

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes – March 8, 2023

OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Stuart at 6:00 pm. Board Chair Stuart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

- X - Shane Stuart-Board Chair - Zoom
- X - Linda Fielder-Board Vice Chair
- X - Bill Hagerty
- X - Diane Boisa
- X - Joseph Boyd
- X - Misty Wharton, Superintendent
- X - Ken Richwine, High School Principal
- X - Chad Holloway, Administrator of Facilities and Alternative Education
- X - Megan Kellow, Special Programs Administrator
- X – Kristina Albin, K8 Director

Patrons, Students and Staff: Shelley Stoll, Mary Hurliman, Sonya Kazen, Adriana Gisler, Tevin Gianella, Greg Woods, Meesha Filosi, Russ Sanders, Sydney Leja, Tera VanDyke, Brad Turano, Melanie Merryman, Jennifer Collins, Sharman Ensminger

Approval of Agenda – March 8, 2023

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Joseph Boyd AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

There were no students to present this evening.

Brad Turano, with Pauly, Rogers and Co., P.C., was present via Zoom to report on the 2021-2022 Annual Audit for Nestucca Valley School District.

Mr. Turano went over the purpose of the audit, which was compliance with the following:

- Generally accepted accounting principles and auditing standards.
- The Oregon Municipal Audit Law and the related administrative rules.
- Federal, state and other agency rules and regulations related to expenditures of federal awards.

The results of the audit were very good, Mr. Turano said. It was a clean audit with no issues found and no separate management letter was issued. Mr Turano said this is exactly what you want to see in an audit.

Mr. Turano went over the Best Practices section stating that they just want people to be aware of these items year to year. He added that this was the smallest amount of Best Practices listed out of all of their clients. Mr. Turano said this was a very clean audit and applauded Superintendent Wharton, the management team, along with Andre Schellhaas and Tera VanDyke. Mrs. Wharton thanked Mr. Turano and their team for all their hard work on this. Mr. Stuart thanked Mr. Turano for his time.

Mr. Holloway and Mr. Richwine talked about the Career Technical Education Exploratory Course. Mr. Holloway said this course is kind of a kick off to the new CTE building and what Mrs. Wharton is working on with a county wide partnership in CTE programs.

Many people are retiring out of these careers, Mr. Holloway said, and we need new people moving into these jobs. Community partners will come in on Wednesday mornings from 8:00-9:00 and each session will be three weeks long.

Mr. Holloway said that Glen Gillas with Iconopro is one of our community partners. The session will begin with introductions, followed by an explanation of what they do and what kinds of soft skills are required. This will be followed by a hands on activity. Mr. Gillas will bring in wires and they will work on building circuits, for example.

Another community partner will be Kiwanda Hospitality, Mr. Holloway said. They will be sending someone from Doryland Pizza to make mini pizza's with the kids.

Mr. Holloway said other partners will include Adventist Hospital, Oregon Fish and Wildlife, and Tillamook PUD, to name a few.

Mr. Richwine explained the first session might be short a few stations while they are getting this up and running. The students will still have their other five periods, the classes will just be a little shorter those days. This model will allow them to get exposure to multiple careers versus just a few.

Mrs. Wharton said they are working on getting something going on the middle school level as well. This is really exciting and going to be a great opportunity for our kids.

Mrs. Wharton said as a county, they will visit a skills center in Vancouver this April.

Mr. Stuart said as someone who sits on the CTE board and is also one of the community partners participating in this program, he is very excited about these exploratory courses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA – consolidated motion

- Board Minutes from February 8, 2023
- February 2023 Financial Report
- Ratification of Employment
- Licensed Contract Renewal

MOTION: Linda Fielder 2nd: Diane Boisa AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

ACTION /DISCUSSION

Recommendation: Approve - For the 2023-2024 school year, the Nestucca Valley School District will be a closed district, granting ten out-of-district transfer spots.

This has been our past practice for the last seven years and serves our district well. Mrs. Wharton explained that ten slots are granted every year, whether it be students already enrolled or new. There is a waiting list for those who are not granted enrollment.

Diane Boisa asked if there was an exception for siblings or students of teachers? Mrs. Wharton said no, there are no exceptions made to this practice.

MOTION: Joseph Boyd 2nd: Diane Boisa AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Recommendation: Approve - The Integrated Guidance Plan, draft, as proposed for 2023-2025 Biennium.

This plan must be submitted to the Oregon Department of Education by March 31, 2023. Our planning team has spent the last year and a half working with all stakeholders to seek input to consider when conducting our needs assessment as a district. As seen by the attached plan all members of the community aligned in identifying what they feel is the greatest need for our school district- Social Emotional Health, Behavior intervention, 9th grade on track, drop out prevention, and early academic exposure and intervention.

Mrs. Wharton said the state runs six different programs, all of which we participate in. Now the state is condensing it into one program. We surveyed parents, students, and staff, had listening sessions with students and staff. All the surveys identified the same areas that we need to address, Mrs. Wharton said. We are seeing behaviors from students, families and staff that we could use some help with. Mrs. Wharton said following COVID, we need to get families engaged again. We also need to address truancy issues and determine the barriers of getting children to school.

Ms. Boisa asked if this is something the district has to do every year? Mrs. Wharton answered that this is a four year plan being submitted, that will be re-evaluated quarterly. Ms. Boisa noted while reading through the plan, just how structured it was.

Mrs. Wharton shared that she learned this week, the state has chosen to restructure how they define poverty. A lot of this is based on people who sign up for state benefits, which a lot of our community does not. This has moved our poverty threshold from about 70% down to 30%. This is just not a realistic or accurate state of where our families are at. Randy Schild has been consulting with the NWRESD and working with us on this.

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Linda Fielder AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

INFORMATION / DIRECTOR QUESTIONS

Superintendent Wharton asked if there were any questions on the administrative reports and there were not.

Next month we will submit a new school calendar to vote on. Mrs. Wharton said they recently met with Cycle Oregon. Set up for this event will begin on September 10th, with cyclists showing up the afternoon of the 11th. They will spend two nights on campus and leave on the 13th. There will be a lot of activities going on, including live music each night. Mrs. Wharton added there are many money making venues for our kids, with quite possibly thousands of dollars to be

made. The Cycle Oregon crew were excited about the All Kids Bike program and the districts plans for a pump track and mountain biking trails.

Mrs. Wharton noted the flier at the back of the packet. Next week are parent teacher conferences and during that time, there will be a family resource fair. This will be taking place on March 16th from 3pm to 7pm. With almost 100% of parents who participate in the conferences, there is the opportunity for a lot of exposure to some of the resources available to them.

FURTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Stuart at 6:34 pm.