

**Nyssa School Board Minutes  
Nyssa, OR**

**Date: October 24, 2022**

**Time: 6:30 PM - Work Session**

**Location: Boardroom of Administration Building**

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**Board Members Present:** Susan Ramos, Megan Robbins, Pat Morinaka, Jeremy Peterson, Alesha Munk, Maribel Ramirez (Oath of Office to be given 11/14/22), Donny Ballou

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Members Present:** Superintendent Johnson, Megan Glenn, Ryan Hawkins

**Community Members Present:** None

**Members of the Press Present:** None

**Call to Order**

Board Chair Susan Ramos called the Work Session meeting to order at 6:29 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 adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Maribel Ramirez. Motion carried.

**Business:**

**A) Ryan Hawkins - Calendar Committee Update**

Board Chair Susan Ramos gave the floor to Assistant Superintendent, Ryan Hawkins. Ryan wanted to update the board members regarding the calendar committee. The committee includes parents, staff (certified & classified), and the OSEA Union President. They have been meeting weekly for about a month. The goal is to gather feedback from stakeholders to be able to bring three 2023-24 calendar options to the board. The committee would like to gather as much information as possible for an informed and unified decision. The committee is working on gathering data from parents by creating a survey to send out during parent teacher conferences. The goal of the survey is to be non leading and to ask questions about issues they are facing that are important to them. The committee also needs to be mindful of their decision due to a shortened work week that would impact some classified staff. Several questions were asked to Ryan by the board.

Susan Ramos asked when the three options will be ready for the board to review.

Ryan Hawkins said they are hopeful the three options will be ready by December, but they do not want to rush the process.

Maribel Ramirez asked if a mass text would be sent to parents so they were aware of the survey being distributed during parent teacher conferences.

Ryans Hawkins said sending a mass text was a good idea and they are still working out all the details.

Alesha Munk asked how students were selected in voicing their input for the calendar.

Ryan Hawkins said that they will work on a survey targeting students. Seniors will probably be targeted first because they have been through several versions of a school calendar and most likely will have valid input.

Superintendent Johnson mentions that Nyssa and Four River are the only schools in a 100 mile radius doing a five day week.

Ryan Hawkins mentioned that Nyssa has just as many Fridays off as many surrounding schools, but it is marketed differently.

Jeremy Peterson asked if it would be important for our school schedules to align with other surrounding schools to fit sports schedules to be able to play.

Ryan Hawkins said that 23% of the high school population plays sports. We are looking at that topic, but we are not driving our decision based on sports.

Donny Ballou entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Ryan Hawkins mentioned that Cyndi Thompson is on the committee to represent the early learning portion. There are no daycares in Nyssa so they are taking into consideration that aspect in the calendar decision.

## **B) OSBA Meeting**

Board Chair Susan Ramos gave the floor to Pat Morinaka who wanted to give the board an update regarding the OSBA meeting hosted by the ESD that took place on Monday, October 17th. Those in attendance from OSBA were: Deputy Executive Director, Jim Green, legislative specialist, Richard Donovan, and Vice President for the OSBA Board of Directors Chris Cronin. Richard Donovan wanted school board members to be aware that the biennium State revenue forecast for 2023-25 is not looking good. This will affect how the legislature will distribute

money. This is a big portion of money for education. They announced that boards will also be asked to vote on a resolution to adopt the OSBA Legislative Priorities and Principles as recommended by the Legislative Policy Committee, in the coming weeks. Those in attendance included individuals from Vale, Adrian, Ontario, Pine Eagle, Baker, Burnt River, and Grant County.

### **C) Title 1C**

Board Chair Susan Ramos gave the floor to Superintendent Johnson to give an update on the Title 1C investigation. Superintendent Johnson said that he had a meeting with Jennifer Green from ODE who is over federal programs. Information gathered from ODE is now with the Department of Justice. There are no new updates to give at this time.

### **D) HS HVAC**

Superintendent Johnson also gave the board an update on the HS HVAC constructions project. He said that Beniton Construction is worried about the tight timeframe for completion. Beniton would like to start construction right after Memorial Day. If construction is still underway when school starts then plans will need to be made for student safety. Beniton believes that equipment will arrive on time once things are underway.

Discussion followed.

### **E) August 2022 Policy Updates**

Board Chair Susan Ramos gave the floor to Pat Morinaka to review August Policy updates from OSBA.

Policies were reviewed by board members along with suggestions from Superintendent Johnson.

Discussion followed.

The board was in agreement that they will not be adopting policies: BCF, CBC, EH, EH-AR, GCAA, GCBDB/GDBDB, GCPA, GCPA-AR, and IFE.

The board was in agreement that they would like to delete policy IGBBC.

The board would like to proceed with adoption/revision with discussed edits to policies: BBBA, CB, CPA, CPA-AR, GBEA, GDA, IGAC, IGAI, IGBAF, IGBAF-AR, IGBB, IGBB-AR,

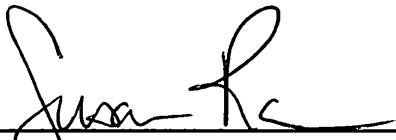
IGBBA, IGBBA-AR, IGDJ, IK, IKF, IMB, IMB-AR, JEA, JEA-AR, JGAB, KBA-AR, and GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(1). These policies will be on the next regular board meeting agenda for adoption/revision on November 14, 2022.


The board would like to review the following policies further: DBEA, EFA, GCDA/GDDA-AR, GCQB, IGBHE, JHC, and KBA.

Jeremy Peterson left the meeting at 8:55pm

**Adjournment**

Board Chair Susan Ramos adjourned the Work Session meeting at 9:13 p.m.

  
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Chair/Vice Chair

  
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Superintendent/Clerk

Board Minutes by Megan Glenn, District Administrative Secretary