

Nyssa School District 26
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2019

Board Members Present

Bob Fehlman
Pat Morinaka
Jeremy Peterson
Kim Stipe
Torie Ramirez
Michael Hartley

Board Members Absent

Marlon Wilson

Others Present

Signatures on file

Staff Members Present

Darren Johnson, Superintendent
Ryan Hawkins, Dir. of Dist. Operations
Audrie Tracy, Admin. Assistant
Crystal Rideau, Business Manager
Matt Murray, Elementary Principal
Scott Rodman, Elem. Vice Principal
Luke Cleaver, MS Principal
Brett Jackman, HS Principal

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Fehlman at 6:05 p.m. in the boardroom of the administration building.

Adoption of Agenda – Torie Ramirez made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Pat Morinaka. Motion carried.

Commendations

A) Students

The K-2nd grade Student of the Month is Janessa Vielma. She is a second grade student in Mrs. Koplín's class. Janessa is a sweet, positive student who strives to do her best every day. She has shown tremendous growth in reading and math. During class activities Janessa is cooperative, accepting and helpful. She takes charge, has great work ethic and leaves nothing unfinished. Janessa can be counted on to be ready for class and to participate fully. She's always where the action is. Keep up the good work!

Ryker Enders was selected as the 3rd-5th grade Student of the Month. Ryker is a 5th grader at NES; his teacher is Mrs. Moats. There are many reasons why Ryker deserves to be recognized. He is kind, compassionate, supportive and always willing to help. His leadership and ability to work through challenging tasks is amazing. Ryker's academic success is a clear indication of his hard work. He is a competitive student who displays cooperation and good sportsmanship. Ryker is a smart, funny, polite, helpful, hardworking and talented young man who will go far.

Student of the Month for the middle school is 8th grader Jayden Madrid. Jaydin is an outstanding student who asks questions and works hard to understand the material and complete his assignments in a timely manner. He strives to become the best student/athlete possible. Students

appreciate being in Jayden's group or on his team. He is funny, artistic, and always has a positive attitude. Jayden gets along great with students and teachers. He is a leader and the perfect example of a great student and person. Plant Earth would be a lot cooler if there were more people like Jayden. Congratulations!

The high school recognized sophomore Jessica Fuentes as their Student of the Month. Jessica is driven and takes all school work very seriously. She is a quiet but confident student. Jessica participates, is well behaved, and completes all of her work. She is an excellent role model, true friend and extremely loyal family member.

B) Employees

Megan Mott was selected as the High School Employee of the Month. Mrs. Mott is very deserving of this honor as she is an outstanding individual and math teacher. Her job can be difficult at times but she does it with quiet dignity. Mrs. Mott is reliable, positive and very student centered. She motivates students to do their best and has made a difference in the lives of many students. A recent change to Mrs. Mott's teaching assignment is making sure seniors meet work samples required for graduation. She influences school spirit and gets along well with staff and students. Mrs. Mott is a rock star!

C) Parent

The high school recognized Tara Hartley as the Volunteer/Parent of the Month. Mrs. Hartley is a true asset to the Key Club consisting of approximately 40 members. She helps Key Club Advisor Megan Glenn by attending meetings and planning service projects for the students. Mrs. Hartley recently had the school fight song printed on banners to hang in the gym and other areas of the school. She is a great role model who has an excellent rapport with staff and students and is a true supporter of all school events. Mrs. Hartley covers classes for various grade levels as a substitute teacher in the district also.

Visiting Patrons/Delegations

A) Request permission for overnight trip to Reno, NV for a Jazz Festival, Mark Lasnick and Brett Jackman

Mr. Lasnick, Band Director was not present this evening as he is preparing for the band concert at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Mr. Jackman, High School Principal, provided information to board members.

Discussion –

- Request to take approximately 20 students on an overnight trip to Reno to a Jazz Band Competition (Spring 2020)
- Approval has been given to other student groups, athletes, and programs for overnight travel
- Mr. Lasnick remembers attending similar events when he was in high school, it made a huge impact on him
- Inspiration for other kids to join band

Corrected as recommended prior to approval

Recommendation –

- Table until the January board meeting so Mr. Lasnick can provide additional information

B) Apptegy Communication Tool, Ryan Hawkins

Discussion –

- Provides better communication, updated information to the community and the public
- New application, new website – everything on the website, on the app
- App – live feed, news feed, posted articles, events/activities, and will interface like all other apps
- Parents subscribe to building their children are enrolled at
- Syncs to calendar, allows notifications, Spanish version
- Sounds wonderful, exciting

Concern –

- User friendly? Old website was challenging to locate information, events/activities and was not updated consistently

Recommendation –

- Pilot for the next couple of weeks, startup in January
- Encourage administrators and teachers to submit information
- Requests submitted will be reviewed/approved by each buildings administration prior to being added by the designated IT person
- Market what our kids are doing
- Superintendent Johnson will email board members when the application is ready for use

C) eSports, Ryan Hawkins

Item deferred to the January board meeting.

D) 2018-2019 Audit Report, Brian Richins

Discussion –

- Mr. Richins is continuing work to finalize the audit

Item deferred to the January board meeting.

Agenda addition/change after adoption -

E) Request permission for annual 5th grade field trip to the Oregon coast

Diane Moats, Angela Davis, Carrie Aguas, Dawn Delbridge, Miguel Segura, fifth grade teachers and Luis Cisneros, Dean of Students were in attendance to request permission for the annual 5th

Corrected as recommended prior to approval

grade field trip to the coast. An information packet about the trip was presented to board members. Copy on file.

The trip is scheduled for April 6-10, 2020. Approximately 100 students, teachers and chaperones will be traveling to Camp Gray an Outdoor Science School in South Beach, OR. The camp associated with OMSI provides housing, food and meets the Oregon teaching requirements of an outdoor school. Nyssa will be the only school at the camp during this time.

Charter buses will be used for this trip due to medical, restroom issues and so they can arrive in one day.

The trip is planned prior to elementary SBAC testing in the hopes that it will help with science scores. The board recommended the teachers provide a report on the science scores sometime late spring.

Kelly Dorothy, Malheur ESD wrote the grant application for funding of the trip to the Outdoor Science School. Grant funds received in the amount of \$52,200 for the trip.

A motion to approve the annual trip was made by Kim Stipe. Seconded by Torie Ramirez. Motion carried.

F) District Boundary Change, Larry Wilson

Larry Wilson and Rod Frahm were present to provide information requesting a change to the school district boundary between Nyssa and Ontario. A map with the proposed boundary change was presented also. Copies of the request/resolution to transfer and map with proposed boundary change is on file.

Mr. Wilson and fourteen other property owners are requesting Nyssa School District 26 pass a resolution to allow their properties be transferred from Ontario School District 8C to Nyssa School District 26. Properties are located closer to Nyssa than Ontario and are in Nyssa Rural Fire Protection District, Nyssa Road District, Nyssa/Arcadia District, Hilltop Cemetery District and Malheur Memorial Health District.

This request for a boundary change will be presented at the Ontario School District Board meeting also. If both districts approve the resolution to transfer, the resolution will go to Malheur County Court which acts as the district boundary board. Petitioner Larry Wilson will abstain from voting as a member of the Malheur County Court.

Torie Ramirez made a motion to approve the resolution to allow the properties indicated be transferred from Ontario School District 8C to Nyssa School District 26. It was recommended the resolution be reviewed by Mike Horton, Nyssa School District Attorney of Record for correct verbiage. The motion was seconded by Pat Morinaka. Motion carried.

Corrected as recommended prior to approval

Larry Wilson will provide Superintendent Johnson with a resolution that includes signatures of the property owners requesting the boundary change and property transfer from Ontario School District 8C to Nyssa School District 26.

Financial Report – Business Manager Crystal Rideau presented the monthly financials to the board.

Discussion –

- Work to still be done on the audit, deferred to January board meeting
- November payroll was larger due to retro pay

Consent Agenda

- A) Approve minutes of the November 12, 2019 board meeting
- B) Resignation: Jacqueline Heid – JV2 Coach, Volleyball
Brandon Sundquist – Assistant Coach, HS Football
- C) Hire: Adam Prince, Web Manager – District
Mandy Esplin, Instructional Assistant – Elementary
- D) Retirement / Continuation of Employment – Kent Blanchard
(Retirement from Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) of Oregon effective January 1, 2020) Continuation of employment is on a year to year basis.

Michael Hartley made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Pat Morinaka. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A) Coordinator of State Funded EL Initiatives – discuss job description/hiring (Item tabled from the October and November board meetings)

Discussion -

- Position/hiring discussed during work session meeting
- Need better tracking of ELL students and their progress
- Reevaluate at end of 2019-2020 school year regarding continuation, job description changes, etc.

Torie Ramirez made a motion to approve. There was no second to the motion. Discussion continued.

Continuing discussion –

- Six month hire, specific to ELL Initiatives
- Salary/benefits to be paid 100% by HB 3499 state funded grant
- Job posting/job description to indicate it is a temporary position for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year

Concern –

- Huge gap between English Language Learners and English speaking students
- If progress is not met, what happens?

Recommendation –

- Indicate at the top of the job posting and job description that this is a state grant funded, temporary position for remainder of the 2019-2020 school year
- Person hired will track ELL data by grade, number of students, proficiency scores, progress, grad rate, budget, etc. and provide information to the board, administrators, and teachers
- Let the Superintendent determine the hire. The Superintendent will be held accountable for the decision made
- Board approval is recommended for this position funded by HB 3499 state fund grant for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Position to be reevaluated for continuation. The Superintendent will notify the board of movement from the grant fund to another account.

Pat Morinaka made a motion to approve the state grant funded position for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, with notification regarding reevaluation/continuation and salary funding of this position to be provided by the Superintendent at the end of the school year. Motion was seconded by Jeremy Peterson. Motion carried.

New Business

A) 2020-2021 School Calendar

Discussion –

- Present draft calendars in January
- Intent was to come up with options, survey staff and others
- Earlier start date, later end date

Item was tabled until the January board meeting

B) Review proposal for new bus (copy enclosed)

Discussion –

- Proposal received and presented from Western Bus, Boring, OR in the amount of \$122,828.00
- Proposal for a diesel bus, not propane
- Money in the budget for a bus purchase
- In the final year of the district's 10 year replacement plan

Torie Ramirez made the motion to approve the Western Bus Proposal in the amount of \$122,828.00 as presented. Seconded by Kim Stipe. Motion carried.

Board Study

- A) OSBA Promise Scholarship Program Training on January 7, 2020 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

Corrected as recommended prior to approval

Future training sessions on February 25th, March 17th, April 21st and May 12th all at the same time and location.

Adjournment – At 7:22 p.m. Torie Ramirez made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Michael Hartley. Motion carried.

Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

Superintendent