

Naselle-Grays River Valley School District No.155

Lisa Nelson, Superintendent
Rhiana Jacot, Executive Secretary

Board of Directors:
Amy Hunt, Vice Chair
Tyson Vogeler
Amy Chadwick
Lonnie Eaton

Amended minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Directors held on Tuesday, August 1, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Naselle Middle School Commons and on a virtual format.

Present: Vice Chair Amy Hunt, Amy Chadwick, Lonnie Eaton, Tyson Vogeler and Lisa Nelson.

Call to Order

Ms. Hunt, Vice Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Work Session

The Board took comment from the public regarding Board goals for the upcoming year.

Daniel Garcia thought there would be no need to redraw the Board Director Districts for 35 people and it seemed like a lot of work for no gain. Mr. Vogeler agreed, but said it was required to put it out to public comment; however, the Board didn't have plans to make changes.

Mr. Garcia said he likes the workshop meeting and hopes they continue.

Adam Rose asked if there could be additional comments at the end of the meeting. Mr. Vogeler said the workshops allow lengthy dialogue and input on subjects.

Ms. Nelson said it seemed fine to take comment at the end since there will be no action taken during the meeting. Amy Chadwick said the Board wants to improve connection and communication with the community and each other. The work session allows for more dialogue and productive conversation. Ms. Chadwick said we should have ground rules for public comment respecting people's time and not talking over others. Ms. Chadwick said to the audience that she hoped they felt the Board was working with them and not against them.

Crystal Gardner asked how often the Board will be doing this. Mr. Vogeler said this is our first one. Amy Chadwick said if there are larger topics that we need to dialogue about we could have a work session. Lisa Nelson said we generally have had about three work sessions a year on average.

Daniel Garcia said he would like to talk about school safety and more about wrestling and appreciates ideas for comments before and after.

Marijane Anderson said there had been discussions about the lunch program at previous meetings. She asked if any research had been done since then. She said the district spends money on the lunch program and that some schools have grants for organic products. She said the district takes testing seriously and should take the quality of food as seriously. She said it is important to have quality food. Ms. Chadwick said Barb Cenci and Annie Strange were once on a committee regarding student health and the lunch program. She said wellness is important and would love to see more done around health and wellness. She stated the purpose of these meetings was to have these kinds of discussions.

Ms. Anderson mentioned Mr. Hendrickson's resignation as a Board member and asked how a new one would be appointed. Mr. Vogeler said the Board has to recognize the resignation at a regularly scheduled board meeting and that would not be until September. Ms. Nelson said they could take applications at any time. Mr. Vogeler suggested interviewing board candidates at the September meeting.

Ms. Anderson said she hopes to see some changes by September. Mr. Vogeler said food service has a lot of federal rules and when you take federal dollars you are bound by the federal rules about serving size, food content, etc. Amy Chadwick said we can look at what other options there are out there. Adam Rose wanted to second Marijane's comment about focusing on food-related issues. Adam Rose said that his kids really like the salad bar, but he doesn't feel like it is the school's responsibility to feed his kids. He said his kids like to eat school lunch, though sometimes it seems like the food comes straight out of a box. Karl Johnson said inventory for the salad bar has gone through some great weeks and some rough weeks when the school was not able to get the products they needed, this is a similar struggle for grocery stores. Ms. Nelson said there have been times we have had to run to Okie's to get items. Mr. Vogeler said food service has complex regulations and it can be complicated. Mr. Garcia asked what the federal rules and constraints were and whether the district/community could source our own products. Mr. Vogeler said the district would have to pay for the full program if they did not follow the federal program. The District could no longer receive subsidies or commodities. Ms. Chadwick said they might need to see the hard data. Mr. Vogeler said everything goes through OSPI. OSPI does a nutrition program review, and they look at menus and other things. Ms. Anderson asked if the Board knew what other schools were doing. Ms. Nelson said she believes other schools are similar to us. Ms. Vogeler said he would like to do a review this year and have more discussions about the food program. He said September would be too early to make changes. He said those are questions he would like to see on a survey. Mr. Garcia asked where he could find the regulations. Mr. Vogeler said he could find them on OSPI's website under Child Nutrition Services. He said it would be great if a community member wanted to do some of the leg work and talk with other districts.

Mr. Garcia requested the survey focus on the community's top concerns and the Board develop a five year plan for those concerns. Ms. Anderson asked when the survey would take place. Mr. Vogeler said they have not taken action on the survey yet. Ms. Chadwick said it is never too late to ask the community their concerns and it would be nice to get the survey out. However, it might look weird if the Board is defining their goals and then send out a survey. Ms. Anderson asked if one of the goals could be to get the survey out and then revisit the goals in another meeting. Mr. Garcia said it may be good to acknowledge the survey responses and then act on the easier responses and prioritize the other responses. Mr. Vogeler said the District did strategic planning in the late 90's. He said it may be time to do that again with the Youth Camp closing. He stated there could be some big changes to the community. He questioned what education could look like in 10-15 years. He said education hasn't really changed much in 100 years. Ms. Nelson said we are heading into a whole new era. Mr. Garcia asked Mr. Vogeler to clarify his comment about no change in 100 years. He said he believed it has changed a lot in the last 50 years. Mr. Vogeler said the model for grade school, middle school and high school hasn't really changed. Ms. Nelson said there have been changes the last few years with Covid. There have been new options for online school. She said a lot of people are changing the way they do school. Mr. Vogeler said he thinks there could be a lot of change with high schools. He thinks there could be more of a hybrid of homeschool and in-school learning. Haleigh See said high school in Finland is radically different and that some kids in Finland start trade school in 10th grade. She said she could see the possibility of changes coming that are similar. Mr. Rose asked if a hard deadline for the survey could be set today. Ms. Nelson said there had been previous concerns about some of the locally driven questions. She asked what the questions would be and said if they are too broad you don't get good data. She said she does not think developing the survey internally is the best way of going about it. Mr. Vogeler said to identify the data you're looking for and use a company so it is unbiased. Mr. Eaton said the Board could come up with topics and the company can form the questions. Ms. Nelson said these companies are expensive so this isn't the kind of thing we could do every few months. She asked if they were considering a call out or a mail out. Mr. Vogeler said the money spent for the survey would be worth it. Ms. Chadwick asked if they Board could find out how much it would cost and what topics to include. Mr. Vogeler said topics could be food service, facilities, choice transfers in and out of the district. He said they could discuss this more at the next meeting.

Mr. Vogeler shared some of his goal ideas including work sessions, community survey, Board documents on the website, continuation of Zoom meetings and recording board meetings. Ms. Chadwick said if it can be done efficiently there should be a digital way for people to access the meetings. Mr. Garcia asked if Zoom costs money. Mr. Johnson said it does not. Mr. Garcia said he thinks people would use it. Mr. Vogeler asked if there is interest in continuing Zoom. Mr. Garcia and Ms. Gardner said yes. Mr. Johnson suggested a Board policy on how long recordings should be kept for records request purposes. Ms. Hunt said this is something to think about and there does not need to be decisions made immediately.

Mr. Vogeler said a structural goal is to review policy and procedures to make sure they align with state law. He suggested

reviewing two to three policies a month. He said for accountability he would like to review academic programs on a cyclical basis and review campus safety and emergency planning. He said for advocacy he would like to prepare for strategic planning in the 23/24 school year.

Ms. Chadwick said she understood goals to be larger items and not specific, but more of a mission. She said she likes the idea of a mission statement to be something like "ensuring excellence in education for every student." She said stakeholder relations is very important to her. She said she can put something together for Board goals that is more refined, and the Board could then consider them.

Ms. Nelson said there will have to be building goals regardless if the Board goals are ready. She said she sees goals as overarching. The Board goals over the superintendent's goals, which are over the principal goals and you narrow it down as you go. She said it feels like we are currently digging out of the last few years and are starting new. She said she would like her job to get back to focusing on teaching and learning.

Ms. See stated she does not want her teacher goals to be around Covid. She said she wants them to be around teaching and content. She said she knows they still have to be safety conscious, but wants her goals to be about content.

Ms. Hunt said the Board mission statement is out of date.

Mr. Garcia said it is important to have empirical measurement through time and maybe they should revisit their goals halfway through the year. He asked how they would take the measure. He said teachers and staff should come to Board meetings. He suggested the Board reach out to community members for help researching things.

Adjournment

Mr. Vogeler moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Motion carried.

Secretary to the Board

9-20-22

Date

Chair of the Board

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