

Nyssa School District 26
School Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2019

Board Members Present:

Bob Fehlman
Dave Bunker
Michael Hartley
Lucy Beck
Torie Ramirez
Marlon Wilson
Pat Morinaka

Others:

Shane, Patricia & Isabel Houston
Darren Johnson
Susan Barton
Tiffany Cruickshank
Brett Jackman
Tamesyn O'Rourke
Family of Isiah Sanchez
Family of Malea Armenta
Family of Jose Sanchez
Family of Athena Mendoza

Staff Members Present:

Jana Iverson, Superintendent
Audrie Tracy, Administrative Assistant
Crystal Rideau, Business Manager
Malcom McRae, HS Principal
Hector Martinez, HS Vice Principal
Luke Cleaver, MS Principal
Araceli Gomez, MS Vice Principal
Jon Wood, Dist. Programs Coordinator
Chris Carlton, HS Teacher
Tom DeLong, MS Teacher/Coach

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the boardroom of the Administration Building.

Adoption of Agenda - Amendment to the agenda, removal of Item A) from the consent agenda. April minutes will be included on the June agenda for approval.

Pat Morinaka moved to adopt the amended agenda. Seconded by Marlon Wilson. Motion carried.

Commendations -

Nyssa Elementary School recognized Malea Armenta as the K-2nd grade Student of the Month. Malea is a second grader at NES, her classroom teacher is Mrs. Paige Koplin. Malea does her best every day and has made great academic growth. She stays focused and works hard to complete all assigned tasks. Malea's behavior is outstanding. She is happy, sweet, kind, and a friend to all.

The 3rd-5th grade Student of the Month for the elementary is Isiah Sanchez. Isiah is a fourth grade student, his teacher is Mrs. Diane Moats. Isiah has a great work ethic, he follows classroom rules and gets work completed on time. Isiah is quiet, kind, polite, responsible, and

respectful. He cares for those around him and is well liked by everyone. Isaiah leads by example, he is a good citizen with a lot of Bullpup pride.

The Middle School Student of the Month is Athena Mendoza. Athena is a 7th grade student at NMS. She is talented on many levels. Athena loves cooking Korean dishes and eating unusual foods. She is a talented chef who shares her passion and treats with the class. Athena is determined to do her best always, she works hard, participates in class, and completes assignments. She has not had a missing assignment all year. Athena has a great smile and an amazing laugh that makes others laugh. Athena sets high standards, she is an excellent role model for her peers and an excellent choice for Student of the Month.

The High School Student of the Month is Jose “JoJo” Sanchez. JoJo is the youngest of five children. He is a senior at NHS and an outstanding member of the Class of 2019. JoJo is an example of hard work, an outstanding student athlete, outstanding human being and a great student. He is humble, kind, respectful, fun, loyal, intelligent, athletic, motivated, and committed. JoJo accomplished great things at NHS but none compare to his greatest accomplishment - 3rd grade Jump Rope for Heart Champion. Jojo is a true Bulldog!

The Volunteer of the Month, Chema Valdez was unable to attend tonight’s meeting and will be recognized later.

Tom DeLong was recognized as Employee of the Month by the middle school. Tom is a great guy, there is nothing Tom wouldn’t do for our school. He is a wonderful teacher and has been the cross country coach for many years. Tom continues to grow programs he manages. Kids perform for Mr. DeLong because he is nurturing, kind, and patient. He conducts himself as a professional and is a great role model for kids. Tom makes Nyssa Middle School a better place because of his commitment and compassion. Well-deserved Mr. DeLong.

Visiting Patrons & Delegations -

A) Susan Barton - Presentation

Susan Barton addressed the board and expressed a huge thank you and appreciation to Megan Glenn and the High School Key Club for their hard work on Solve it for Earth Day in Oregon. The Key Club cleaned up 180+ tires that were dumped in a draw in the Owyhee Desert between Nyssa and Adrian. After clean-up, Les Schwab Tire Center in Nyssa worked with the club to make sure the tires were disposed of properly. Subway in Nyssa furnished sandwiches for the group.

Mrs. Barton handed out a flyer to invite everyone to participate in an event to honor Nyssa School District Teachers on Hero Day. The event will be on August 6, 2019 from 5-8 p.m. at the Nyssa Public Library. There will be food, games and music. The program will be to recognize NSD teachers and collect school supplies for a supply closet to be located at the district for teachers to tap into if necessary. Collection of school supplies was an idea of Jewell Maine, retired school teacher. Hero Day honored First Responders originally.

B) Shane Houston & Isabel Houston - Graduation 2019

Mr. Houston and his daughter Isabel addressed the board with a personal request/appeal. Isabel is a senior at NHS and would like the opportunity to walk with her classmates at graduation on May 26th.

Discussion -

- Freshman and sophomore years attended non accredited home school
- Freshman year was the last year tested
- Completed requirement for a home school diploma
- Took online courses - have a record of courses but nothing that shows credit earned
- Did not take CLEP Exams
- Junior and Senior years attended Nyssa High School
- Participated in Key Club, FBLA (State), kept wrestling stats, completed community service hours, completed her senior project
- Loves the people, teachers, students
- Great kid, support her appeal
- Provide opportunity to test to demonstrate level/credit
- Plans to attend Edinburg University, Scotland

Concern -

- Home school transcript, no other documentation has been provided for review/evaluation - Mrs. Houston indicated she was not aware they could request this information
- Does not meet NHS/NSD and Oregon State Standards credit requirements - State law specific regarding credits
- Would not want to break board policy - handbooks not specific to home school
- Too late to test

Recommendation -

- Recognition of some sort would be appropriate
- Request home school credits and transcripts and provide to NHS for review and evaluation
- Does not meet the criteria for state and district, follow the law
- Don't want to set a precedence as it is an honor, an earned honor to walk at graduation

Request/appeal denied by the NSD Board of Directors

C) Jon Wood - Early Head Start Program

Information presented regarding the Early Head Start Program. A copy of the handout provided is on file

Discussion -

- How programs fit together - Early Head Start-Age 0-3, Private Pay Childcare- Ages 0-3, Preschool Promise-Ages 3-5, Migrant Preschool-Ages 3-5

- Employment related day care - private pay, income based, and TANF which is for non-working parents seeking jobs
- DHS involved from the beginning
- Slots for 8 children/students when the program started, increased to 12 children the next year for a total of 20
- Waiting list - approximately 12 children
- Classrooms at Rio Vista currently, rent is \$1600/month - move to District (Science Lab) to save \$1600/month
- Education Coordinator required by state law
- Private pay currently \$550/month, increase to \$850/month
- Percentage of Director's salary came from program budget, part of Deficit

Concern -

- Deficit of \$44,000 as of 5/13/19
- Staffing, teacher to student ration 4:1, employee benefits and subs to cover are the biggest costs to the program

Recommendation -

- Discuss further at scheduled budget meeting Tuesday, May 14th, 6 PM

Tiffany Cruickshank addressed the board and presented her proposal regarding Early Head Start Private Pay Students (copy on file). Her proposal will be reviewed/discussed further at tomorrow's Budget Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Cruickshank thanked board members for their time and focus on early learning.

Mrs. Cruickshank did not contact the District with her request to be on the meeting agenda.

Financial Report - Business Manager Crystal Rideau presented the monthly financial reports.

Discussion -

- Revenues outweighed expenditures
- May - final State School Fund payment
- MS Bond, outstanding invoices - Benny's Landscaping & Beniton Construction (negotiating gym floor, invoice expected the end of May)
- Bond Balance - \$43,000
- Received invoice regarding Debt Service Payment
- 2019-2020 Budget - copies are available for review for tomorrow night's Budget Committee Meeting

Dave Bunker made the motion to approve the financial reports presented. Seconded by Michael Hartley. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda -

- A) ~~Approve minutes of the April board meeting~~
(Noticed items missing from the minutes just before tonight's meeting, tabled until the June meeting for approval)
- B) Review/approve bills of the district
- C) Resignation: Jonathan Ramirez, C-Team Boys Basketball Coach

Travis Sapp, Student Council Advisor - HS
Ana Olabbarri Powell, Elementary Teacher
Kaylee Cooper, Elementary Teacher
Max Thew, MS Football Coach
Malinda Saling, Instructional Assistant - Elementary

D) Hires: Carrie Aguas, Elementary Teacher
Tricia Book, Elementary Teacher
Dawn Delbridge, Elementary Teacher
Brett Jackman, High School Principal
Leonel Martinez, Middle School Teacher
Hannah Prince, Elementary Teacher
Tamesyn O'Rourke, High School Vice Principal

Old Business -

A) Board policies, 2nd Reading/Adoption - list included

Discussion -

- Further review requested
- Table until the June meeting

New Business -

A) Adopt Superintendent Contract

Marlon Wilson made the motion to approve the Superintendent Contract for Darren Johnson as presented. Seconded by Lucy Beck. Motion carried.

B) Approval of OSBA Promise Scholarship Program for board training and application

Discussion -

- Recommended by incoming Superintendent
- Application due June 1st

Marlon Wilson made the motion to approve the OSBA Promise Scholarship Program for board training and application. Seconded by Pat Morinaka. Motion carried.

Board Study -

A) Freshman Focus (copy on file) presented by Malcom McRae

Discussion -

- Distributed by Gear Up - Social and academic tempering
- Imbed in Computer Apps 1, then Computer Apps 2
- No change of credit requirements
- Chance to test without turning everything over
- Conversation to go forward - then expand or eliminate
- Follow up on students as sophomores

Concern -

- Work for admin - Don't go through the motions to implement a program to try to fix a problem only to find out it doesn't work
- New high school administration at the same time as implementation of a new program
- Outcomes, data tracking, management

Anna Long, teacher for HS Computer Applications was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

B) Sport Complex - restrooms and concessions

No additional information at this time.

C) Board Scholarship

Discussion -

- Received scholarship applications from ten students
- Five of the ten applications received were incomplete
- Board Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded to the five students with complete applications

Dave Bunker made the motion to accept the committee recommendation to award five \$1,000 scholarships to students with complete applications. Seconded by Pat Morinaka. Motion carried

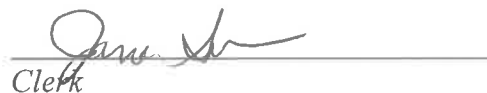
D) 2019-20 Budget

- The Initial Budget Committee Meeting was May 7th at 6:00 PM
- Unable to act on district business as there was not a quorum of the Board/Budget Committee present
- The next scheduled Budget Committee Meeting is Tuesday, May 14th at 6:00 PM as per the Budget Calendar adopted by the board on March 11, 2019. A reminder was added to the bottom of the May Board Agenda.

Adjourn - At 9:01 PM the meeting adjourned.



Chairman / Vice Chairman



Clerk

June 10, 2019 - tabled from May 13, 2014 board meeting

Board policies for review/update - 3rd Reading or Approval

BBAA, Individual Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities

ECACB, Unmanned Aircrafts System (AS) a.k.a. Drone

GBC-AR, Staff Ethics

GBDA, Mother Friendly Workplace

GBEBA, Staff - HIV, AIDS, and HBV

*GBH/JECAC, Staff/Student/Parent Relations***

GBNA, Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing, or Cyberbullying - Staff

GBNA-AR, Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing, or Cyberbullying ~~Complaint~~ Reporting Procedures - Staff

GCBDC/GDBDC, Domestic Violence, Harassment, Sexual Assault, or Stalking Leave

IGDJ, Interscholastic Activities

IKF, Graduation Requirements (Version 1) (This version does not require an administrative regulation)

JEC, Admissions

*JECAC/GBH, Staff/Student/Parent Relations***

JECB, Admission of Nonresident Students

JECB-AR(1), Admission of Nonresident Students

JECB-AR(3) Application for Nonresident Student Admission - Open Enrollment

JFCF, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence, and Domestic Violence - Student (Version 1)

JFCF-AR, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyberbullying, and Teen Dating Violence ~~Complaint~~ Reporting Procedures - Student (Version 1)

*LBE, Public Charter Schools***