

Nestucca Valley School District

Board of Director's Meeting

Minutes-May 10, 2021

OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION

Board Director Evan Carver was not present at this meeting. Board Member, Bill Hagerty, called the Public Session to order at 6:30 pm. Mr. Hagerty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

- X - Annis Leslie (via zoom)
- X - Emily Hurliman (via zoom)
- X - Diane Boisa
- X- Bill Hagerty
 - Evan Carver- **Not Present**
- X - Misty Wharton, Superintendent
- X - Ken Richwine, JSHS Principal
- X- Megan Kellow, Student Services Director
- X- Chad Holloway, Elementary Principal
- X – Diane Wilkinson, NVELC Director

Patron, Students and Staff: Keith/Kathleen Serven, DeWanna Zeller, Amy/Tevin Gianella, Shane Stuart, April Bailey, Sharman Ensminger, Jeremy Dean, Patrick Dean, Jessica Lynn Dean, Leif Marsh, Fiona Hill, Hilary Dorsey, Daniliz Ortega, Kim Seals

Approval of Agenda-May 10, 2021

MOTION: Diane Boisa **2nd:** Emily Hurliman **AYES:** 4 **NOES:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

1. Leif Marsh gave the Student Body report (Student Body President, Danny Maddox, was unable to attend the meeting). Leif gave updates regarding the upcoming Nestucca Games and Spirit Week. These activities will also have “courts” representing each dance (Homecoming, Winter Formal, Prom). He also talked about a Senior Dance that is being planned. There will be Covid-19 related rules that apply to this dance, such as limited numbers of students invited.
2. Ms. Wharton introduced a video created by Nestucca Senior, Fiona Hill. This project was done with support from Ms. Serven and focused on sounds set to images. The presentation was impressive and was a good example of the creative learning from staff and students during CDL. Thanks to Fiona!

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Community Member, April Bailey, addressed the Board. Ms. Bailey reported that she, “has tried to be kind, gracious and even come to Board Members individually, but now she is tired of it.” She claims that the Board made promises to her and then changed their mind without giving her any notification. She went on to list the following issues she is not happy about:
 1. The Board information is not easily assessable. It takes 4 clicks on the website to get to what she is looking for. She also stated that that the agendas were, “erroneous and difficult to understand.”
 2. Policies are passed, but are not publically read during Board meetings. Ms. Bailey went on to say, “To be frank, there are many objectionable policies.” She went on to talk about specific policies that she found “objectionable.”
 - a. She stated that teaching students about transgenderism is “evil” and that teaching gender confusion to kids is very wrong.
 - b. She claims that separating students in any way based on race is, “disgusting.” Ms. Bailey also made comments regarding data that suggests suicide rates being higher amongst black students, which she believes is wrong. She asked if her suicide rate was higher because of her own skin. She said that she, “didn’t care about the law”, but didn’t expand on what law she was referring to.
 - c. She said that the district was also, “infringing on our teachers rights” by passing policies related to gun rights and freedom of religion.
 3. Ms. Bailey accused the Board of allowing Superintendent Wharton to “yell” at her and threatening to shut down the meeting. This was in reference to Superintendent Wharton not allowing specific staff members to be referred to, or “called out”, during a public board meeting. If there is a complaint about a specific person employed by the district, it must go through the formal complaint process.

Ms. Bailey finished by asking the Board to, “step up and take this seriously for once. You may be running unopposed, but you can be recalled.”

- Community Member, Patrick Dean, addressed the board regarding mask protocol for students. Mr. Dean reported that he is the grandfather of a kindergarten student. His family sent his granddaughter in a mask that he believes meets guidelines. However, once she was at school, someone removed that mask and replaced it with a paper mask. Mr. Dean wants to know why there was not parent involvement when making this decision and what are the protocols/procedures for doing this? He also wants to know the lot #, brand and make of the paper mask and what medically trained person determined that the school provided mask was better. He claims that he witnessed another student on school property wearing a scarf for a mask. Mr. Dean said the only conclusion he could come to was that the school was trying to reduce her oxygen. He said that the Board should be “horrified” by this and that the district has no evidence that masks work.

CONSENT AGENDA-Consolidated Motion

- Board Minutes from April 12, 2021
- April 2021 Financial Report
- Ratification of Employment
- Confidential Contract

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Emily Hurliman **AYES:** 4 **NOES:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

ACTION DISCUSSION

- None

INFORMATION/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS

- Administration Reports

1. Chad Holloway-Elementary Principal

- Gave updates regarding state testing

2. Ken Richwine-Junior Senior High Principal

- Gives updates about starting up Winter sports this week

- Follows up with more information regarding the planned Nestucca games. Each week will have a different theme and court. There will be some limitations, but it will still be a fun experience for the kids.

- Gave dates about state testing progress. Reports that many of the student/parents have opting out of state testing so the numbers are lower this year.

3. Diane Wilkinson, NVELC Director

- Reports that enrollment numbers are up.

- Discusses a new program through Food Roots NW. It is a pilot food delivery program called, "Bounty Box." These boxes will include fresh produce, eggs. Etc., originally, this started off for families that accessed SNAP, but other families expressed interest in the ability to purchase these boxes.

- Updates several grants/programs, including Preschool Promise and Kinder Camp (will now include preschool students too).

- Looking into continued updating to the outside spaces around the NVELC, including expansion of fencing and the possibility of and a covered play area.

4. Megan Kellow, Student Service Director

- Gives updates about end of the year federal programs collections and changes to applications for funding.
- Kindergarten transitions from ECSE/preschool is planned for the end of May
- Extended testing is completed.
- Updates SpEd testing and evaluations-prioritizing seniors that need updates assessment for their transition plans.
- Post School Outcomes interviews will start shortly.

4. Misty Wharton, Superintendent

- Discusses plans for summer school. It will start on 7/6 and end on 8/12. It will be full day with science workshop in the morning and art workshops in the afternoon. Families can sign up for 2 week intervals or all 6 weeks. Staff will also be given this option. We will be hiring high school students as well to support this program and provide summer employment opportunities to our older students. We will be teaming with Food Roots NW, the Sitka Center and the S. County Emergency Preparedness Team. Ms. Wharton also goes over grants that will be supporting summer school including a summer school grant from ODE for 140,000 and the 21st Century Learners grant. The Sitka Center will also be applying for an additional grant.
- Gives updates about future projects (bus barn, back sports fields). The Board will have a Facilities work session in order to look at the work and prioritize. This meeting will be held before the June Board meeting.
- Reports that the allocations for ESSR funds have been released. Nestucca Valley School District qualifies for 980,000.00. This money should be used to bolster programs and give students the opportunity to explore interests (clubs, afterschool programs, social-emotional activities).
- Announces that we now have a district, onsite OT. This individual will also act as Early childhood education case manager for our preschool program.
- Discusses next year: There will be no online option via the NVSD for the '21-'22 school year. Tillamook has created a virtual school, so students that are not returning to in person school can access that or other online public school programs. Transportation continues to be the biggest challenge with Hybrid Learning and the ultimate goal of getting all students back in the building full time. While we wait for further guidance for the state, it remains likely that we will need to return to school in the fall still wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Ms. Wharton also reminds the Board, staff and community members in attendance that there are now vaccinations for person 16 years old and up. Vaccinations are not mandatory.
- Construction update: Second wave of furniture has been delivered.

-Mr. Richwine and Ms. Wharton discuss moving our high school students to a trimester model. We are the only district in Tillamook County that is still on semesters. This causes scheduling issues. Additionally, students are able to focus on 5 courses, which helps with credit recovery, and still earn roughly 7 credits per trimester.

- Board of Directors Update

No updates.

Diane Boisa asks if summer school will be in person and support students that need to do credit recovery. Administration confirms this and reports that the summer school for high school students will be tailored to student needs. Board Member Boisa also inquires about the Policy Committee meetings, as that may help remedy some issues that community members are having with policy adoption. Ms. Wharton explains that while there were plans and scheduled meetings, we recently had a lot of resignations from the committee and need some additional time to get those rescheduled and find committee volunteers.

FURTHER BUSINESS

Having no further business, Mr. Hagerty adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.