

Nyssa School District 26
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2017

Board Members Present:

Bob Fehlman
Lucy Beck
Dave Bunker
Dennis Savage
Michael Hartley
Torie Ramirez

Board Members Absent:

Marlon Wilson

Others:

Grant Esplin
Bryce Parker, Beniton Construction
Trinidad family
Draper family
Kesler family
Susan Beed & Ted Martin
Terry Case
Florence Shenk
Breana Froerer & family

Staff Members Present:

Jana Iverson, Superintendent
Audrie Tracy, Admin. Assistant
Lindsay Malinowski, Business Mgr.
Luke Cleaver, MS Principal
Matt Murray, Elementary Principal
Jon Wood, Elem. Vice Principal
Malcom McRae, HS Principal
Hector Martinez, HS Vice Principal
Toni Case, KG Teacher
Kevin Draper, MS Teacher

Call to Order - At 7:01 p.m. Chairman Dave Bunker called the meeting to order in the boardroom of the Administration Building.

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

Commendations

A) Students

The middle school recognized Jenny Trinidad as their Student of the Month. She is an eighth grader at NMS. Jenny is polite, friendly, and reliable. She works hard and is internally driven. Jenny makes good use of her time, is conscientious and takes an active part in her learning to become proficient in all areas. Her dedication to academics and sports is phenomenal. Jenny is a wonderful student with no behavioral issues. She sets a good example for her peers and is a pleasure to have in class. Great job Jenny!

Mr. McRae, High School Principal said when he asked the CTE Department for a recommendation for Student of the Month, it was unanimous. Savanna Kesler is the selection for Student of the Month at the high school. Savanna is a senior who strives to solve problems and analyze situations in search of the right answer. She works well with other students and is very courteous, creative, and polite to all. Savanna sets high

standards for herself and others around her. She is a hard worker who strives to do her best always. Savanna is an outstanding individual and very deserving of this award.

The Elementary Primary Student of the Month is Cayenne Martin. Cayenne is a second grade student in Mrs. Esplin's classroom. She is a great reader and talented writer. Cayenne stays on task, does quality work and ensures her work is turned in on time. She is courteous and offers help when needed. Cayenne is polite, respectful and thoughtful to others. She can be counted on to do what's expected, she's not afraid to try and she doesn't give up even when things get hard. Cayenne is a happy girl and a pleasure to have in class.

Brayden Draper is the Intermediate Student of the Month for the elementary. Brayden is in Mrs. Woodruff's third grade class. He is always on task academically and continually thinks of ways to serve his teacher and others. He is continually aware of other and their needs. Brayden is honest and sets a great examples for others by always doing what's right. He has a contagious laugh and a wonderful sense of humor.

B) Parent

The Parent of the Month selected by the elementary is Breana Froerer. She is a consistent volunteer at the elementary and we are grateful for her efforts. Breana always has a smile, is compassionate, caring, patient and organized. Breana encourages kids when tasks are hard for them. Kids are drawn to her. Thank you Mrs. Froerer for your time and all you do for students and staff.

C) Employee

The Employee of the Month is Toni Case. Mrs. Case is the fabric of the school district and the community. She is a kindergarten, first grade looping teacher and has been an employee of the district for 31 years. Mrs. Case teaches academics and respect. She continues to regard work with her eyes and ears. Mrs. Case has a passion for teaching and her students, always putting her students first. Toni is a very humble person and she becomes humbler each year. Thank you Mrs. Case for all you do.

Visiting Patrons & Delegations

A) Beniton Construction - Update on Middle School Construction

Bryce Parker presented the monthly construction update, copy on file.

- Roof on the gym is complete
- Working on classroom wings
- Finish structure and envelope in prior to winter, hopefully before Thanksgiving

B) Elementary Assessments

Mr. Murray presented information on elementary assessments, fluency data for reading and math for benchmarks. Copy on file.

Tests administered four times per year, review each time to develop data.

Reading fluency - fall of 2016 was 35.04%, fall of 2017 at 33.74%
Goal is to be at 63%

Math fluency - fall of 2016 was 18.00%, fall of 2017 at 18.25%
Goal is to be at 75%

Want to establish higher base levels, develop stronger skills. Currently working with a reading specialist from Lee Pesky Training Center. HB3499 addresses needs of ELL students.

Bobby DeLeon, Counselor and elementary IA's are working with character education curriculum to help minimize behavioral issues that occur more often at unsupervised recess time. Students work/play together at stations or groupings. It provides IA's with a more controlled environment and they become more effective and efficient themselves. The fifth grade leadership students help with the stations or groupings also.

NES Goals:

- 1) Reading fluency
- 2) Math Fluency
- 3) Character Development
- 4) English Language

C) Jon Wood – Early Learning Center

Last year an Early Head Start Program (OCDC), birth to age three was started with eight slots available. The executive director and others who visited last spring were surprised the slots filled so quickly. Preschool Promise Program (ESD) for three and four year olds started last fall also.

This year we wanted to start an Early Learning Center in partnership with OCDC & ESD to create a community system, looking for pathways as early as birth that would provide head start opportunities for low to middle income, private pay families.

Two additional classrooms were opened at a center at the edge of town. We went from eight slots to twenty plus four private pay. Currently eighteen slots are full plus one private pay. All preschool (3-4 year old) opportunities are full and calls continue to come in daily.

This is the top partnership program in the state.

Mr. Wood invited school board members to a luncheon on November 13th at 11:30 a.m. in the foyer of the auditorium with Dr. Alderman from Portland and representatives from other organizations. The luncheon will be prior to the event at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

D) Clyde Esplin, parent

Mr. Esplin is the father of Nathan Esplin a junior at NHS. Mr. Esplin addressed the board with a request to start a swim team at NHS for his son and other students to participate and compete. Nathan currently swims at Caldwell and Boise YMCA. Since moving here two years ago Mr. Esplin has discussed it with previous high school administration and would like to continue the process with current administration. Mr. Esplin knows a person who's able and willing to coach. Nathan's mom is willing to help with the process also. She is the athletic director at Adrian School District and a member of the OSAA Executive Board.

In order to establish a team and be able to participate and compete it needs to be done by November 29th but requires district approval.

Discussion -

- Swim teams - Baker, La Grande, and others across the state
- Son attends NHS on an Inter-District Transfer, resident of Ontario School District, mom works for Adrian School District
- Son wants to attend Nyssa
- Participate/compete as a Nyssa student with no cost to the district

Concerns -

- Costs/expenses
- Not a swimming pool in our area to practice/compete
- Coaches / volunteers
- Participation rules if practicing in Idaho, competing in Oregon
- Transportation - liability issue
- Don't envision others wanting to join swim team

Recommendation -

- Start process with Adrian or Ontario, transfer son
- Mr. Martinez, NHS athletic director will look into rules, regulations, and process

Consent Agenda

- A) Approve the minutes of the September board meeting
- B) Review the bills of the district
- C) Hires: Tammy Booth, Instructional Assistant – Elementary
Laura Brown, Instructional Assistant – Middle School
Hazel Sanchez, Teacher – Early Head Start
Veronica Bunn, Instructional Assistant/Floater – Early Head Start
Travis Sapp, Student Council Advisor – High School
Angela Cheever, Custodian
Richard Murray, Custodian
Aaron Mills, Social Studies Teacher - High School
Naomi Castro - Girls Basketball Assistant Coach - High School
- D) Resignation: Roberto Trinidad, Migrant Family Involvement Specialist

Dennis Savage made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Bob Fehlman. Motion carried.

Adrian Herrera, ASB President and Chris Ramirez, Senior Class President were introduced. They will give reports at future board meetings of activities/events at NHS.

Old Business - Mr. Savage declined the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee candidate nomination from the September board meeting.

New Business

A) OSBA Annual Convention, Portland, OR – November 9-11, 2017

Board members please notify Audrie as soon as possible if you plan to attend so arrangements can be made for registration and travel.

B) Policy updates - 1st Reading / Adoption

CBG – Evaluation of Superintendent

EEA – Student Transportation Services

GBH/JECAC – Staff/Student/Parent Relations

GBMA – Whistleblower

GCBDA/GDBDA – Family Medical Leave

GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(1) – Federal Family and Medical Leave/State Family Medical Leave

GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(2) – Request for Family and Medical Leave

GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(3)(A) – Certification of Health Care Provider

GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(3)(B) – Certification of Health Care Provider

GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(3)(C) – Military Family Leave

GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(3)(D) – Military Family Leave

GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(4) – FMLA/OFLA Eligibility Notice to Employee

GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(5) – Sample Designation Letter to Employee – FMLA/OFLA Leave

GDA – Instructional Assistants

IGBAC- Special Education Personnel

IGBAK – Special Education – Public Availability of State Application

IGBC – Title IA/Parental and Family Involvement (Replace with new Version 1

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IGBHE – Expanded Options Program

JFC – Student Conduct

KI – Public Solicitation in District Facilities

LBE-AR – Public Charter Schools

Torie Ramirez made a motion to approve the policy updates as presented. Dennis Savage seconded the motion to approve and to include modification of policy *GDA - Instructional Assistants* as modified. Motion carried.

Financial - Business Manager Lindsay Malinowski presented the monthly financial reports, copies on file.

- YTD revenue at 32%, expenses at 12%
- OSCIM Grant Funds spent out
- September payroll is high due to all staff returning to work
- December - First interest/principle payment on the bond
- MS construction on track

Board Study

A) Sports Complex

Mr. Martinez, Athletic Director gave an update on the baseball field, copy on file.

He thanked Luke Cleaver, Travis Sapp, Marlon Wilson, the Cleaver family and Vince Perez and his crew for their time and hard work to keep the project moving forward.

Priority 1, baseball field


- Committee met in September, needed a better sense of a plan
- Overall purpose was consideration for priority to provide feedback when approached
- Establish athletic complex strategic plan
- Solicit input from next group, continue to draft work
- Accepting student input also
- Phase 1, 2, and 3, currently in Phase 1 - Quotes
- Approved for \$100,000, approximately \$20,000 has been spent

Requested quotes for the following, have received some:

Sod Infield with outfield circle lip
Landscaping
Fencing
Concrete

Mr. Martinez will provide future updates at the monthly board meetings.

Adjournment - At 8:40 PM the meeting adjourned.


Chairman


Clerk