the executive session, the complaint was discussed and that was all that happened.

Marijane Anderson said Mr. Hendrickson stated that appropriate action had been taken. She asked what that action was. Mr. Hendrickson said the action was that they discussed the complaint and that was it.

Mr. Vogeler said sometimes doing nothing is an action. The problem is verbiage. The word "action" sounds like official board action, but that was not what happened. There was not a motion made after the discussion. There was no vote taken, there was only discussion in executive session. He said it was unfortunate that the word action was used, but there was no vote and there was no action.

Ms. Anderson said tonight is proof the school has good students and good teachers. She stated she had a meeting with two other community members and the superintendent. She said she then met with a board member. She said she has an email between Mr. Hendrickson and Luke Gardner. Mr. Gardner was seeking clarification on the action taken against the superintendent. Ms. Anderson said she respects Mr. Hendrickson and others do too, but that this communication is a prime example of him saying "I'm done." Ms. Anderson said at previous meetings Mr. Hendrickson has stated, "I'm done." Ms. Anderson stated that she will continue to show up and ask questions because our students deserve the best and to have a board that is committed.

Ms. Anderson complained about the quality of the food in the lunch program. She asked if the school would invest more money and get the students quality food. Ms. Anderson said she is going to start emailing all of the board members. Ms. Anderson stated that the facilities are not the best for 1B schools. Ms. Anderson talked about having monthly meetings with the superintendent. Ms. Anderson said she would like to move forward from these issues.

Ms. Chadwick said she would love to talk about moving forward. She asked if the facilities meetings were open to the public.

Ms. Anderson asked if she brought a complaint to a board member would they talk with her.

Mr. Hendrickson said he would if it was appropriate. He said if it is an issue for administration then he would direct her to the administration and the proper complaint procedure.

Ms. Chadwick asked if everyone could agree that the interpretation of the word action was misinterpreted.

Ms. Anderson said the kids deserve a board that wants to be here and there needs to be communication.

Ms. Chadwick said she has considered different ways to communicate and sometimes the written word can be misunderstood.

Ms. Anderson asked when a decision will be made what food is served to the students.

Ms. Nelson said there will be a menu in August.

Ms. Anderson said the food is gross and ends up in the garbage can.

Lynette Mullins said in the 20 years she has worked at the school, kids have always thrown out their food regardless if it is from home or from the school.

Ms. Anderson disagreed.

Mr. Vogeler said school lunch would be a good thing to bring up in a survey.

Ms. Anderson asked if the Board was working on a survey.

Mr. Vogeler said the Board has not had a chance to meet about it.

Ms. Anderson said she has reached out to the superintendent about the food program and asked what she is supposed to do next.

Ms. Chadwick said as a director in Ms. Anderson's area she could push that agenda.

Ms. Anderson asked if the school will make a donation to the baseball team so the players could buy their championship rings.

Mr. Vogeler stated that would be a gift of public funds.

Rebekah Wirkkala said even when her teams fundraise, they are not allowed to use the money to buy personal sweatshirts for the players.

Mr. Vogeler said if she did a private community donation, such as Go Fund Me, that is not attached to the school, then she could raise money that way.

Mr. Wirkkala asked about the survey and if it will involve public input. He asked if interested members of the public could submit questions. He had concerns about bias in the questions.

Mr. Vogeler said his recommendation is to hire a private firm to do the survey. They are skilled in writing unbiased questions. The company is the one that collects the data. The district will only see the final results. He said in his experience, people are more willing to participate since the data remains anonymous.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Mr. Vogeler moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to approve the contracts with ESD 112 for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried.

Ms. Hunt moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to acknowledge teacher, classified and non-represented salary increases equivalent to IPD. Mr. Vogeler stated that these increases are in the bargaining agreement. These increases set the stage for budgeting in the next month. Motion carried.

Mr. Vogeler moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to acknowledge teacher, classified and non-represented contracts for the 22-23 school year. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Hunt to approve the contract with Pacific County for school nursing services. Mr. Vogeler said the District is getting a good deal. Motion carried.

Mr. Vogeler moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to approve out of area assignments for Baker, Scott, Johnson, Smith and Rudolph. Motion carried. Agenda wording was amended from endorsements to assignments.

Mr. Vogeler moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to table the approval of the Transitional Plan for the Comprehensive School Counseling Program until after the Board approves the initial Comprehensive School Counseling Program Plan. Motion carried.

Ms. Hunt moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to approve the list of surplus items. Motion carried.

Mr. Vogeler moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to approve the first read of Policy 2140, Comprehensive School Counseling Program. Motion carried.

Principals/Staff Reports

The Youth Camp School summer school will end on August 9, 2022.

Ms. Nelson acknowledged the spring sports, evening of excellence and other spring events.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Nelson shared that AJ Smith had received a nice note from another school district complimenting the district's sportsmanship and congratulating the baseball team for their state championship win.

The district finished their 3-year financial accountability audit and 1-year federal grants audit for \$750,000+. Both audits were clean audits.

The district was recently awarded a 4.25 million dollar grant to renovate the shop/vocational wing.

The budget hearing will be July 19 at 5:00 p.m. The Board assessment and goal review will take place afterwards. The regular meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Nelson read a thank you letter to the Board from retiring teacher Marina Smith.

Board Member Reports and Future Agenda Items

Mr. Hendrickson said the Board just needs an agenda item that says the District will stick with the current boundaries.

Mr. Hendrickson said the Board will need an agenda item at the July meeting to remove the suspension on Policy 1400.

The Board can then continue to discuss whether they will return to meeting in Grays River three times per year or any changes they may want to make regarding that.

Adjournment


Mr. Vogeler moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.


Secretary to the Board

Chairman of the Board

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