

Board of Director's Meeting

Minutes- October 16, 2023

OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was called to order by Board member Wally Nelson at 6:00 pm. Vice Chair Boyd was unable to attend so Mr. Nelson was appointed to lead the meeting. Mr. Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

- X - Joseph Boyd-Vice Chair-Not Present
- X - Wally Neson-Present
- X - Diane Boisa-Present
- X - Zachary Best-Present
- X - Misty Wharton, Superintendent-Present
- X - Ken Richwine, High School Principal-Present
- X - Megan Kellow, Special Programs Administrator -Present
- X - Chad Holloway, District Facilities and Alternative Education Administrator -Present
- X – Kristina Albin, K8 Principal-Present

Patrons, Students and Staff: Sherry Hartford, Shawn Best, Julie Love, Peter Deam, Carissa Albin, Mary Hurliman, Bobbie Stirling, Tami Flinter, Patty Mancuso, Jason Hagan, Amanda Hapka, Tyler Bentley, Tana Higdon, Lauren Olson, Cindy Marshall, Irene Barajas, Ursula McVittie, Kayla Cole, Greg Woods, Steve Lussier, Sydney Leja, Wyn Rigg, Daniela Moreno Gutierrez, Charity Hanke, Katy Willson

Zoom: Tevin Gianella, Tera VanDyke, Robin Richwine, Adam, CH, Melanie, Alex Croke, Keith Serven, Meesha Filosi, Natasha

Approval of Agenda – October 16, 2023

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Zachary Best AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

Juntos Afuera

Superintendent Wharton introduced Natalie Macias, with Juntos Afuera. Alongside Natalie were Nestucca High School Students Eric Chavarin, Daisy Camacho and Stefany Moreno. Natalie is an OSU Extension Juntos Coordinator for Tillamook County. Last spring the group presented in front of the County Commissioners.

Eric Chavarin spoke about their first field trip to Nestucca Bay Wildlife Refuge. They learned about the Rufous Hummingbird, the Hermit Warble and the Hairy Woodpecker. They then took observations on habitat suitability. The group returned to the Nestucca Bay Wildlife Refuge to explore again, this time using a field data analyst point of view. They looked at trees and shrubs and recorded data in their notebooks.

On week three, the group went to the Southern Flow Corridor. They observed the Marsh Wren, Bald Eagle, Great Blue Heron and Belted Kingfisher, also adding these to their notebooks. During week four they worked on identification of plants, determining what birds could forage and nest in the estuary. They were even able to take observations of birds from kayaks! The group conducted individual investigations, taking observations to draw their own conclusions.

Thank you cards were written to their drivers and guest speakers throughout the summer. Natalie shared they hosted two different family nights, with about 200 people at the first one! Juntos Afuera was also able to be a part of Huecha Omeyocan's ocean blessing ceremony. They worked as activity station leaders that moved into a community activity. There was a family kayaking day with the help of Nestucca Outdoors in Pacific City. Parents and kids had a really great time. The group downloaded the app Survey 123. They focused on seven birds that were migrating from Latin America, putting their information into the app. It was made into a competition and Jackie won a stuffed eagle and journaling book.

Ms. Boisa asked if this was a day camp or overnight? Natalie said it was a day camp. Ms. Boisa asked what the group did for meals? Natalie said they would pack coolers each day with sandwiches and other items for the group.

Mrs. Wharton asked if there were any staff that was not here last meeting for introductions to the board? Tyler Bentley introduced himself, sharing that he teaches three courses of English and Intro to Spanish. He is also a coach for Cross Country and Track.

PORTICO

Superintendent Wharton shared the PORTICO slide show. PORTICO takes the shared goals from students, staff and parents, to determine the characteristics that the district wants to identify with. Having a shared vision for our kids Pre-K through 14 being the goal. We surveyed more students than anywhere else. The data was driven from students and staff with only 11 parents filling out the survey.

Every school has unique characteristics. Spirit animals were created with some pretty great illustrations. From the survey, the participants want a **fun, safe** and **supportive** school. Mrs. Wharton shared the more times a word came up, the larger it appears on the slide show. Themes are created from the data on the survey. We had a higher content knowledge compared to other schools. PORTICO has principals able to connect with other principals. They can talk in peer groups with districts dealing with similar issues. Mr. Richwine added that Santiam was the first district to take this on, before the fires. Mrs. Wharton said that every Superintendent that she has talked to, has found it beneficial.

Carissa Albin asked if this was just for the K8 or the entire district? Mrs. Wharton answered, this is for the whole district.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests for public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA—consolidated motion

- Board Minutes from September 18, 2023
- September 2023 Financial Report
- Ratification of Employment
- Board Special Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2023
- Quarterly Statement of Assurance

MOTION: Zachary Best 2nd: Diane Boisa AYES:3 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

ACTION DISCUSSION

Recommendation: Approve nominations for vacant Board Member position.

Interviews of the people who applied for the Nestucca Valley School Board occurred on October 9, 2023. The interviews were conducted by the sitting NVSD board members.

Diane Boisa said we interviewed six wonderful people. Mrs. Boisa made the motion to appoint Irene Barajas to the board.

MOITION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Wally Nelson AYES: 2 NOES: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

Mr. Best said he feels Greg Woods would be the better candidate. He has sat on other boards and feels he is a solid candidate. Mr. Nelson said he has put a lot of thought into this and he really liked what Mrs. Barajas had to say.

Mrs. Barajas read the Oath of Office and was sworn in at 6:31 pm.

Recommendation: Approve-Appoint a NVSD Board Chair.

Ms. Boisa nominated Joseph Boyd to serve at Board Chair.

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Wally Nelson AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Recommendation: Approve-Appoint a NVSD Vice Chair.

Ms. Boisa nominated Wally Nelson to serve as Vice Chair.

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Irene Barajas AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Recommendation: Approve the Division 22 Standards for the 2022-2023 School Year.

This is the Annual review of Division 22 Standards.

Mrs. Wharton said she works with ODE to align with Federal and State mandates. We are out of compliance for the state testing (of 95%). We had too many parents opt out of testing. We did increase participation this last school year. Hopefully it will go up again this year. Zachary Best asked what happens if we don't make it? Mrs. Wharton said we then would write a corrective action and work to correct it. The other important piece is tied to compliance, so we have to stay on track.

MOTION: Zachary Best 2nd: Diane Boisa AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

INFORMATION/DIRECTOR QUESTIONS

There were no questions on administrative reports.

The Annual OSBA conference is coming up November 10th and 11th. There will be OSBA Board Members from all around the state educating on lots of different topics.

FURTHER BUSINESS

Superintendent Wharton read her notes on focusing forward. Please see attached notes.

Some NVSD staff members had a few words to say:

Ron Smith said that he thinks everyone should have to say two positive things before a negative one.

Carissa Albin said as a new teacher, she has all the resources she could ever need to do her job.

Kathleen Serven said she appreciates all the board (past and present) and the admin team. She feels supported and feels the kids are supported.

Diane Boisa said we want people to come to the board meetings. If you have a question, ask! We appreciate you coming and we want to hear from you.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.