

Nyssa School District #26
School Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2017

Board Members Present:

Don Bullard
Dave Bunker
Lucy Beck
Dennis Savage
Victoria Ramirez
Michael Hartley
Marlon Wilson

Staff Members Present:

Jana Iverson, Superintendent
Ryan Hawkins, Dir. of Dist. Operations
Audrie Tracy, Admin. Assistant
Lindsay Malinowski, Business Manager
Luke Cleaver, MS Principal
Matt Murray, Elementary Principal
Ryan Swearingen, Interim HS Principal

Others Present:

Signatures on file

Call to Order – Chairman Dave Bunker called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the boardroom of the Administration Building.

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

Commendations –

A) Students

Ean Ramos is the Primary Elementary Student of the Month. He is a kindergarten student in Mrs. Cudaback's classroom. Ean is a shy, quiet student with a huge, caring heart. Ean comes to class ready to learn, he listens and is always on task. Ean is an excellent role model and a pleasure to have in class.

The Intermediate Student of the Month for the elementary is fifth grader Belle Wagstaff. Mr. Morrison is Belle's teacher. Belle is always on task, her work is consistent and on time. She is flexible, adapts to change and her positive influence brings about positive changes in the classroom. Belle is friendly and kind to everyone. She is a natural leader with a bright future ahead of her.

The middle school selected Karan Manon Torres as their Student of the Month. Karan is a seventh grade student at NMS. She is a great student who gives 100% every day. Karan comes to class ready to work and participates in class discussion. She is kind, helpful, responsible, thoughtful, dependable and persistent. The many wonderful qualities she exhibits make her a great role model. Karan has the ability to become very successful in life.

Sophomore Kessen Kimball is the High School Student of the Month. Kessen has a curious mind and positive attitude about learning. He is taking band, has made great progress and produces great sound on the tuba. Kessen has participated in wrestling for two years. He is hard working and has improved a lot. Kessen is the most kind, caring, selfless person you will meet. His contagious laugh brings joy wherever he goes. Kessen is very deserving of this award.

B) Employee

Anna Long was selected by the high school as the Employee of the Month. Mrs. Long is the Business Teacher at NHS. She has done a great job learning the processes to produce the school newspaper and yearbook during her first years as a teacher. Anna delegates responsibility and maintains high expectations for students. She is kind and understanding while doing this so students respond well to her. Mrs. Long is all Business! It has always been her dream to teach. Mrs. Long feels like she is the lucky one because she's able to work with awesome students who have much to offer.

C) Parent

Gwen Peterson is the Parent of the Month. Mrs. Peterson was nominated by Mrs. Long for all her efforts to help the FBLA when they were not able to travel to EOU in La Grande for regional competition due to weather conditions. Mrs. Peterson works at TVCC so arrangements were made to hold the regional event there. She helped monitor time, hand out case studies and prepare students to go in front of the judges prior to going to work. Mrs. Peterson is greatly appreciated for her efforts in helping students from Malheur County qualify for state FBLA competition in April.

Visiting Patrons & Delegations –

A) MS Extracurricular Clubs

Mr. Cleaver and several middle school students were present to give the board and audience information about extracurricular activities going on at the middle school.

Academic Bowl – Held in February. Nyssa hosted four schools and placed 2nd.

Math Counts with Mr. Hunter – Algebra 2 competition held at BSU, NMS placed 15th out of thirty schools.

Social Book Club with Mrs. Hernandez and Ms. Gomez – Decide on book for the month, read, discuss and meet to do activities described in the book.

Battle of the Books with Mrs. Hernandez and Ms. Gomez – Four girls are competing in the Battle of the Books Competition this Saturday in Pendleton, OR. Competition based on 16 books. Students practice every Tuesday and Thursday and participate in Bal-a-vis-x book club activity.

Chess with Mr. Hunter – Tournament held at NMS, Josh Ashby placed 1st. Competed at Four Rivers Community School also. NMS took 3rd place in the team competition and Josh Ashby received 1st place in the individual competition.

B) Mr. Murray - Information on Malheur County Spelling Bee

Nyssa Elementary School will be hosting the 1st Annual Malheur County Spelling Bee on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 8AM to 12 PM. Grades 1 through 5 will be participating.

All elementary schools in Malheur County were invited. Thirteen of sixteen schools will be participating in the event. The procedures and rules for the spelling bee are the same ones used for the Scripts National Spelling Bee. The event will be streaming live on You Tube. Superintendent Iverson, Mr. Hawkins and Lindsay Malinowski from the district office will be judging.

Consent Agenda –

- A) Approve minutes of the February board meeting
- B) Approve bills of the district as presented
- C) Hires: Kathryn (Kate) Alvarado, Counselor – High School
Bobby DeLeon, Counselor – Elementary (transfer from HS)
Kristie Hernandez, Payroll Clerk (transfer from HS Office Manager)
Sara Sapp, Office Manager – High School
Kim Sundquist, Office Manager – High School
Griffin McNabb, State Funded EL Initiatives – District
- D) Resignation: Evelyn Heidbrink, Cafeteria

Lucy Beck made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Seconded by Marlon Wilson. Motion carried.

Dennis Savage declared a conflict of interest

Old Business –

- A) Calendar Selection - Adopt District Calendar for 2017-2018

Discussion –

- Draft calendars presented: Original, Original w/Fewer Tutorials, Draft 8B, Draft 8C
- Administrators recommend/prefer draft calendar 8C
- Tutorial Fridays don't work effectively as an intervention
- Middle school tried tutorials during the week instead of Friday, by Friday had a full day of tutorial. Worked well at the middle school and would probably work at the high school level also.
- Friday tutorials work for the high school because many activities are scheduled that day
- 190 day contract for teachers – can't extend beyond, won't change unless state mandated.

Concerns –

- Integrate tutorials in calendar and then down the road when it's not working extra days are implemented
- Don't want to add extra days or eliminate tutorials
- Teachers are hard on students involved in activities who miss tutorials, stresses students
- Difficult to get the teacher to tutor/help after school with make-up assignments or to give make up tests
- Issue with teachers happens more frequently than you think
- Draft 8C - 5 full days the beginning week of school is hard on kids

Recommendation –

- Calendar 8C recommended by Superintendent and other administrators
- Strongly encourage the Superintendent to check on the issue regarding teacher(s) being hard on students. Discuss with individual(s).
- First week of school adjust by one day, preferably Friday

Dennis Savage made a motion to adopt Draft Calendar 8C as the 2017-2018 District Calendar. Seconded by Torie Ramirez, with an amendment to the motion to make an adjustment of one day to the first week of the calendar, Monday or Friday (first week of school for students). Adopt draft calendar 8C for 2017-2018 school year with start date for students of August 21, 2017, no school on August 25, 2017. Motion carried.

New Business –

A) Action Item: The board is required to renew or extend the teacher/administrator contracts at the March board meeting (list enclosed)

- 1) 1, 2, & 3 year probationary teacher renewal
- 2) Contract teacher extension
- 3) Probationary administrator renewal
- 4) Contract administrator extension

Dennis Savage made a motion to approve the renewal/extension of the teacher/administrators contracts as presented. Seconded by Don Bullard. Motion carried.

B) Adopt Budget Calendar for 2017-2018 (copy in board packet)

Marlon Wilson made the motion to adopt the 2017-2018 Budget Calendar as presented. Seconded by Dennis Savage. Motion carried.

C) Approve resolution to transfer funds used from maintenance budget for snow removal

Discussion -

- Transfer money from the contingency fund to maintenance account to Replace funds used for snow removal costs.

Lucy Beck made a motion to approve up to and not to exceed \$200,000 from the contingency fund to the maintenance account. Caveat to the motion: Amount transferred to be used for projects already budgeted for 2016-2017. Marlon Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The school board would like a report at some point of the final numbers for year to date snow removal expenditures.

D) Approve Board Policy *JECBD, Homeless Students; JECBD-AR Homeless Students***
(copy in board packet)

A motion to approve Board Policy *JECBD, Homeless Students; JECBD-AR Homeless Students*** was made by Dennis Savage. Torie Ramirez seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

E) Approve revised Board Policy, *EEACC-AR Discipline Procedures for District Approved Student Transportation, (Page 3 of 5 only)* as presented.

A motion was made to approve page 3 as revised of Board Policy, *EEACC-AR Discipline Procedures for District Approved Student Transportation*. Motion was seconded by Dennis Savage. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Lindsay Malinowski, Business Manager presented the following reports (copy on file):

Paid Bills Report 2/14/17 to 3/13/17 in the amount of \$519,543.56
General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Summary as of 3/13/17
New Middle School Construction Fund
YTD Expenditures for Snow Removal

Board Study –

A) Treasure Valley Tech

Discussion –

- Memorandum of Agreement for 2017-2018 presented
- Request approval for 2017-18, automatic renewal otherwise
- \$30,000 more than in past
- Offering more programs with certifications
- Hire shared teacher for Nyssa, Vale
- Adding Fruitland & Payette to bring in Idaho funds
- Cost per student may go down because additional students interested in programs
- Great program

Concern –

- Item 8 in memorandum – clarification regarding 30 day notice

Recommendation –

- Regarding future renewal - add to December and/or January school board meeting agendas for review/approval
- Schedule an assembly with students and parents so they are aware programs are available
- Bring awareness to middle school students and parents also
- Superintendent Iverson has been in contact with the person at TVCC to present information to students

Lucy Beck made a motion to approve renewal of the TVT Memorandum of Agreement for

2017-2018. Michael Hartley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Nevill will be at the April board meeting regarding the TVT Memorandum.

B) Promise Scholarship Requirements

- Deferred to a later date

C) Termination Checklist (copy in board packet)

- Review with board members - Termination Checklist for staff non-renewed
- Part of Employment Practices Liability Toolkit provided by PACE Insurance, a 2-year program with an associated 5% General Liability premium discount opportunity for each year
- Superintendent's responsibility to complete on any termination

Dennis Savage made a motion to approve. Seconded by Don Bullard. Motion carried.

New middle school construction update –

Moving things from wall to be removed inside current middle school

Moving modulars from behind middle school during spring break

Construction Managers will be moving their trailer in

Water lines to be removed

Removal of baseball field over spring break

Bids close this week, may need additional meeting on March 23 to open bids

Groundbreaking ceremony – April 10th at 6:00 PM

Adjourn – At 8:37 the meeting adjourned.


Chairman


Clerk

	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
3	Malheur Summer Institute July 24, 25, 26																							
4	AUG											SEPT												
5	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S										
6	July 24	25	26	27	28	29	18	Student (Full day)	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0.00	Tutorial Friday							
7	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	0	Tutorial Friday	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	2	Inservice Days						
8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	Inservice Days	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		Teacher Work Days						
9	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	2	Teacher Work Days	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		Parent-Teacher Conf.						
10	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		New Teacher Orientation									1	Holidays					
11	27	28	29	30	31				Holidays															
12	All Instructional Assistants Attend																							
14	OCT											NOV												
15	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S										
16								18	Student (Full day)	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	0.0	Tutorial Friday						
17	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0	Tutorial Friday	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		Inservice Days						
18	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	1	Inservice Days	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		Teacher Work Days						
19	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	1	Teacher Work Days	26	27	28	29	30				Parent-Teacher Conf.						
20	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		Parent-Teacher Conf; IAs work									2.0	Holidays					
21	29	30	31						Holidays															
22	No School Confer Comp Day. Conference Schedule Wed 4:30 - 8:30 PM; Thurs 8 AM - 11:30; 2:30 PM - 8:30 PM (PD 12 - 2:30 PM)																							
24	DEC											JAN												
25	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S										
26						1	2	14	Student (Full day)		1	2	3	4	5	6	19.0	Student (Full day)						
27	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	Tutorial Friday	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	0.0	Tutorial Friday						
28	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	1	School Improvement	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	1.0	School Improvement						
29	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	0.5	Teacher Work Day	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		Teacher Work Day						
30	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	Holidays	28	29	30	31					2.0	Holidays					
31	31																							
35	FEB											MAR												
36	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S										
37					1	2	3	17	Student (Full day)					1	2	3	13	Student (Full day)						
38	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0	Tutorial Friday	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	0	Tutorial Friday						
39	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		Presidents' Day	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	1	School Improvement						
40	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	1	Sch Impr Day	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	1	Teacher Work Day						
41	25	26	27	28				0.5	Teacher Work Days	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		Parent-Teacher Conf; IAs work						
42									Holidays															
44	APR											MAY												
45	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S										
46								19	Student (Full day)				1	2	3	4	5	17.0	Student (Full day)					
47	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0.00	Tutorial Friday	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	0	School Improvement						
48	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	2	School Improvement	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	0.5	Teacher Work Day (3:45)						
49	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		Teacher Work Days	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		Last day ALL students (11:08)						
50	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		Holidays	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	1	Memorial Day						
51	29	30							No School Confer Comp Day									1	HS Graduation					
52																								
55	Professional Development											Days												
56	Aug 14 / 15 / 17											161.0 Student (Full day)												
57	Aug 25											0.0 Tutorial Fridays												
58	Sep 1											5.0 Teacher Work Days												
59	Oct 6 County											13.0 Inservice/Sch Improvement												
60	Dec 8											Parent-Teacher Conf.												
61	Jan 3											7 Holidays												
62	Feb 2											190.0 Total for Teachers												
63	Mar 2																							
64	Apr 6 County																							
65	Apr 27																							
66																								
67																								

Teacher Inservice	August 14, 15, 17
Teacher Work Days	August 16 and 18
First day for students	August 21
Winter Break	December 22-January 3
Spring Break	March 2 - April 1
Graduation	May 27
Last day for students	May 24
Last day for teachers	May 25 (1/2 day work)

Teachers: Mon. - Thurs 7:45 AM to 3:45 PM; Fridays 7:45 AM to 3:06 PM
 Summer School begins June 4 and ends July