

# 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

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom and in the MS commons.

Present: Chuck Hendrickson, Amy Chadwick, Amy Hunt, Lonnie Eaton 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**

None

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

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Hunt to approve the consent agenda consisting of, payroll warrants 191032-191053 in the amount of \$534,589.78, general fund warrants 190972-191031 in the amount of \$162,609.37 and Board minutes from July 20, 2021. Motion carried.

## **Public Comment**

The Board chair read a statement regarding the statewide mask mandate and how schools will lose funding if not in compliance. Challenging the state is not really a viable option. Previous challenges to Governor's orders have failed. The School's primary focus is to have kids back in school and remain as safe as possible. The Board addressed a variety of questions about the mask mandate with regard to school operations and athletics. The Board stated that 3 feet distancing is now allowed and that the school cannot accommodate 6 feet distancing with all students in attendance. Mask breaks are built into the daily schedule for students and staff. Parents were asked how they would respond if the school was closed due to non-compliance. Everyone agreed there was a lot of frustration around the topic of masks and the Board members thanked the audience for coming and participating.

Parent, Marijane Anderson raised her concerns and frustrations about the mask mandate in schools stating various reasons for students not wear masks such as athletics, communication with friends, and difficulty breathing. Anderson asked when the school was going to challenge these mandates, and expressed her concerns about not getting answers.

Parent, Jeff Tarabochia stated his concerns about student vaccination issues and the loss of citizens' rights.

Parent, Brandi Tarabochia stated her concerns and frustrations with certain children having health issues and masks making it difficult while at school. She expressed that, although, students do get sick from Covid, they quickly recover. She indicated our rights as citizens are being taken away and that no one is standing up to the mandates.

Parent, Stacey Katyryniuk asked how to find out what other schools conducted Covid testing during the past school year.

Parent, Katrina Erickson stated that her kids are returning to school in the fall after a year of homeschooling. She cited data from the American Pediatrics Association with regard to children wearing masks and how this interferes with their ability to interpret body language and verbal and non-verbal communication. She felt we are setting up our kids for failure.

Citizen, Christina Miller stated her concerns about students wearing masks. She stated health concerns regarding cavities, and that masks made it hard for students to learn language and non-verbal communications. She stated that numerous kids are getting Covid, but almost none have died. She indicated that masks are a form of child abuse and that the Board has the power to go against the mandate.

Parent, Ed Hunt presented medical information regarding Covid-19 and the Delta variant with its spike and associated risks. He stated his preference for school remaining open and students wearing masks, as opposed to school being forced to shut down. The choice is to open school with masks or not have school. He indicated that many schools across the Nation have already started and been shut down this year due to Covid. Masks are a layer of mitigation and that what is going on locally, does not always indicate what is happening external to our area.

An unidentified person indicated that she believes in public education, but has concerns regarding students wearing masks in school. She felt that masks are of no value and filthy traps.

Grandparent, Renee Smith stated her concerns about the ability to keep students safe if they weren't masked.

Citizen, Karen Wirkkala thanked the Board and the staff for prioritizing student safety. She sympathized with concerned parents over the mask mandate, and also indicated student safety is crucial.

The Board thanked all who presented concerns and frustrations during the meeting. The Board stated that they always welcome input and questions from the community. Board members stated that they have been elected to make good decisions for students.

Superintendent Nelson stated that Board meeting notices are posted at both post offices in the community, as well as on the school web page and at the District Office. She mentioned that masks in school are certainly an issue with a lot of opinions and thoughts, but that she did not want to be responsible for doing anything less than making every effort to keep students safe. Going against State mandates or the Governor's orders was not something she planned to do. The school would continue to exercise caution.

Parent, Rachel Katyryniuk asked about spectator limits during athletic events this coming school year.

Nelson stated that there has not yet been a decision regarding spectators during sporting events, but WIAA was expected to release something soon. At the moment, WIAA has relaxed rules around masking mandates for athletes while they are participating in practices or games.

## **Personnel**

Ms. Hunt moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to acknowledge the resignation of Aldrich Smith, asst. boys' basketball and baseball coach. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to acknowledge the resignation of Amber Haataia, regular route bus driver and retain as a sub. Discussion was had about new bus driver applicants and new drivers in training. Motion carried.

Ms. Chadwick moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to acknowledge the resignation of Kayti Updike, middle school Volleyball coach. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to acknowledge the resignation of Russell Hickman, middle school girls' basketball coach. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to approve the hire of Russell Hickman, head girls' basketball coach. Motion carried.

Ms. Chadwick moved, seconded by Ms. Hunt to approve the hire of Ryley Queener, middle school football coach. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Hunt to approve the hire of William Cody Olsen, teacher, pending background check. Motion carried.

Ms. Hunt moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to approve the hire of Kelsi Nelson, conditional teacher. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Hunt to approve the hire of Erick Campisi, regular route bus driver. Motion carried.

Ms. Hunt moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to approve the hire of Kayti Updike, C-squad volleyball coach. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to approve the overnight and out of district travel for fall sports and activities. Motion carried.

Ms. Hunt moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to approve a school nursing contract with Pacific County, \$NTE 20,000. Motion carried.

Ms. Chadwick moved, seconded by Mr. Eaton to approve the salary changes to the Naselle Coaches contract. Discussion was had about previous raise. Motion carried.

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Hunt to approve Policy 3510 as its immediate adoption is in the best interests of students. Motion carried.

Ms. Hunt moved, seconded by Ms. Chadwick to approve the Fall surplus list. Motion carried.

**Principals/Staff Reports**

None.

**Superintendent's Report**

Ms. Nelson presented information regarding the definitions of equity and equality as well as a budget snapshot. Discussion was held about Board goals.

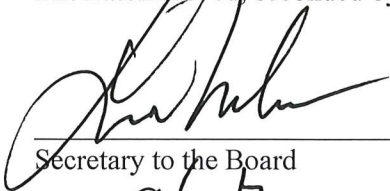
Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Hunt to adopt Board Goals for 2021-22 school year.

**Board Member Reports and Future Agenda Items**

Ms. Chadwick thanked the public attendees for bringing their questions and concerns to the Board.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Eaton moved, seconded by Ms. Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.



Secretary to the Board

9/21/21

Date



Chairman of the Board

9/21/21

Date