

# Naselle-Grays River Valley School District No.155

Lisa Nelson, Superintendent  
Rhiana Jacot, Executive Secretary

Board of Directors:  
Aris Campbell, District 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, October 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school commons and via zoom.

Present: Amy Hunt, Lonnie Eaton, Amy Chadwick, Tyson Vogeler, Aris Campbell and Lisa Nelson.

## **Call to Order**

Ms. Hunt, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Vogeler moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to approve minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

## **Changes or Additions to the Agenda**

None

## **Consent Agenda – Approved as Presented**

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Mr. Vogeler to approve the consent agenda consisting of, payroll warrants 192236-192257 in the amount of \$385,139.65 general fund warrants 192178-192235 in the amount of \$94,676.36, ASB warrants 12949-12959 in the amount of \$6,375.01. Motion carried.

## **Public Comment**

Luke Gardner asked if the board had a new chair. Ms. Hunt stated that she is the acting chair after Mr. Hendrickson's resignation and a new chair will be voted on at the December meeting.

## **Personnel**

Ms. Chadwick moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to acknowledge the resignation of Kelsi Nelson, drama director. Ms. Chadwick asked what will happen to the drama program. Ms. Nelson said the position will soon be posted. Motion carried.

Mr. Vogeler moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the hire of Michael Johnson, para-educator, for 2022-23 school year, pending background check. Mr. Vogeler asked for further information about the tech grant. Ms. Nelson explained it was determined in the last few years of COVID that there were equity issues for technology. Mr. Johnson applied for a tech grant. This grant has been used to purchase additional computers and personnel. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the hire of Karl Johnson, knowledge bowl coach. Motion carried.

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

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

Mr. Vogeler moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to acknowledge the continuation of unsafe walk routes. Ms. Nelson explained that students living within one mile of the school do not receive transportation funding because they are considered able to walk to school. However, in an area without sidewalks or safe ways of walking to school, the board can acknowledge unsafe walk routes and these students can be claimed for funding. Mr. Vogeler recommend looking for grants to help improve those routes. Ms. Nelson said they have looked in the past, but it seems as if there is usually a disqualifying event. Mr. Vogeler explained, when asked by a member of the public, what Cathlamet recently did for their school walk routes. He said he believed it was grant funded. Motion carried.

Ms. Chadwick moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to approve the Fall 2022 surplus list. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Mr. Vogeler to approve the out of area teaching assignment for Daniel Messing, band. Mr. Vogeler asked if Mr. Messing has a background teaching band. Ms. Nelson said he does not have much experience except he plays instruments himself. Mr. Laine said he is doing a good job, and even without a lot of experience, he was willing. Mr. Vogeler said he has personal experience with band and is willing to help Mr. Messing with anything he may need in teaching band. Motion carried.

## **Principals/Staff Reports**

Mr. Laine reported there were two successful spirit weeks, one for high school and the other for middle school. Football and Cheer senior night, and homecoming also went well. Mr. Laine said this week is Gear Up week, where various college and career choices are emphasized. Mr. Laine shared that the school has expanded their vocational offerings, walk-to-read program, and math assistance. Mr. Laine introduced Ron Wright who is helping in the robotics program and who has been heavily invested in the robotics program in the last two years. Mr. Laine also introduced Carrie Backman and Clarissa Colson. Clarissa Colson was hired by the WSU extension office to assist in teaching robotics.

Ms. Backman presented a new project they received grant funds for from Career Connect Washington. The grant is intended to help with preparation courses and apprenticeships in manufacturing and industrial technology. They plan to build from what students are currently learning in robotics and connect it to what students may want to pursue in the future. They will be training teachers in Wahkiakum and Naselle-Grays River Valley School Districts in teaching robotics, and mentoring those teachers already adept at teaching robotics. Ms. Backman said they are also bringing in industry partners such as Wahkiakum West.

Ms. Colson said she has been working with students in 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Ms. Colson showed a Lego robot that 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have been building and learning to program. The first week they did basic building and are now learning how to integrate what they learn in robotics into the core curriculum. Ms. Colson said 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are using more advanced and adaptive robots and programs. These students were given a challenge, then the students planned on how to meet the challenge and then presented their ideas.

Mr. Wright said the older students are learning to program and collect data and to make graphs from the data collected. He said the programming language the younger students are using for their robots is limited so they chose different robots for the middle and high school. The programming used in these robots is also used in real world programming. Mr. Wright said he hopes to have extensive connections throughout the robotics programs in the next few years. He said that WSU wants to study the robotics program in Naselle and Wahkiakum.

Ms. Backman said they are encouraged by the positive response and asked if the board had any questions.

Ms. Chadwick said her son participated in the robotics program last year and also was one of the students who travelled to Maryland for the international competitions and that he is now in a robotics class at WSU.

The board was in agreement that they would like to see a student demonstration of the robotics.



## **Superintendent's Report**

Ms. Nelson said the 21-22 financials closed out in October. There is currently over 2 million dollars in the general fund for operating costs, but she expects that to go down over the year.

The Templin Foundation issued a \$10,000 grant to help pay for a new football scoreboard. The scoreboard has been ordered, but won't be here before the end of the season.

The school's kitchen recently passed a surprise health inspection.

The initial survey is almost ready to be mailed. Voters rosters from both Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties have been gathered. The survey letter has a link to the survey that can be typed into a browser bar, or a QR code that can be scanned, and it includes a self-addressed envelope in case those who receive the survey prefer to write the answers out and return it by mail.

Mr. Vogeler said he agreed with that method.

Ms. Nelson considered that the letter may need to have a 'return by' date added. Ms. Chadwick agreed.

Ms. Nelson said she wanted to keep the survey letter to one page so it did not become overwhelming.

## **Board Member Reports and Future Agenda Items**

Ms. Eaton said the Naselle Assembly of God's food bank has not had people utilizing their services. The church board asked Mr. Eaton to find out if there was a way to donate some of this food to the school to use in a summer lunch program or if there were additional ideas to help families get the food they needed.

Mr. Vogeler reminded the board that one of their goals for this year is to review a couple of policies each month. Mr. Vogeler also asked about reviewing board operating procedures and the school district's safety plan. Mr. Vogeler asked if a workshop should be scheduled.

Ms. Nelson said on November 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a county-wide table top discussion to plan a large safety event in the summer.

Ms. Chadwick said a workshop would be helpful.

Ms. Nelson said some districts review policies by series. Currently, when WSSDA updates or releases a new policy it is brought to the board for review.

Mr. Vogeler said the board goals stated they would systematically review 2 to 3 policies per month. He suggested choosing policies that come up frequently and review those.

Mr. Eaton said they could eliminate ones they went over recently.

Ms. Nelson said her systematic approach has been to review the policies that WSSDA has updated and that she has seen several from WSSDA that have been updated at least five times in the last few years.

Mr. Vogeler stated that the purpose of a systematic review of policies was to make sure the board members and administration were aware of policy requirements and agree on the meaning of policy language. He gave an example from his previous district that had to do with out of state field trips. This policy required the board to approve out of state field trips, however the board was not aware of this requirement.

Mr. Vogeler asked Ms. Nelson to pick a few policies for the November meeting that come up fairly frequently. Ms. Nelson asked if this was for a first read. Mr. Vogeler replied it would just be a review and if it is determined there needs to be changes then they could make those changes.

Ms. Chadwick said to meet their goal of reviewing policies then they would need to review 2 to 3 policies per month. She suggested that Ms. Nelson choose some that are more relevant than others.

Ms. Nelson suggested it may make the most sense to start with student policies.

Mr. Vogeler asked the board to decide on a workshop date.

Ms. Chadwick suggested something before the December meeting.

Ms. Nelson asked what the agenda would be for the workshop. There was consensus that the agenda items would be review of the board-superintendent operating principles and review and discussion of the district comprehensive school safety plan.

Mr. Vogeler said state statute protects parts of the school safety plan from public disclosure. He said the statute talks about items that reveal vulnerabilities are not subject to disclosure and likely cannot be discussed in public. He said he would be happy to see the safety plan in advance and highlight what he thinks is non-disclosable.

The board decided to hold its next workshop on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m..

**Adjournment**

Ms. Chadwick moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried.



Secretary to the Board

11-15-22

Date



Acting Chair

11-15-22

Date