

**Nyssa School Board Minutes
Nyssa, OR**

Date: September 12, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM - Regular Session

Location: Boardroom of Administration Building

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqiPYR14VSsPQWF6wk00qNg/videos>

Board Members Present: Susan Ramos, Megan Robbins, Donnie Ballou, Pat Morinaka, Jeremy Peterson

Board Members Absent: Marlon Wilson, Alesha Munk

Staff Members Present: Superintendent Johnson, Crystal Rideau, Megan Glenn, Luke Cleaver, Matt Murray, Araceli Gomez, Keta Cline, Brett Jackman, Travis Sapp, Jacoby Hernandez, Naomi Rich, Freddie Rideau, Gina Freel, Roger Hunter, Veronica Bunn, Noemi Melendez, Jesse Melendez, David McDonald, Chris Carlton, Cindy Ramos, Raquel Duenas

Community Members Present: Mr. & Mrs. Ken Dickey, Michael Duenaz, Jazlene Melendez, Hailey Harnden and family, Scott Rodriguez (Oregon Lottery), Maria Ibarra Sendolla and family

Members of the Press Present: None

Call to Order

Board Chair Susan Ramos called the Regular Session meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Board Chair Susan Ramos called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Pat Morinaka made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Jeremy Peterson. Motion carried.

Commendations

A) Students

Elementary K-2nd

Principal Matt Murray introduced the K-2nd grade student of the month as Maria Ibarra Sendolla. Maria is in the dual language program. She is helpful and brings a smile everyday. Maria participates eagerly in class discussions.

Elementary 3rd-5th

Principal Matt Murray introduced the 3rd-5th grade student of the month as Jazlene Melendez. Jazlene is an example of hard work and dedication to academics. She is respectful and self motivated.

Middle

Vice Principal Araceli Gomez introduced the middle school student of the month as Hailey Harnden. Hailey is eager to learn new things and always ready to help her peers. Hailey has a positive and enthusiastic attitude. She is empathetic to others and strives to reach her full potential.

High

Principal Brett Jackman introduced the high school student of the month as Kylee Zosell. Kylee is a senior who has overcome challenges quietly and with dignity and someone who advocates for her learning. She has stepped out of her comfort zone and has gained confidence with peers and teachers.

B) Staff

Principal Matt Murray introduced the staff of the month as Raquel Duenas. Fellow co-workers state that Raquel looks out for what is best for our students and communicates students' needs with teachers. Raquel is level-headed and interacts with difficult students with patience.

Visiting Patrons & Delegations

A) Freddie Rideau & Gina Freel - Food Services

Board Chair Susan Ramos gave the floor to Gina Freel, Child Nutrition Director. Gina provided the board with a handout. Gina Freel wanted to address the board since there are new members and explain how the food service program works and how it is funded.

Handout on file at the District Office.

B) Ryan Hawkins & Angie Arriola

Ryan Hawkins and Angie Arriola were not present at tonight's meeting. Scott Rodriguez with the Oregon Lottery was in attendance to present Ken Dickey as a Regional Teachers Award recipient. Mr. Dickey was one of 16 Regional teachers recognized. Mr. Dickey has taught for 29 years and recently retired July 1st. He made science fun for students. Scott Rodriguez presented Mr. Dickey with a check from the Oregon Lottery for \$1,000.

Superintendent Report

- 1. Title 1C - We are continuing to work with the Oregon Department of Education as they complete the re-interview process. We have received some preliminary findings, but expect more in the near future, and will share as it becomes available.**

ODE is still working through information. There is no new information to share with the board.

2. Homecoming activities just completed

Superintendent Johnson gave a brief update on Homecoming events and sports.

3. High School student body officers will be elected next week.

Once student body officers are elected Superintendent Johnson will speak with their advisor regarding a member addressing the board monthly at regular board meetings.

4. New policies packet

Board Policies are being reviewed by Superintendent Johnson with suggestions on recommended edits. Once those are completed the board will receive their packet to review with suggestions from Superintendent Johnson for next month's board meeting.

5. TVT update (Handout)

Handout given to the board for review regarding TVT programs in the county. The purpose of these programs are to certify students to be able to work after high school.

Handout on file at the District Office.

6. Enrollment:

- a. Nyssa Elementary = 547**
- b. Nyssa Middle = 305**
- c. Nyssa High = 360**
- TOTAL = 1,212**
- d. Nyssa Virtual (My Tech High) = 147**

Superintendent Johnson asked Maintenance Supervisor, Jesse Melendez to be present while he addressed the board regarding Makerspace. Malheur ESD is asking for the Nyssa School District to house a Makerspace on our campus. It has been suggested that the old art room modular undergo renovations to be able to provide this space. Those renovations would include HVAC, plumbing and electrical. This expenditure is a large amount for an old structure, which is currently being used as storage. November 14-15 there will be people on site to assess the building and needs. The board would

like the district to review other options to accommodate the makerspace before any decision is made.

Pat Morinaka wanted to remind the board members that the next Poverty to Prosperity meeting will be held Sept. 28th at 8am.

Financial Report

Business Manager Crystal Rideau presented the financials for the month of August. Revenue for the month was \$1.1 million with expenditures of \$673k. Over \$200k of that expenditures were on annual renewals, online programs, and memberships for the year. Middle school bond balance is \$63k. Early Head Start ended the month over \$45k in the black. Food service ended the month with \$21,856 in black. There were 5 payrolls run in the month of August.

Consent Agenda

- A) Approve minutes of the August 8, 2022 Regular Session meeting and minutes from Special Session Board Retreat on August 16, 2022.**

Board Chair Susan Ramos called for a motion to approve the minutes of August 8th Regular Session and August 16th Board Retreat. Pat Morinaka made a motion to approve the minutes from August 8th and 16th; seconded by Donnie Ballou. Motion carried unanimously.

- B) Approve Financial Reports as presented**

C) Hire:

- 1. Marlena Fleming - Food Service**
- 2. Erin De Anda - HS English (Contingent on Licensure)**
- 3. Jose Sanchez - HS Assistant Football**
- 4. Jeremy Chamberlain - HS Assistant Football**
- 5. Kathryn Johnson - HS Assistant Volleyball**
- 6. Adam Van Meter - MS Football**
- 7. Melissa Vargas - HS Student Council**
- 8. Veronica Bunn - HS Newspaper**
- 9. Yesenia Becerril - Migrant Program Specialist (Transfer from HS Office Manager)**
- 10. Alexis Lopez - Custodian**
- 11. Kendalee Garner - HS Instructional Assistant**
- 12. Stephanie Winkel - HS Instructional Assistant**

D) Resignations:

- 1. Yesenia Prado - Custodian**
- 2. Melissa Vargas - HS Newspaper**
- 3. Melissa Vargas - HS Yearbook**
- 4. Carlos Murana - HS Assistant Football**
- ~~5. Sara Sapp - HS Pep Club Advisor~~**

Board Chair Susan Ramos called for a motion to approve the remaining items in the consent agenda as presented. Pat Morinaka made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Jeremy Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business on tonight's agenda.

New Business

A) Vacant Lot

Nyssa School District inherited a vacant lot by Mrs. Ewing. Unfortunately this property is becoming harder to maintain. Superintendent Johnson's recommendation is to sell the property. The money from the sale of the property would help economically disadvantaged students to play sports. The board suggested forming a committee to decide how that money is spent within those parameters. Jeremy Peterson made a motion to begin the process in selling the vacant lot; seconded by Donnie Ballou. Motion carried unanimously.

B) English Learners in Oregon Annual Report 2020-21

Superintendent Johnson reviewed the English Learners in Oregon Annual Report for 2020-21 with the board. Board members were supplied with a copy of the report, which is also posted on the District website and on file at the District Office for community access.

C) OSBA Board of Directors- Nominations

Board Chair Susan Ramos asked if there were any nominations. Pat Morinaka addressed the board and suggested that the board support the current Position 1 representative, Chris Cronin in her campaign for re-election. There were no nominations from our board.

D) Board Vacancy - Marlon Wilson (Resignation)

Board Chair Susan Ramos announced that board member Marlon Wilson has resigned his seat on the board. Board vacancy was announced for interested candidates. Due date for the candidate information sheet and letter of interest is September 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The Board will meet for a Work Session meeting on October 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to review candidate applications.

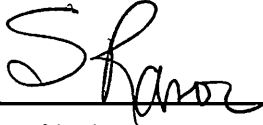
Board Study

A) Policy Updates

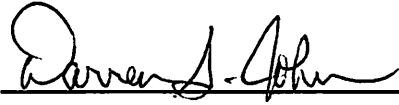
Superintendent Johnson let the board know that he will be making suggestions on language for policy updates. Once completed the board will receive hard copies to review. All board members currently have digital copies for review.

Adjournment

Board Chair Susan Ramos adjourned the Regular Session meeting at 8:03 p.m.



Chair/Vice Chair



Superintendent/Clerk

Board Minutes by Megan Glenn, District Administrative Secretary