

**Nyssa School Board Minutes
Nyssa, OR**

Date: October 10, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM - Executive Session

Time: 7:00 PM - Regular Session

Location: Boardroom of Administration Building

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Board Members Present: Susan Ramos, Megan Robbins, Donny Ballou, Pat Morinaka, Jeremy Peterson, Alesha Munk

Board Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Superintendent Johnson, Crystal Rideau, Megan Glenn, Luke Cleaver, Matt Murray, Brett Jackman, Roger Hunter, Veronica Bunn, Chris Carlton, Tracy Cleaver, Travis Sapp, Gina White, Jesse Melendez, Noemi Melendez, Melissa Vargas, Sara Sapp

Community Members Present: Jenn Goldthorpe, Emma Goldthorpe, Sara Goldthorpe, Lance Peterson, Kelsey Peterson, Winston Peterson, Alexandra Anaya, Apolinar Fermin, Maria Celedonio, Dora Cortez, Reyna Miranda, Valentin Miranda, Elideth Arreola Anaya, Alexander Fermin Celedonio, Francisco Miranda, Wendy Gammell, Gary Gammell, Cyarah McGoff-York, Lauren Sapp

Members of the Press Present: None

Call to Order

Board Chair Susan Ramos called the Regular Session meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Board Chair Susan Ramos called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Pat Morinaka made a motion to amend the agenda, requesting to speak prior to the Consent Agenda. Jeremy Peterson made a motion to adopt the agenda with amendment; seconded by Alesha Munk. Motion carried unanimously.

Commendations

A) Students

Elementary K-2

Principal Matt Murray introduced the elementary student of the month for grades kindergarten through second grade as Elideth Arreola Anaya. Elideth is a second grader in the dual language program. Elideth works hard to learn English as a newcomer to the United States and a monolingual Spanish speaker. She is a hard working student and tries her best. English is still new to her but she tries when asked. Elideth is a rule follower who is

diligent to do her best, she is a great example to others and is gaining more confidence as a learner.

Elementary 3-5

Principal Matt Murray introduced the elementary student of the month for grades third through fifth as Winston Peterson. Winston is also in the dual language program. He is an outstanding student who exhibits the ability to do well in all work. He excels in his Spanish skills and participates in conversations. Winston works hard, tries his best to improve and helps his classmates. Winston is also a member of the Bullpup Leadership Team with daily responsibilities.

Middle School- Principal Luke Cleaver introduced the student of the month at Alex Fermin Celedonio. Alex always has a smile on his face and is willing to attempt anything. He volunteers often and works hard while focusing on his work. He is always willing to ask questions and completes his work with effort and thoughtfulness. Alex has chosen his career topic as a Graphic Designer, rather than taking the easy route and printing all his pictures he drew all his own graphics. Alex takes his work seriously and his work ethic is appreciated. Although he is quiet, he is respectful and ready to learn and participate in class. He is engaging and ready to help others.

High School

Principal Brett Jackman introduced the high school student of the month as Emma Goldthorpe. Emma is taking difficult classes and on her way to be valedictorian. Emma is thoughtful, compassionate and caring. She participates in extracurriculars and has helped start a mental health support group at NHS. She is a great role model to others, she stays on task and works hard.

B) Volunteer(s)

Principal Luke Cleaver introduced this month's volunteer of the month as Francisco Miranda. Francisco is a wonderful supporter of his kids and all students at Nyssa. He wants students to have a great experience and is willing to attend all events. Francisco is great to work with especially the students. His relationship with staff feels more like a parternish. He really wants children and staff here at Nyssa to succeed.

C) Staff

Principal Luke Cleaver introduced Lori Heninger as the employee of the month. Lori works in the Special Education Department at the middle school. Although she works with challenging students she finds the capacity to help based on their needs. She is always willing to take on extra responsibilities and help ease case loads for others. She is a hard worker willing to take risks and help new staff. Lori started a class for struggling students to help academically even though they were not classified as Special Education students. Lori is also an active participant with school initiatives who is supportive of colleagues.

Visiting Patrons & Delegations

A) Lauren Sapp - High School ASB President

Board Chair Susan Ramos gave the floor to ASB President, Lauren Sapp. Lauren introduced herself to the board, she is a senior and elected ASB President who will

represent the student body at regular session board meetings. Lauren gave a brief update on activities, enrollment, and programs at the high school.

Lauren asked the board if there were specifics that they would like her to report on each month. Pat Morinaka would like Lauren to convey what the board does back to the student council and to bring questions, for the board, from the student body.

Report on file at the District Office.

B) Travis Sapp - MS Baseball & MS Softball

Board Chair Susan Ramos gave the floor to Travis Sapp. Travis and Tracy Cleaver wished to address the board regarding MS Baseball and MS Softball programs (handout provided to each board member). Last year middle school students participated in club baseball and softball. Due to the high volume of interested students Travis Sapp and Tracy Cleaver would like these sports to be sanctioned at the middle school level. By sanctioning these sports it would take a lot of the financial burden off coaches and parents and also help build the existing programs at the high school. There are several area schools with programs to make it sustainable.

Discussion followed.

Board members asked what the cost might be to sanction both baseball and softball at the middle school level. Travis said he will work with Business Manager, Crystal Rideau to create a financial breakdown. The board requested that information before any decisions are made.

Donnie Ballou entered the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Handout provided by Travis Sapp on file at the District Office.

C) Chris Carlton - Facility Use

Board Chair Susan Ramos gave the floor to Chris Carlton, who asked to address the board regarding the process for facility use. In reviewing policy KG and KG-AR Chris would like clarification on the procedure of requesting the use of outdoor facilities for example the soccer fields and providing a certificate of liability insurance for organizations requesting the use of facilities. There has been difficulty requesting the use of facilities for Recreational soccer teams for Nyssa youth. Due to the demand in youth wanting to play soccer Chris is also recommending a middle school club soccer team for both girls and boys.

Discussion followed.

Chris did not provide any data for the board regarding starting a club soccer program at the middle school level. They have requested for him to gather information and present it to the board at a later time for consideration.

Superintendent Report

1. Title 1C update - Hopefully some news to share soon.

Superintendent Johnson has a meeting scheduled with ODE on Wednesday.

2. The OSBA Fall Regional Dinner is scheduled for Monday, October 17th, from 6-8pm at Malheur ESD in Vale. OSBA will be going over school funding, legislative topics, and having discussions with board members.

Superintendent Johnson invited the board to the OSBA Fall Regional Dinner to be held on Oct. 17th in Vale.

3. Superintendent Goals (separate sheet)

Superintendent Johnson let the board know that within their Superintendent Report packet they will find his goals.

Goals on file at the District Office.

4. High School student body President Lauren Sapp in attendance

Lauren Sapp gave her report prior to the Superintendent Report.

5. Division 22 report

Superintendent Johnson presented the Division 22 Standards for Public Schools Report for 2021-22 to the board.

Division 22 Report is on file at the District office and posted to the District Website at www.nyssa.k12.or.us

6. HB 4030 committee and plan
a. Budget is approximately \$171,000

Superintendent Johnson provided the board with a handout regarding HB 4030 Grant which details a rough outline of initial ideas.

HB 4030 rough outline on file at the District Office

7. Student Investment Account (SIA)
a. Budget for this is \$1,076,046.37 (see attached)

Superintendent Johnson provided the board with a breakdown of SIA 2022-23 proposed expenditures.

2022-23 Student Success Act Planned Expenditures handout is on file at the District Office.

8. National School Lunch Week October 10-14.
a. Board members are encouraged to eat lunch in the cafeteria this week.

Superintendent Johnson invited the board members to visit the school cafeteria this week in support of cafeteria week.

Financial Report

Business Manager, Crystal Rideau presented the financials for the month of September. Revenue for the month was \$1,188,000.00 with expenditures of \$1,181,000.00. The district received the first bill from MTH for the 146 students who are enrolled. The Middle School bond has a balance of \$64k. Debt service payment of \$100k will be made in December. Early Head Start ended the month with \$36k. Food services ended the month with over \$44k. Snacks are being distributed to the elementary school currently with middle school and high beginning in October which will help increase revenue. Fiscal audit starts next week.

Financial Report on file at the District Office.

Pat Morinaka wanted to address the board and announce that she has been appointed as the area representative for the OSAA EAB (Eligibility Appeals Board) board.

Consent Agenda

- A) Approve minutes of the September 12, 2022 Regular Session meeting and minutes from Special Work Session meeting on October 4, 2022.**
- B) Approve Financial Reports as presented**
- C) Hire:**
 - 1. Erin DeAnda - HS Yearbook**
 - 2. Pedro Urrutia - HS Assistant Football**
 - 3. Veronica Bunn - HS Office Manager (Transfer from HS Instructional Assistant)**
 - 4. Sonia Gonzalez - Food Service**
 - 5. Naomi Castro - MS Instructional Assistant (Transfer from Transportation)**
 - 6. Robert Lee - Bus Driver**
 - 7. Ryan Tracy - HS Assistant Boys Basketball**
 - 8. Cassie Robinson - HS Instructional Assistant**
 - 9. Kathleen Burbank - District Testing Coordinator**
- D) Resignations:**
 - 1. Amy Mardock - Elem. Instructional Assistant**
 - 2. Samantha Moore - MS Instructional Assistant**
 - 3. Alexis Lopez-Salazar - Custodian**
 - 4. Daniel Alvarado - MS Instructional Assistant**
 - 5. Jesse Melendez - HS Assistant Boys Basketball**
 - 6. Chris Carlton - MS Wrestling**

Board Chair Susan Ramos called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alesha Munk made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Jeremy Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss at tonight's meeting.

New Business

A) Appointment of Position #2 Board Member (Term Expires June 30, 2023)

Board Chair Susan Ramos called for any nominations for board appointment from the four candidates interviewed on October 4th. Pat Morinaka made a motion to appoint Maribel Ramirez; seconded by Megan Robbins. All in favor: Megan Robbins, Pat Morinaka, Susan Ramos, Donny Ballou, Alesha Munk. Abstained from vote: Jeremy Peterson.

Maribel Ramirez was appointed to Position #2, term expiring June 30, 2022. Oath of Office will be administered at the next Regular Session meeting on November 14, 2022.

B) Division 22

Superintendent Johnson presented the Division 22 Standards for Public School Report for 2021-22 to the board during his Superintendent Report.

Board Study

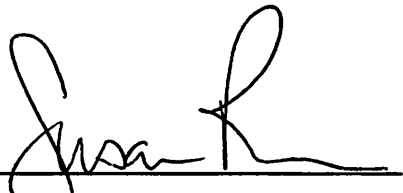
A) Policy Updates - August 2022

Board members were given their policy update packet with suggested edits from Superintendent Johnson to review for next month's meeting.

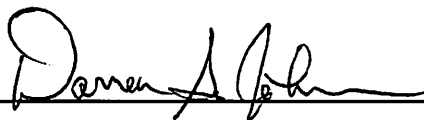
Board Chair Susan Ramos allowed a member of the audience to address the board. Wendy Gammel who is a parent of two high school students wanted to address bullying at the high school. She is concerned that bullying is getting out of control. Wendy would like to see parents held accountable for their children's actions regarding bullying. She brought up an example in Kuna, ID where parents are cited to pay a fine when their child is bullying others. She is hoping that the school would help back something like this for our community. Donny Ballou instructed Wendy that this is something that will need to be taken up with the City Council.

Adjournment

Board Chair Susan Ramos adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.



Chair/Vice Chair



Superintendent/Clerk

Board Minutes by Megan Glenn, District Administrative Secretary