

Nyssa School District #26  
School Board Regular Session Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2020

**Board Members Present:**

Bob Fehlman  
Torie Ramirez  
Kim Stipe  
Marlon Wilson  
Pat Morinaka  
Jeremy Peterson

**Staff Members Present:**

Darren Johnson, Superintendent  
Audrie Tracy, Admin. Assistant  
Matt Murray, Elementary Principal  
Scott Rodman, Elem. Vice Principal  
Luke Cleaver, MS Principal  
Brett Jackman, HS Principal  
Tammy O'Rourke, HS Vice Principal

**Others:** Signatures on file

Call to Order – Chairman Bob Fehlman called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in the boardroom of the Administration Building.

Adoption of Agenda – Declared adopted as presented with the following addition to New Business - *Item A) School Board Scholarship for 2019-2020*

Commendations

A) Students

The K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Student of the Month is Elisabeth (Ellie) Santo-Hernandez. Ellie is in second grade; her teacher is Mr. Bieker. Ellie is an awesome student to have in class! She loves science and learning about the world around her. Ellie is quiet and inquisitive; she forges through difficult things until she understands it. Ellie participates in class, has a great work ethic and strives to do her best always. She is a great role model for her peers. Ellie is shy until she gets acquainted and then she is very vocal. She has the best stories that make us laugh. Congratulations Ellie!

The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Student of the Month is Anali Gallegos. Anali is not present this evening; she will be recognized at a later date. This is what Mr. Murray had to say about her. Anali is in fifth grade; her teacher is Mrs. Delbridge. Anali is a hard worker who is always willing to help others. She is a pleasure to have in class. Anali has improved in her reading fluency and mastered several basic math concepts. She is very quiet but through her actions and abilities is a great leader among her peers. She is conscientious, kind and always has a smile on her face.

The middle school selected seventh grader Jazmin Pascacio as their Student of the Month. Jazmin is a smart, friendly student with a great smile. She is a great role model and excellent example for her peers. Jazmin works extremely hard in all of her classes, is on task, does not procrastinate, and has a great attitude. She is one smart cookie! Jazmin is an advanced art student and we look forward to seeing the next amazing art piece she creates. Jazmin is kind, thoughtful and helpful to those around her. We are happy to honor her accomplishments. Great job Jazmin!

The High School Student of the Month is Francisco Cervantes. Frankie was not present as he had other obligations this evening. Mr. Jackman had the following to say about Frankie. Frankie is a well deserving student/athlete who never misses a day. He is a junior at NHS. Frankie has endured some tough times but manages to stay focused, show perseverance, portray leadership and maintains a positive attitude always. He participates in football and track, adding to the quality of the programs. His calm demeanor draws his classmates to him and it's amazing how kind he is to others. Frankie is a super role model for his classmates and others around him. He is an awesome young man who always has a smile on his face. Frankie is his mother's favorite child – he's everyone's favorite kid! Good job and keep up the good work!

#### B) Employee

Employee of the Month is Gretchen Longwell. Dr. Longwell is the choir teacher for the middle school and high school. She is the bomb! She is a professional through and through and the classiest dresser in the school district. Gretchen has done an amazing job with the choir program. Students have improved their skill levels and excelled to a high level under her direction. Her classes bless our ears with their lovely melodies. Gretchen is pleasant, kind, and student centered. Dr. Longwell is a great addition to the Nyssa School District staff. We are lucky to have her.

#### C) Parent

Amy Mardock is the Parent/Volunteer of the month selected by the high school. Amy is always the first to jump in to volunteer with any activity or group. She is very humble but deserving. Her devotion and support for her own children, other students, and the community is truly a blessing. Amy volunteers a large portion of her time helping students and staff of the cross country and wrestling teams. She is at every practice or meet and will run with the team everywhere with her back pack on. She is a food service employee for the Nyssa School District also. Amy is reliable and very giving of her time and energy.

#### Visiting Patrons & Delegations

##### A) Matt Murray – Elementary data presentation

Elementary Principal Matt Murray presented data on the Dual Language Program at the elementary school.

Information presented in regards to Kindergarten Readiness, insertion of another year in the K-2 grades (junior first), After School Program, ELD requirements, cohort data, closing the achievement gap, state testing/averages, national testing/averages, etc.

Please contact Mr. Murray at the elementary school if you have questions or need additional information.

##### B) Darren Johnson – Update on the Student Success Act (SSA) plan

Superintendent Johnson presented an update on the Student Success Act.

Results from the surveys of staff, students, parents, and community members was reviewed.

The following are some areas of importance included in the application for funds – Elementary Counselor, KG-3 decreased class size-increase teachers, implement junior first grade, add Social Studies teacher at middle school, SSA Coach-Path to Success, Math teacher at high school, payroll costs, nurse.

The SSA update, proposed budget, etc. will be posted on the school website for review prior to submission date.

The SSA, Student Investment Account application for funds will be presented for board approval at the April 13<sup>th</sup> school board meeting. The ODE deadline for submission of the Student Investment Account application for funds is prior to or on April 15, 2020.

***Introductions/acknowledgements -***

Superintendent Johnson introduced Rose Salomone, ELL/Student Information Coordinator. Rose is a new employee of the district and the nicest person you'll ever meet. We look forward to working with her and appreciate her being here.

A shout out was given to Mr. Luke Cleaver for the successes of his coaching, coaching staff and the entire wrestling program over the years. Luke's son Elijah won his third state championship this year. Elijah is an outstanding student athlete. He is a senior this year and Valedictorian of the Class of 2020. Congratulations to Elijah, Luke and family.

Superintendent Johnson acknowledged Mr. Bunn, Scout Leader, and two scouts in attendance who are working toward their Eagle Scout Rank.

Financial Report – Business Manager Crystal Rideau presented the financial reports as of February 29, 2020.

- ° Expenditures exceeded revenue due to payroll costs for winter sport stipends
- ° Bond, Debt Service Payment – address for future
- ° Food Service and Early Head Start – deficits in both programs
- ° Continue to watch expenditures to the end of the year

Consent Agenda

- A) Approve minutes of the February board meeting
- B) Resignation: Toni Portenier, Instructional Assistant – Elementary  
Carol Steinmetz – Middle School Track Coach  
Clarissa Helliwell – K-1/DLP Teacher, Elementary  
Grant Gzik, Custodian
- C) Board Member Resignation – Michael Hartley
- D) Annual Requirement, Action Item: The board is required to renew or extend the teacher/administrator contracts at the March board meeting
  - 1) 1, 2, & 3 year probationary teacher renewal
  - 2) Contract teacher extension
  - 3) Probationary administrator renewal
  - 4) Contract administrator extension

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

#### Old Business

##### A) Superintendent Contract (three year rolling contract)

Marlon Wilson made the motion to renew one year. Seconded by Kim Stipe. Motion carried.

##### B) Action Item /Annual Requirement – Review/approve Inter District Enrollment numbers for 2020-2021 according to policy *JECB, Admission of Non Resident Students*.

Item was tabled from last month.

School administrators recommended the breakdown of Inter District Transfers for 2020-2021 as follows -

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| Grades K-8 | Maximum to be determined based on class sizes |
| Grade 9    | 7   |
| Grade 10   | 8   |
| Grade 11   | 10  |
| Grade 12   | 5   |

Roll transfer students in good standing to the next grade level.

Torie Ramirez made a motion to approve the number of transfers recommended and to ensure that current requirements/actions remain in place regarding the following - signed contracts with student(s)/parent(s) regarding attendance, behavior, expulsion, etc. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Peterson. Motion carried.

***The cutoff/deadline date for admission of Non Resident Students will be May 31, 2020.***

It was recommended the cutoff/deadline date for acceptance/admission of Non Resident Students be changed to June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Kim Stipe made the motion to approve the recommended date change. Seconded by Pat Morinaka. Motion carried.

#### New Business

##### A) School Board Scholarship - \$5,000

The scholarship application for 2019-2020 will be forwarded to the high school counselor for distribution. Deadline for applications and committee to review applications to be determined.

Board Study

A) Boundary change approval – copy of approved change enclosed

Approved document provided as informational only.

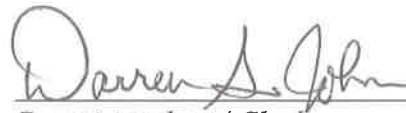
B) OSBA Promise Scholarship Program, next training scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 from 6-9 p.m. in the boardroom.

Informational only.

Adjournment – At 8:37 p.m. Bob Fehlman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Torie Ramirez. Motion carried.



*Chairperson*



*Superintendent / Clerk*