

Naselle-Grays River Valley School District No.155

Lisa Nelson, Superintendent
Rhiana Jacot, Executive Secretary

Board of Directors:

Tyson Vogeler, District 1
Amy Hunt, District 2
Aris Campbell, District 3
Amy Chadwick, District 4
Lonnie Eaton, District 5

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library 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 Mr. Eaton to approve minutes, as amended, for the October 18, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Changes or Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Vogeler stated he was confused about the review of the policies in agenda item 9D. He asked if this was a first read of the policies or a review of existing policies. Ms. Nelson said some are existing policies and some are new policies that have to do with safety and security that the board had asked her to provide.

Mr. Vogeler stated that action taken in the current meeting on Policy 1400 would violate current policy on the policy approval process which states that policies must go through two readings. He asked it to be changed from “consider changing” to “info and discussion.” He stated he had emailed Superintendent Nelson earlier in the day about statutory public notice requirements for policies not required by law, and he thought proper public notice of the proposed changes to this policy had not been provided. He said the intent of the statute is to provide the public notice of what actions the board might take on policies.

Mr. Eaton said he recalled previous discussions about board meetings in Grays River and asked for clarification. Ms. Nelson said the policy was suspended during Covid and a couple of months ago it was unsuspended. She added that the agenda was marked as “consider a change to Policy 1400.” Ms. Nelson stated that with the Zoom requirements and the current technology being used during meetings, she was not sure if the Grays River Fire Hall had adequate Wi-Fi to handle the new technology. Ms. Nelson said there have been concerns expressed in the past about changing meetings throughout the year because it caused confusion for some.

Mr. Vogeler asked if Ms. Nelson had researched the history of the meetings in Grays River like he asked her to. Ms. Nelson said when she became superintendent, she suggested that board meetings be held at the Grays River Fire Hall, three times a year. The Grays River Fire Hall was selected as the location because it was a new building with new technology. Ms. Nelson said she reached out to Alan Bennett, former superintendent, who shared that there were meetings at Rosburg School once or twice a year, but eventually those stopped, and instead, Mr. Bennett would attend Grange meetings or luncheons with members of the community and provide occasional updates. Ms. Nelson added that she started with the district in 2008 and no meetings were being held at Grays River at that time, which was why she suggested adding them. Meetings had not been held there at least for the past 15 years. Mr. Vogeler said he didn't know the history of the merger of the two districts, but he thought it was likely that when the districts merged there was some agreement to

hold some meetings in Grays River.

Consent Agenda – Approved as Presented

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to approve the consent agenda consisting of, payroll warrants 192311-192333 in the amount of \$386,107.87 general fund warrants 192258-192310 in the amount of \$114,469.46, ASB warrants 12960-12973 in the amount of \$9,794.85. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Karen Bertroch stated there would be times it would be beneficial to have the meetings in Grays River. She said it is important to remember the past when the districts were separate. She said she will always encourage the board to meet in Grays River at least once or twice per year.

Personnel

Executive session to be conducted after board reports.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve overnight travel for winter sports and activities. Motion carried.

Ms. Chadwick moved, seconded by Mr. Vogeler to approve the Highly Capable Plan for the 2022–23 school year. Motion carried.

Item 9C: Policy 1400 -- Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum, info and discussion.

Mr. Vogeler stated that he cannot, as a representative for the Grays River Valley community, support making it more difficult for his constituents to attend meetings. Zoom is not an option for many of the residents, and Mr. Vogeler did not think the district is yet doing a great job with Zoom meetings. It is an expense for residents to travel 18 miles to Naselle and it is a burden for those on a fixed income. Mr. Vogeler stated that we owe it to the Grays River Valley community to have board meetings in Grays River. Mr. Vogeler said that many Grays River Valley members feel like the “GRV” part of the district is being eroded and erased. Mr. Vogeler added that if having meetings in both locations is confusing perhaps all the meetings could be at Grays River.

Review of WSSDA Policies:

Policy 3225, School Based Threat Assessment

Ms. Nelson said this policy is relatively new and examines underlying triggers or behavior patterns in students and allows for discussions with parents about student behaviors. This is based on a multi-disciplinary team approach. Mr. Vogeler stated that according to statute the district was supposed to adopt a policy and procedure before the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Vogeler read the controlling statute. He asked if we are using the ESD 112 threat assessment service and Ms. Nelson confirmed the district does. Ms. Nelson shared that the district was using the process and that staff had been trained on it.

Ms. Nelson responded and said WSSDA recently released this policy. Mr. Vogeler said this policy was available before the 2020-21 school year. He stated that we need to move to a second reading and adoption next month because this was supposed to be adopted before September 2020.

Policy 3424, Opioid Related Overdose Reversal

Ms. Nelson said this is not a required policy. It is a policy schools may want to implement. This policy allows school districts to have opioid reversal medication on site. It is currently being debated in superintendent meetings in the ESD. Reversal medication, named Naloxone, comes in two varieties. One is nose spray, the second is an injection. Most schools are interested in getting the nose spray. Ms. Nelson said she brought this policy to the board to see if it is an avenue that

the board would like to pursue. Ms. Nelson said that though the policy is not required, if the board chooses to adopt the policy then the district is required to make a good faith effort to procure the medication.

Ms. Nelson said she had not checked on the availability of the medications as she wanted to first have the discussion with the board. Ms. Chadwick said that she thought if WSSDA wrote a policy on opioid reversal that there would be avenues for the District to get the medication. Mr. Vogeler said that the medication is a relatively small expense and that it is the best treatment for opioid overdose. As an EMT, he witnessed a heroin overdose and the life-saving effects of Narcan. He was in favor of adopting the policy. Mr. Eaton observed that in some locations they are giving doses of Naloxone away, so the expense cannot be great. He said when he was in the State Patrol that they were trained to administer the medication. Ms. Chadwick noted that the medication will not do harm if administered when the problem is not an opioid overdose.

Mr. Garcia said as an EMT and first responder, he does not see any downside to getting this medication on the premises. He said it is a lifesaver and it is worth the cost. He noted that the Naselle Fire Department has some Narcan on their ambulances, but sometimes a full-grown man needs multiple doses. He also noted that advanced life support has to come from Astoria and can be delayed.

Policy 4210, Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises

Ms. Nelson said the revisions are not required for adoption, but brought them to the board for consideration. The first revision is that no district employee may bring any firearm or dangerous weapon onto any district property without prior authorization of the superintendent. The second is that no person or entity renting, leasing, or otherwise being granted the right to temporary use of district property may possess, or allow its guests to possess, firearms or dangerous weapons on district premises. Ms. Nelson added that the district has had different entities rent the facility in the past.

Ms. Chadwick noted that there were exceptions in the policy. Ms. Nelson said she had wanted to start with the two paragraphs she had highlighted. She said there are events that are at the school but are not a school function.

Mr. Vogeler said State law reads that no persons except law enforcement and district security can possess a weapon within the building whether it is a school function or not. The proposed paragraph says no firearms or dangerous weapons will be allowed on anywhere school grounds, including in the parking lot or in a personal vehicle. He said the board cannot grant the public permission to have a firearm inside of buildings except as provided in state law. Mr. Vogeler stated if he was an employee who worked late at night, he would hope the board would allow him to keep a firearm locked in his vehicle for protection when he returns home. He does not support the revision of paragraph one or paragraph two. Ms. Nelson replied that she would also like to delete paragraph one and paragraph two.

Mr. Garcia said a handful of students including his own children participate in karate off campus and use nunchucks or a katana which are occasionally in the car when his kids are picked up from sports' practices. This could potentially cause problems for people who have these materials in their cars. Mr. Garcia also stated that gun free zones are places where people can come to cause harm. There are a lot of nefarious individuals who travel through this area along Highway 4. He said as the Sheriff Elect, he prefers the citizens to be able to protect themselves. He added that if the school had concerns with safety or active shooters to call him and he would take care of it.

Ms. Nelson read and clarified some of the exemptions to the prohibitions on possession of weapons. She noted that personal protection spray devices are legal for students over 13 to carry with parent permission and for non-students over 18 years of age.

Mr. Vogeler also suggested striking the words "not employed by the district" under the section labeled Exceptions. This change would allow an employee over 18 years of age to have a firearm or other dangerous weapon in their vehicle and not be in violation of policy. This would still prohibit students from possessing dangerous weapons.

4310, District Relationship with Law Enforcement

Ms. Nelson said the big item in this policy is the district's working agreements made with regular law enforcement vs. immigration agencies. The district cooperates with a variety of agencies including law enforcement, Child Protective Services, and other advocacy groups. However, the district is not required to allow immigration officers to speak with children without the request first meeting certain legal requirements. She added that the school is a place for students to

feel safe and if the students saw their peers being removed from school, they would not want to come to school. It would cause a lot of trauma. This policy provides guidance to help protect students and staff.

Principals/Staff Reports

Mr. Laine congratulated the volleyball team for a third-place finish at state.

Mr. Laine also congratulated Brynn Tarabochia for being recruited by Lower Columbia College to play volleyball and Haley Eastham has signed with Corban University to play fast pitch.

Ms. Laine said the football team won their state playoff game against ACH last Saturday. They will play Odessa on the 19th in Moses Lake.

Mr. Laine shared with the board the many league awards that were given to athletes in both volleyball and football.

Mr. Laine stated that the Veterans Day assembly went really well. Over 40 veterans were honored and there would have been quite a few more except some were unable to attend due to illness or work. Mr. Laine thanked the many students and staff who helped prepare for and participate in the assembly.

Mr. Laine said the quarter ended November 2nd. Student led conferences will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Mr. Laine also shared that the robotics program continues to go well. Ms. Holt started an after-school program called Students Who Code. The 5th grade is visiting Camp Rilea for STEM activities and the 6th grade has been invited to participate also. Knowledge Bowl has had their first meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Nelson said the fund balance is currently \$2.2 million. It goes a bit backwards each month due to retaining staff after the Naselle Youth Camp closed, but the district is in overall good financial standing.

Enrollment has held steady at 301 FTE for November.

Ms. Nelson shared she had received word that day that the district received a grant for \$25,500 for outdoor education activities.

So far 31 surveys had been received from those recently sent out. November 15th was the requested day for returning the surveys. Surveys will continue to be accepted. Mr. Vogeler asked if during the student conferences if parents could have an opportunity to be reminded of the survey and fill one out while they attended. Mr. Vogeler also recommended posting a reminder on Facebook for registered voters.

Ms. Nelson said the preliminary agenda for the December 6th workshop would include, safety planning, board/superintendent operating principles, and superintendent evaluation policy/procedures.

Mr. Vogeler asked about executive session to discuss safety plan vulnerabilities. He offered to do a walk-through of the campus with Ms. Nelson to check for vulnerabilities and asked Mr. Eaton if he would like to join.

Trent Garlock asked if there would be training for those who administer the opioid reversal medication. He said he personally witnessed administration of Narcan and was surprised by how aggressive the person was after receiving the doses. Ms. Nelson and the board assured Mr. Garlock that there would be training.

Board Member Reports and Future Agenda Items

Ms. Chadwick asked how far along the district was in the process of updating the board policies with the new system. Karl Johnson said it is still in process. They have the basic design finished and have nearly completed the 1000 series.

Superintendent Evaluation

Executive session (RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) Evaluate the performance of a public employee.

Ms. Hunt recessed the meeting at 7:36 p.m. to executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee. Ms. Hunt expected to be adjourned for about 45 minutes.

At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Vogeler said they expected to be an additional 15 minutes in executive session.

Ms. Hunt called the meeting back to order at 8:33 p.m.

Adjournment

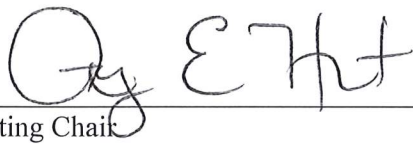
Mr. Vogeler moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried.



Secretary to the Board

1-17-23

Date



Acting Chair

1-17-23

Date