

NOOKSACK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #506
Regular Meeting- Held at NV Middle School

January 20, 2022

Conference line: 1-669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 810 5474 1413
Passcode: 084933

Directors

Steve Jones, Chairman
Cheryl Thornton, Vice Chairman
Mark Olson
Jason Heutink
Halli Kimball

Visitors

Megan Wiseman
Krista Brisky
Hannah Ordos
Ashley Barnhart
Christina Reed
Steven Reed

Administrators

Cindy Stockwell
Kim McGee

Matt Galley, Supt./Secretary

The regular meeting of the Nooksack Valley School Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman, Steve Jones, at 7:00 p.m. on January 20, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 regular meeting.
M.C. 5-0

**MINUTES APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING**

Megan Wiseman spoke to a number of concerns including decreased test scores, dropping enrollment across the state, and bullying/school safety.

COMMUNICATIONS

Hannah Ordos spoke and encouraged the board to watch a recording of the state Dept. Of Health meeting from January 12. Also advocated the board support legislation around “opt-outs” and “local control.” She also implored the district to address issues related to cell phones in schools.

Krista Brisky spoke about concerns over the districts meal program and asking for more nutritional options.

Halli Kimball expressed her concern as a parent in the district for the continued mandates limiting our children’s experiences in school.

Ashley Barnhart entered a comment asking for more adult supervision in schools and bullying prevention. She also asked for volunteers to once again be allowed on campus.

Cheryl Thornton gave an overview of the legislative session and bills of interest for our district.

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve the hire of:

**EMPLOYMENT FOR THE
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR
APPROVED**

- a. Valorie Heinzen, Transportation, Bus Driver
 - b. Jennifer Rodriguez – Paraeducator III, One year only High School
- M.C. 5-0

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve the temporary leave of:

- a. Courtney Kooy, 7th Grade Language Arts, April 1 – 2022 end of school year
- b. MaryAnn Holbrook, Middle School Counselor, January 3 – 2022 end of school year
- c. Charlotte Couto - .4 FTE High School Teacher April 11- end of 2022 school year and .4 FTE Coach/Mentor leave April 25 – end of 2022 school year

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**TEMPORARY LEAVES FOR
FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL
YEAR ACCEPTED**

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve annual Impact Aid

M.C. 5-0

**APPROVE ANNUAL IMPACT
AID**

Jason Heutink moved and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to Approve resolution No. 7 ASB Fund Warrant re-issue

M.C. 5-0

**RESOLUTION NO. 7 ASB
FUND WARRANT APPROVED**

Mr. Galley addressed the following topics:

- a. Covid Guideline updates – shared the adjustments to isolation and quarantine periods (to 5 days) and communicated this was a move in a slightly different direction.
- b. Insurance Update – The schools have settled the first claim with Wright Insurance, receiving \$700,000 which will go into the capital projects fund and support further work on the new Sumas school until completion. Still awaiting final claim.
- c. Legislative Request – The district has submitted a proposal to the legislature for approx. \$10 million to enhance structures impacted by the flood and emergency shelter preparedness.
- d. Construction Updates – briefly shared Sumas scope and informed the board that the capital transfer of \$2.1 million approved in July will be processed this month and show up on next month’s budget.
- e. Entry Plan/School Improvement Work – Shared results of initial entry plan conversations and the goal to extend to the greater community in the spring. Explained the 5 principles of whole child design and how schools are anchoring their work in those principles. Discussed data points we will identify to measure and communicate progress.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by law have been recorded on a listing made available to the Board.

**VOUCHERS AND
PAYROLL PAYMENT
APPROVED**

As of the January 20, 2022, the board on a motion by Jason Heutink and a second by Cheryl Thornton and a unanimous vote does approve for payment the payroll and those vouchers included in the presented list and further described as follows:

**VOUCHERS AND
PAYROLL
APPROVED**

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General Fund Check No.133098– 133107; total \$4,154.06;
General Fund Check No.132966– 133097; total \$2,159,171.07;
General Fund Check No.133108– 133124; total \$363,802.44;
General Fund Check No.133125– 133223; total \$164,527.14
General Fund Check No.133224– 133224; total \$132.32
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The board entered into a brief Executive Session at 8:09 pm to discuss personnel related matters and a potential real estate transaction
Exited at 8:38pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No other business.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman of the Board

Superintendent/Secretary