

Board of Director's Meeting

Minutes-July 14, 2021

OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION

The Public Session was called to order by Board Chair Carver at 6:30 pm. Vice Chair Carver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

X - Annis Leslie

X - Shane Stuart

X - Diane Boisa

X - Bill Hagerty, Vice Board Chair

X - Evan Carver, Board Chair

X - Misty Wharton, Superintendent

- Ken Richwine, Junior-Senior High Principal-**Not Present**

X - Megan Kellow, Special Programs Administrator

- Chad Holloway, District Facilities and Alternative Education Administrator-**Not Present**

Patrons, Students and Staff: Mike Sears, April Bailey, Lauren Olson, Kayla Mosley, Andre Schellhaas, Sadie Mai, Kristina Albin

Approval of Agenda-July 14, 2021

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Annis Leslie AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 (Mr. Stuart had not been sworn in)

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

- The following Board Members were officially sworn in by Vice Chair, Bill Hagerty:
 - Evan Carver
 - Annis Leslie
 - Diane Boisa
 - Shane Stuart (First term on Board)

- Bond Oversight Committee: Diane Boisa updates Board regarding the Bond Oversight Committee. She reports that this is truly an excellent committee to be a part of with great members. She goes on to say that bond money has been well spent and that is evident when you look at the work that has been accomplished. Finally, Ms. Boisa suggests that we start submitting the meeting minutes from the Bond Oversight Committee, in order for all Board Members to be aware of the work they are doing. Superintendent Wharton also will send the backlog of Bond Oversight meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mike Sears wished to discuss Critical Race Theory, as it relates to the new Anti-Bias Training that was presented at a previous meeting. He is concerned about this, as he does not support Critical Race Theory. Superintendent Wharton assured Mr. Sears that this training is not Critical Race Theory. This training will only be at the NVELC and was prescribed by NWRESD. Should Critical Race Theory come up in the future, the district will work with the policy committee, staff and community in order to do what is best for students.
- April Bailey expressed dissatisfaction over the district website and policy adoption procedures.

CONSENT AGENDA—consolidated motion

- Board Minutes from the June 12, 2021 Board Meeting
- June 2021 Financial Report
- Ratification of Employment

MOTION: Bill Hagerty 2nd: Diane Boisa_ AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

ACTION DISCUSSION

- **Recommendation:** Approve the Election of the Nestucca Valley School District Board Chair
Chair: Evan Carver

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Shane Stuart AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 1-Mr. Carver did not vote.

- **Recommendation:** Approve the Election of the Nestucca Valley School District Board Vice Chair
Vice Chair: Bill Hagerty

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Annis Leslie AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 1-Mr. Hagerty did not vote.

- Designate the Nestucca Valley School District Chief Administrative Officer: Misty Wharton (4.3)
- Designate the Nestucca Valley School District Business Manager/Chief Financial Officer: Misty Wharton (4.4)
- Designate the Nestucca Valley School District Officer: Misty Wharton (4.5)
- Designate the Custodian(s) of District Funds: Misty Wharton and NWRESD (4.6)
- Designate bank or banks as the depository of district funds (4.7):
 - a) U.S National Bank
 - b) Local Government Investment Pool- Salem OR

c) Wells Fargo PERS Pension Obligation Account

- Designate the Auditor for Nestucca Valley School District: Pauly Rogers and CO PC (4.8)
- Designate the Legal counsel for Nestucca Valley School District: Hungerford Law Firm (4.9)
- Designate the Insurance Agent and Agency of record for the Nestucca Valley School District :Hagan Hamilton Insurance -Ryan Hartzell (4.10)
- Designate the Newspaper of Record for official district notices: The Headlight Herald (4.11)
- **Recommendation**: Approve items 4.3 through 4.11

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd : Annis Leslie **AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**

INFORMATION/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS

- Superintendent Report:

Ms. Wharton give details about summer school. The first two-week session went very well. We are currently serving 60 students with support from Food Roots NW, the Fire Department, Sitka Center and the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Students will also have the opportunity for field trips, including a trip to an Organic Dairy Farm (Eggert Family), a beach cleanup, visiting the burn sites from last year's wild fire event in Otis and a few other possibilities. The preschool and upcoming Kinder students will start on 7/20/21, so enrollment will go up. At the high school level, we currently have 6-20 students on any given day. The focus there is credit recovery. Reports from high school summer staff is that students are making great progress during their time and it has been very beneficial for those that needed to make up credits.

Ms. Wharton gives updates around facilities. There had been discussion about the possibility of replacing the shop with an updated building. Bond money would be used for the shop project, but at this time, the cost is too great and Ms. Wharton wants to make sure the district is investing smartly. As a result, this project has been delayed (shop is still functional) and we will look into this in the future.

Work has started on the sports fields behind the K-8. This project is **NOT** funded by bond money, but rather from money via the general fund and grants. NVAISI was able to secure plans (ZCS Engineering). The District is implementing 1/3 of those plans. This will be a conditional use play area without structures.

Ms. Wharton discusses the beginning of the 21-22 school year. It is likely that students will have to continue to wear masks inside until parents have had the opportunity to vaccinate their children (if they choose). Social distancing will go from 6 ft. to 3 ft. (allows us more flexibility with transportation). Students are expected to be able to be in school five days per week for a full school day. Staffing has also changed. Chad Holloway will be taking on the role of District Facilities and Alternative Education Administrator. We will have two TOSA positions that will act as principals at

the K-8 (with support of Administration on site). Kristina Albin has been selected (and accepted) one of these TOSA positions. Staff will be a part of designated PLTs, so that all staff will have the opportunity to be more involved in district decisions. Staff will continue to focus on social emotional health for students and themselves throughout the '21-'22 school year.

There have been changes to our volunteer/coaches/facilities use protocol. Chad Holloway will be developing these systems as part of his new role. Some of these changes are required, especially around background checks and fingerprinting of volunteers and coaches. Without this being done on a yearly basis, volunteers/coaches will not be able to interact with students. More on this later, but know that changes will occur and we cannot continue doing things like we have always done. In time, this new process will become second nature to us all. There will also be a handbook available with all of this new information.

Finally, Ms. Wharton announces that Megan Kellow (Special Programs Director) will no longer act as Board Secretary. Sarah Lewis will take over in this role in August.

- Open House: Ms. Wharton would like this to occur before school starts. The Board suggests the first week of September. More to come on this later.

FURTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Board Chair Carver adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.