

Nyssa School District 26
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2019

Board Members Present:

Jeremy Peterson
Torie Ramirez
Bob Fehlman
Kim Stipe
Marlon Wilson
Michael Hartley

Board Members Absent:

Pat Morinaka

Staff Members Present:

Darren Johnson, Superintendent
Ryan Hawkins, Dir. of Dist. Operations
Audrie Tracy, Administrative Assistant
Brett Jackman, HS Principal
Tammy O'Rourke, HS Vice Principal
Luke Cleaver, MS Principal
Araceli Gomez, MS Vice Principal
Matt Murray, Elementary Principal
Scott Rodman, Elem. Vice Principal

Others Present:

Signatures on file - plus many who did not sign in

Call to Order – Chairman Bob Fehlman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the District Auditorium.

Adoption of Agenda – Michael Hartley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Torie Ramirez. Motion carried.

Commendations

A) Student Benchmarks

Students in grades 3 through 5, grades 6 through 8, and grades 9 through 12 were recognized for meeting or exceeding the Oregon State Standard Assessment scores in various subjects. Students received a certificate and a medal for their accomplishments. These students get to participate in a reward trip provided by the district also.

There were many parents/guardians, family members, and friends present to watch as students received recognition for their hard work. Appreciation and congratulations to parents/guardians, family, and staff for their support to help students achieve.

The board meeting moved from the auditorium to the boardroom immediately following the student recognition.

Visiting Patrons and Delegations

A) Lee Birch, Umpqua Bank

Mr. Birch was not present.

B) HS Senior Fundraiser – information on file

HS student Abigail Wachtler provided information regarding a fundraiser the senior class would like to do to raise school spirit and boost morale.

The proposal is sell parking spaces to senior students for 2019-2020. Seniors will pay a fee for a parking space and then paint their space for the year. Senior students will have priority over staff. This year will be a trial run. If successful, open up additional spaces year two.

All applications and designs must be submitted and approved by administration prior to painting. Spaces will have a four line border painted around each design. At the end of the school year, the junior class cleans all the spaces.

Specialty paint will be used and can be easily removed. A certain area of the parking lot will be designated for painting, preferably visible by cameras. If a space is vandalized there will be consequences.

Parking in the designated area/spaces for students will be effective during school hours only unless the student is parked in their space prior to an activity/event.

Abigail thinks the fundraiser will be a fun project for seniors to do together. She is requesting support and permission of the Board of Directors to move forward with the proposed fundraiser.

By consensus of the board, permission was granted to move forward with the senior class fundraiser. Board members think this is a great idea. Good job Abigail *aka* Cool Hair Girl!

HS Vice Principal Tammy O'Rourke is helping with the fundraiser, she was present to support Abigail and assist if needed.

Financial Report

A) PERS Side Account

Discussion –

- in the budget
- Unfunded liability higher than \$200,000 on December 30, 2017
- 25% match
- Funds into high risk markets
- Taking applications as long as funds are available, applications opened September 3, 2019
- Can't ask for dollars back if given, dollars are gone
- Application fees/deposit fees charges, decrease on dollars
- Current PERS cost to the district is approximately \$196,000 per month
- Mark Redmond and Matt Mejia of Malheur ESD are not in favor

Recommendation –

- ° Don't do it, continue to pay
- ° Leave as is

Marlon Wilson made a motion to **not** establish a PERS side account. Seconded by Torie Ramirez. Voting in favor are Bob Fehlman, Torie Ramirez, Michael Hartley, Marlon Wilson, Kim Stipe, and Jeremy Peterson. Pat Morinaka was absent and did not vote. Motion carried.

Benny's Landscaping – still not done. Soccer game field still an issue. Benny consented to work with Jesse Melendez on water lines. Correct all fields so they are playable for athletes, coaches and parents.

The Nyssa Branch of Umpqua Bank will be closing on November 22, 2019. Since Umpqua Bank is the designated bank for the district, preference would be to remain with Umpqua Bank, Ontario Branch for 2019-2020. Determine prior to July 1, 2020 whether to remain with Umpqua Bank or switch to another bank. Designation must be on the July 13, 2020 board meeting agenda along with other annual designations for approval.

Consent Agenda

- A) Approve minutes of the August 12, 2019 work session and regular session meeting
- B) Approve corrected minutes of the July 8, 2019 work session and regular session meeting
- C) Review bills of the district
- D) Hires: Adam Van Meter, Instructional Assistant - Middle School
Antonia (Toni) Portenier - Instructional Assistant - Elementary
Urbano Alcazar - Maintenance
Jakob Iracheta - Custodian
Grant Gzik - Custodian
William (Bill) Lambie - 7th grade Volleyball Coach
Derek Carr - Transportation Mechanic Helper, Bus Driver
- E) Resignation: Annette Moser, Custodian
- F) Bobby DeLeon, HS Counselor - contract extension of ten days
(has two extra days currently, add eight more days for a total of ten)

Torie Ramirez made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Marlon Wilson. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A) Estate of Diana Ewing - Property on SW Corner Oak Ave and NW 4th St, Nyssa, OR

Superintendent Johnson and Business Manager Crystal Rideau met with Mr. Horton, Attorney at Law. A copy of the will was requested and sent to Mr. Horton. The estate still has to go through probate. Property was left to the school district.

New Business

A) Maintenance/repairs - Bids for cooling towers and asphalt (copy provided)

Recommended by Jesse Melendez, Maintenance Supervisor to go with bids/quotes received from Hobson for the cooling towers and Valley Paving for asphalt

Discussion -

- ° Cooling towers – current system is approximately 40 years old, it provides cooling for the cafeteria, gym and the high school
- ° Asphalt for high school parking lot, areas between and behind buildings

Concerns –

- ° Bids are not consistent
- ° Prevailing wage
- ° Contractors did not provide Oregon License Number on bid/quote

Recommendations -

- ° Have a mechanical engineer walk through and provide information before starting the cooling tower project. Recommend Stu Edwards from Ontario
- ° Request revised bids, follow RFP procedures
- ° All bids should be consistent, provide same proposal items
- ° Bid/quote should include Oregon License Number, prevailing wage, removal cost of existing materials, new materials, sizing properties, etc.
- ° Maintenance Department SOP Practices – work on a 3-5 year plan
- ° Table until next month

Board Study

A) OSBA Promise Scholarship Program - initial meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. has been cancelled.

The OSBA facilitator can fit Nyssa/Adrian in on the following dates. These dates are out to other districts as well so as soon as we confirm the better.

Oct 10-11
Oct 14-15
Oct 17-19
Oct 28-29
Nov 12-15
Nov 19-22

It was the board consensus to try to schedule for late October or November, coordinate dates with Adrian.

B) Malheur ESD will be hosting the Malheur County Fall Regional Meeting Monday, October 14th, Dinner at 6:00 p.m. - Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Malheur ESD in the Leggitt Conference Room, 363 A St. W, Vale, OR Please RSVP with Mary-Jane Pierce, maryjane.pierce@malesd.org

Discussion –

° Date is the same as our monthly board meeting

C) OSBA Elections - Nominations are open and materials are due to OSBA offices by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2019 for school board members interested in running for a position on the OSBA Board of Directors (Position 1) and Legislative Policy Committee, Eastern Region.

Discussion –

° There are no candidate nominations from our district

Adjournment – Torie Ramirez made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kim Stipe. Motion carried. At 7:45 p.m. the regular monthly meeting adjourned. Work Session immediately following

Chair/Vice Chair

Clerk