

Nyssa School District #26
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2019

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

Jana Iverson, Superintendent
Audrie Tracy, Admin. Assistant
Crystal Rideau, Business Manager
Jon Wood, District Program Coordinator
Larry Moore, Elementary Teacher
Chris Carlton, HS Teacher
Vic Woods, HS Teacher & NEA Rep.

Board Members Not Present:

Marlon Wilson

Others Present:

Signatures on file

Call to Order - Chairman Dave Bunker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the boardroom.

Adoption of Agenda - The agenda was declared adopted as presented.

Commendations

The K-2nd grade Student of the Month is Omar Sotelo Trinidad. Omar is a second grader in Mrs. Esplin's classroom. Omar has made a lot of growth this year. Reading does not come easy for Omar, he earns progress thru his hard work. Omar stays focused, asks for help, follows rules and is a good friend. He puts forth great effort to do better and has shown great results. Omar likes to help teachers and other students, he can be counted on to make sure everything and everyone is in their place.

Mason Savage is the 3rd-5th grade Student of the Month. He is a student in Mrs. Barnhart's fourth grade class. Mason is kind to all and a peacemaker to his classmates. He is a stellar student, asking questions to gain more knowledge and challenging himself. His efforts produce amazing results. Mason is always happy and has a great sense of humor. He is a natural leader and a delight to have in class.

The Middle School Student of the Month Brady Cooper. Brady goes the extra mile. He is intelligent and hard working. Brady comes to class ready to learn, pays attention, asks questions and applies what he learns. Whether its athletics or academics, Brady gives it his best effort. His kindness, behavior and respect for others make him an excellent example to his peers. Brady is an awesome young man and great accomplishments are expected from him in the future. Congratulations!

Student of the Month selected by the high school is Pedro Chavez. Pedro is a junior and member of the Class of 2020. He works hard academically and in athletics. Pedro is soft spoken and leads by example on the field and in the classroom. He leads by his actions, not words. He is very committed to his academics and is the only member of the Nyssa Boys' Basketball Program with a 4.0 GPA. Pedro is kind, respectful, competitive, and loyal. He is a team player and very deserving of this award.

Jacoby Hernandez was selected by the elementary as the Employee of the Month. Jacoby is a one-on-one aide, determined to do his best when working with his student. Jacoby is positive, energetic, diligent, bold, sympathetic, patient and resourceful. He provides words of encouragement and has a good rapport and with students and staff. Jacoby devotes a lot of time and energy to his student to make sure he has the best school experience possible. He is not afraid to be an advocate for student. Recently, Jacoby was the Bee Mascot at the Third Annual Malheur County Spelling Bee, he did a great job and added fun to the day's activities. Jacoby is always willing to help out where ever he is needed and does so without complaining.

Rachel Robb is the Parent of the Month selected by the elementary school. Rachel comes in every week smiling and ready to help. She can be counted on to assist with any task. Rachel has been consistent help all year. We are lucky to have Rachel, she is a valuable volunteer. Her efforts make Nyssa Elementary School a better place for students.

Visiting Patrons & Delegations

A) 5th Grade field trip

Permission was requested for the annual fifth grade field trip to the Oregon Coast the week of May 13-17, 2019. Field trip is grant funded through OSU.

Torie Ramirez made a motion to approve the annual fifth grade trip request. Seconded by Lucy Beck. Motion carried.

B) OEA Representatives

Representatives from the local and state levels were present to discuss the Walk out on May 8 to protest the lack of funding for education.

Discussion included number of schools across the state participating, date change to not disrupt school for students, notification to parents, community view/reception of a walk out, number of Nyssa staff participating, class coverage using substitutes and administrators, seeking alternative ways to show support, etc.

It was recommended to not make a decision at this time until further discussion regarding dates and times.

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

MS Bond -

- Meeting with Benny's Landscaping tomorrow
- Speakers to cafeteria

- Final bill from Beniton expected late April or in May - items on gym floor to complete
- Debt Service payment in June, next payment in December

Marlon Wilson made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Pat Morinaka. Motion carried.

Michael Hartley made a motion to combine the Capitol Improvement fund and the Facilities Management fund into one and account and call it Facilities Management.

Consent Agenda

- A) Approve minutes of the March board meetings
 - March 4 - Special Session/Executive Session Board Meeting
 - March 11 - Work Session/Executive Session/Regular Session Board Meeting
 - March 14 - Special Session/Executive Session Board Meeting
 - March 19 - Special Session/Executive Session Board Meeting
 - March 20 - Special Session/Executive Session Board Meeting
 - March 25 - Special Session/Executive Session Board Meeting
 - April 1 - Special Session/Executive Session Board Meeting
- B) Review/Approve bills of the district as presented
- C) Annual Requirement, Action item: The Board is required to renew the Classified Staff Members, Supervisors and Confidential Employees at the April Board meeting
- D) Resignation: Jon Wood, District Program Coordinator
Hector Martinez, HS Vice Principal
Melodie Ayarza, 5th Grade Teacher
- E) Appoint Budget Committee Members

Michael Hartley made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Torie Ramirez. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A) MS State Track - stipend/scholarship (tabled from March 11th board meeting)

Discussion -

- Great idea for set aside scholarship fund, start-up amount
- Expensive for students/families
- Too late to create start up account for this year - competitions in May
- Use portion of travel budget - district/state competition
- Require record keeping for travel, meals, etc. to be the same as all other groups/programs

Concern -

- Budget dollars - Rationale for why it was used for track, equity for all groups, won't cover all

Recommendation -

- Offer to have MS Track run concessions during the HS track meet to raise money

- Start/set up a student body account in the next financial year specifically for MS State Track
- Create an application for students who qualify to apply for funding
- Direct Luke Cleaver Principal and Araceli Gomez, Vice Principal to work on this, determine allocation

New Business

A) Hire: Darren Johnson, Superintendent

Dave Bunker made a motion to approve the hire of Darren Johnson as Superintendent effective July 1, 2019. Seconded by Torie Ramirez. Voting in favor - Lucy Beck, Marlon Wilson (vote by phone per Dave Bunker), Michael Hartley, Torie Ramirez, Bob Fehlman and Dave Bunker. Abstained - Pat Morinaka.

Board Study

A) New well/pump system update - Jesse Melendez

Discussion -

- Approximate cost \$22,945.00, pump with added speed drive to adjust pressure
- SW location of middle school, control panel in the area, pump house not needed/housed in building
- Water lines there to plumb into per contact with Idaho Power Company
- Obtain required permits
- Maintenance budget - Capitol Improvement fund

~~B) Reader Board update~~

C) High School - Freshman Focus - change for HS courses

Information presented by Jessie Lemer, HS Counselor and Anna Long, HS Teacher - Anna Long embracing to teach Freshman Focus

Discussion -

- Implement for 2019-2020 - Freshman Focus, semester 1, Computer Apps 1, semester 2
- Change course name to Freshman Focus Computer App 1, change credit from 1.0 to 0.50
- Propose it be a required class, but an elective
- Improve transition for 9th graders - academics & socio-emotional
- Provide students a better understanding of sequence of courses, resources/programs available, clubs available

Concern -

- Any discussion or buy in from other freshman teachers? Reply - Didn't ask
- Taking away classes
- Guidelines for students who enroll late

Recommendation -

- Implement a portion or all of the program at the middle school for 8th graders transitioning to high school
- Meet with middle school counselor Morganne DeLeon to discuss

Item was tabled until the May board meeting for a formal presentation

D) Nyssa School Board Scholarships -
\$5000 for 2019-2020

Michael Hartley made a motion to contact Steve Kelly, OSBA regarding the application and board training to be eligible for a \$5,000 School Board Promise Scholarship for 2019-2020.

Scholarship Application for 2018-2019, appoint committee to review applications

Scholarship applications for 2018-2019 are due April 22, 2019. Marlon Wilson, Torie Ramirez and Lucy Beck were appointed to review scholarship applications for 2018-19.

E) Budget Discussion -

PERS Reserve (275)

- \$250,000 budgeted for 2018-19, look at again for 2019-2020

Bob Fehlman made a motion to allocate the same amount of \$250,000 for next year. Seconded by Marlon Wilson. Motion carried

Capital Improvement (420)

- Funds replenished for 2019-20

Facilities Management (440)

- Carryover stays

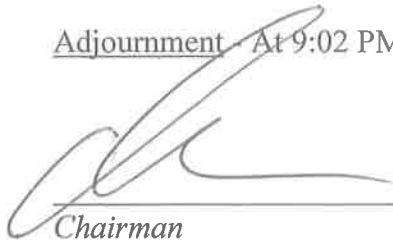
Michael Hartley made a motion to keep the funds in the Capital Improvement and Facilities Management accounts as they are. Seconded by Torie Ramirez. Motion carried.


A motion was made by Michael Hartley to combine the Capital Improvement and Facilities Management accounts and call the account Facilities Management (440). Seconded by Torie Ramirez. Motion carried.

F) Board Policies - list presented to board members

- Policies presented for review
- Call or email Mrs. Iverson prior to the May board meeting if you have questions on policies presented.

Adjournment - At 9:02 PM the meeting adjourned.


Chairman


Clerk