

**Board of Director's Meeting**

**Minutes – October 13, 2021**

**OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION**

The Public Session was called to order by Vice Board Chair Hagerty at 6:31 pm. Vice Board Chair Hagerty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

X - Annis Leslie-Zoom

X - Shane Stuart

X - Diane Boisa

X - Bill Hagerty, Vice Board Chair

X - Evan Carver, Board Chair-**Not present**

X - Misty Wharton, Superintendent

X - Ken Richwine, High School Principal

X - Megan Kellow, Special Programs Administrator-**Not present**

X - Chad Holloway, District Facilities and Alternative Education Administrator

X – Diane Wilkinson, Early Learning Center Director

**Patrons, Students and Staff:** Sharman Ensminger, Keith Serven, Danny DiCrispino, Mary Hurliman, April Bailey, Gene Johnson, Andre Schellhaas, Sadie Mai, Kristina Albin, Tevin Gianella, Amy Gianella, Chrissy Eichelberger, Anne Price

**Approval of Agenda-October 13, 2021**

**MOTION:** Diane Boisa 2nd: Shane Stuart AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

**COMMUNITY/SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS-None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

April Bailey was called on but not present at the time. No other patrons wished to comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA—consolidated motion**

- Board Minutes from the September 8, 2021 Board Meeting
- October 2021 Financial Report
- Ratification of Employment

**MOTION:** Diane Boisa 2nd: Shane Stuart AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

## ACTION DISCUSSION

- **Recommendation**: Approve Division 22 Standards for the 2020-2021 School year.

**MOTION**: Shane Stuart 2<sup>nd</sup>: Diane Boisa **AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**

- **Recommendation**: Approve the resignation of Chairman Carver from the Nestucca Valley School District Board of Directors.

**MOTION**: Diane Boisa 2<sup>nd</sup>: Annis Leslie **AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**

- **Recommendation**: Approve Facility names: Nestucca K8, Nestucca High School, Nestucca Valley Early Learning Center.

**MOTION**: Annis Leslie 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shane Stuart **AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**

## INFORMATION/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS

- Admin Reports:

Mr. Richwine, Principal of Nestucca High School, stated that fall sports are going really well. The Football team is ranked #2 with (4-1) and Volleyball ranked #4 (9-5). He stated that the Cross Country team is also doing very well but there are too few students to get a ranking.

The first day for students is the building was 9/22/21. Mr. Richwine stated that out of 152 students, 134 showed up and that was with their own transportation! The pep band is in full swing and adding a good energy. It is Homecoming week, with dress up days and the big game on Friday against Gaston. The Homecoming dance will be held around the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. There will also be a fall play in November.

Mr. Richwine gives a shout out to all staff who have really stepped up and done their part to help out during such a staffing shortage.

Diane Wilkinson, Director of the Early Learning Center, is pleased to welcome some new staff. Jackie Martinez Romero is a new IA who is also bilingual. She states they also welcomed a new instructor/secretary, Stacey Hagerty to the team. Diane gave a shout out to Robin Richwine for all of her help training new employees.

Diane states that staff are busy working with new programs and continue bridging our three schools together. They are also receiving OT/ ECIS services from Rachael Baran two days a week. She states she is very thankful for Leeauna Perry and all the work she is doing with the Art Literacy program.

Families are working very well with the rules and are showing teachers and staff a lot of respect. They currently have three students doing CDL. Meals are arriving daily and Diane gives another shout out to our fantastic food service crew.

They will have an earthquake drill on 10/20/21 at 10:21.

Administrator of Facilities and Alternate Education, Chad Holloway, gives campus updates. He states we are making good progress at the K8. The new sod has taken well and kids are already using it for PE. The turf is down and has been sewn together. The next step will be gluing it. We will have pricing for the track and Football field soon.

Mr. Holloway comments that the K8 hosted a funeral recently that went very well. The building functioned as it was intended, for community use.

Mr. Holloway also gave a shout out to Julie Reddekopp for coming out of retirement to help with custodial work at the K8. He also gave a shout out to our transportation crew, Grant Graves and the bus drivers for working hard to make it possible with full routes. He also thanks all the parents who have stepped up and been willing to transport their kids to help the district out.

Superintendent Misty Wharton, expressed that the staff have been amazing-stepping up to do whatever needs to be done. Ms. Wharton also thanks Denise Lane, who was also trying to retire, for staying on to help out. We have two TOSA positions filled and a fulltime counselor. She states she is looking forward to things settling down so we can begin to work on programs.

Ms. Wharton shares that our enrollment is very good, with 152 at the High School, 320 at the K8, and 41 at the ELC. She states it has been fun to watch the building function at its full capacity. The staff are really enjoying the new building too. She comments that we have held quite a few Volleyball games recently and will be doing in-person conferences next Thursday and Friday.

Ms. Wharton speaks of the vaccination mandate and feels people are starting to understand it. We have lost a few employees due to the mandate. Ms. Wharton gives a shout out to Ursula McVittie, the district's Human Resources Director. She has onboarded 38 employees in the last two years. We have recently interviewed for a full time RN position and are waiting to hear back.

Superintendent Wharton also shares that she will be making a trip to Neah-Kah-Nie soon to check out their new Student Health and Wellness Center.

Ms. Wharton expresses hope that after the vaccine is made available to younger students, that things may begin to shift and there would be the possibility of no masks eventually.

Ms. Wharton concludes with the new vacancy on the School Board and the need to fill that position.

- Board of Directors Updates:

Bill Hagerty expressed his thanks to the teachers and staff for everything they do. He also thanks Evan Carver for his time on the Board and everything he has done for the kids, community and the NVASI program.

Shane Stuart shares that his kids are loving school and so happy to be back full time.

Diane Boisa asked how many students are currently doing CDL? Ms. Wharton answered her with approximately a dozen students. Ms. Wharton comments that most of the students doing CDL, have an immunocompromised person in their circle.

- New staff and assignments:

Ms. Wharton shares that we have hired Susan Brown, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center director, and that the afterschool program will be starting very soon. She states that the number of staff we have employed has gone up and we are offering a lot more programs due to grants that have been received. Ms. Wharton also shares that the High School has a new Alternative Education teacher, Dammes Hoogendijk, who is teaching small business, as well as bike mechanics and repair.

- Before the close of the meeting, Vice Board Chair Hagerty invites April Bailey once again to share for public Comment. April responds at this time that she would like to address the board. She states that a 5.7 case rate is low and it is difficult having virtual meetings. She states that mandates are rules, not laws. She is concerned that kids are wearing masks outside. She expresses dissatisfaction over the district website and the policy updates. She also addresses the Board regarding a letter she was sent. April states that she did not threaten the Board or the Superintendent.

Mr. Hagerty thanks April for her comments.

### **FURTHER BUSINESS**

With no further business, Vice Board Chair Hagerty adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.