

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

March 17, 2022

Conference line: 1-669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 863 9725 5889
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Directors
Steve Jones, Chairman
Mark Olson
Cheryl Thornton
Halli Kimball

Jason Heutink – Vice Chairman
Absent

Visitors

Jennifer Lautenbach

Administrators

Cindy Stockwell
Kim McGee
Katie Brown
Megan Vigre

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 March 17, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

An error was found in the February Minutes, Jason Heutink is the current Vice chairman, not Cheryl Thornton as listed. Minutes will be revised and officially approved at the March 30th Special Session.

**MINUTES NOT APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING**

Matt Galley opened with a statement regarding the current health and safety guidelines. Masking is now optional, and the week has gone very well. No reported issues related to covid. Volunteer applications are being accepted again. All volunteers are required to show proof of vaccination OR apply for a medical or religious exemption. He also updated the board on the State Board of Health and the impending decision to add the Covid-19 vaccine to the list of required vaccines. They will make a decision during their April meeting. Should it be approved, parents will have the following exemption options: medical, religious, philosophical, and personal choice.

COMMUNICATIONS

Jen Lautenbach updated the board on the city of Everson's progress towards sidewalks along Everson Goshen road and other impacts of the southern annex. She also thanked the board and administrators for their leadership the past two years.

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

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

- a. MacKenzie Bosket – Temporary leave replacement Math teacher, March 21- June 20
- b. Stacey VanWerven – Bus Driver

M.C. 4-0

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

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

- a. Cortney Kooy, 7th Grade Language Arts – 2022-2023 school year
- b. Deanna Sloane – Speech Language Pathologist, Everson Elementary One year 0.4 leave starting December 1st – end of year

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the resignation of:

- a. Shelby Wilson, Language Arts/ Social Studies Teacher, 6th grade Middle School

**RESIGNATION ACCEPTED
WITH REGRET**

M.C. 4-0

Cheryl Thornton moved and Mark Olson seconded the motion to accept with regret, the retirement of:

- a. Hazel Wells, Title teacher, Sumas Elementary
- b. Melanie Lunde, Paraeducator, Everson Elementary
- c. Lori Jones, Administrative Assistant II, Everson Elementary
- d. Cindy Stockwell, Assistant Superintendent

**RETIREMENTS APPROVED
WITH APPRECIATION**

Matt, Steve, Cheryl, Katie Brown, Kim McGee and Megan Vigre all shared very nice memories of Cindy's leadership and all thanked her for her role in their success.

Halli Kimball moved, and Cheryl Thornton approved the second reading of and the revision of policy 1105

**SECOND READING OF POLICY
1105 UPDATE APPROVED**

M.C. 4-0

Superintendent Galley shared the background information on the lawsuit and the commitments the district would take on if electing to join the lawsuit.

VAPING LAWSUIT

Halli Kimball moved and Mark Olson seconded a motion to authorize the Superintendent to work with the Stevens Clay law firm to have the School District join the pending vaping lawsuit against Juul and Altria, the successor to Philip Morris.

M.C. 4-0

Mr. Galley updated the board on the ongoing insurance claim and settlement which is still in process. Shared with the board the parameters around the \$2 million dollar appropriation from the state legislature for repairs, remodel, future flood mitigation. Mr. Galley shared the waiver proposal he will submit to OSPI with their approval. The proposal seeks to waive 6 days of school due to flooding. During those days all staff were working to support families, and fellow staff members, impacted by the flood. This proposal will also cause the district to fall below the minimum of 1027 instructional hours. The board gave Mr. Galley the go ahead to move forward and submit.

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 March 17, 2022 the board on a motion by Cheryl Thornton and a second by Mark Olson and a unanimous vote does approve

**VOUCHERS AND
PAYROLL**

for payment the payroll and those vouchers included in the presented list and further described as follows:

APPROVED

General Fund Check No.133408– 133419; total \$2,864.18;
General Fund Check No.133420– 133436; total \$382,926.97;
General Fund Check No.133437– 133506; total \$103,065.16;
General Fund Check No.133507– 133519; total \$1,313,985.86
General Fund Check No.133520– 133530; total \$10,524.15

M.C. 4-0

No executive session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No other business

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman of the Board

Superintendent/Secretary