

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

May 19, 2022

Conference line: 1-669-900-9128
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Directors

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

Matt Galley, Supt./Secretary

Visitors

Emily Walters, Hannah Ordos, Meva Janeway

Administrators

Cindy Stockwell
Kim McGee
Megan Vigre
Joel VanderYacht
Collin Buckley

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 May 19, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

Jason Heutink moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022, regular meeting.

**MINUTES APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING**

M.C 4-0

a. Megan Vigre shared the experiences she and Kathy Bronkema have had with generous community support to fill the new Sumas Elementary Library. From a large donation of Scholastic books to a trip to New York and the Today Show! Very exciting for our community.

b. Steve Jones shared that it is the 25th anniversary of the Nooksack Valley Scholarship Foundation and the class of 2022 will receive \$100,000 in scholarships.

c. Hannah Ordos briefly shared her concerns about bullying in the schools and introduced the board to “only 7 seconds.” She encouraged the board to learn about this program and potentially adopt.

d. Meva Janeway raised concerns about comprehensive sexual education in our system.

COMMUNICATIONS

Halli Kimball moved, and Jason Heutink seconded the motion to approve the hire of:

**EMPLOYMENT FOR THE
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR
APPROVED**

- a. Sarah Condreay, Principal, Sumas Elementary
- b. Barbi Som, Literacy Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA), Sumas Elementary, 0.6 FTE
- c. Jennifer Niemann, Literacy Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA), Everson Elementary, 0.5 FTE
- d. Emily A. Potter, Math Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA), Sumas Elementary, 0.5 FTE
- e. Laurie Ramirez, Title I Teacher, Everson Elementary
- f. Heidi Covington, Counselor, Leave replacement 8/31/22-1/27/23, High School
- g. Brette Boesel, Counselor, Middle School

- h. Gabriella Sandel, Math/Science Teacher, Middle School
- i. Madison Holz, Elementary Teacher, one year only, Everson Elementary
- j. Cassandra L. Homer, Elementary Teacher, Nooksack Elementary
- k. Nadejda Lagutochkin, Elementary Teacher, one year only, Sumas Elementary
- l. Siri Miller, Elementary Teacher, one year only, Nooksack Elementary
- m. Samantha VanBerkum, Elementary Teacher, Nooksack Elementary
- n. Kallista Kritsonis, Elementary Teacher, Sumas Elementary
- o. Annika Woodrich, Life Skills Teacher, Middle School
- p. Angela Marino, School Psychologist, District Wide
- q. Joey Hawkinson, Speech Language Pathologist, one year only, Everson Elementary
- r. Morgan Hoffman, Psychologist Intern, District Wide
- s. Elizeth Abarca-Castro, Administrative Assistant I, Everson Elementary

M.C. 4-0

Mark Olson moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to accept the resignation of:

- a. Kristi Roberts, Life Skills Teacher, Middle School, effective end of school year
- b. Maria Sanford, Administrative Assistant I/Paraeducator I, Middle School, effective end of school year

**RESIGNATION ACCEPTED
WITH REGRET**

M.C. 4-0

Jason Heutink moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the annual renewal of membership to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association.

**WIAA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP APPROVED**

M.C. 4-0

Mark Olson moved, and Jason Heutink seconded the motion to approve the 2022-2023 Whatcom County Interlocal agreement.

**2022-2023 WHATCOM COUNTY
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

M.C. 4-0

Halli Kimball moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve the certificated teacher contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.

**2022-2023 CERTIFICATED
TEACHER CONTRACTS
APPROVED**

M.C. 4-0

Joel VanderYacht presented the belonging work the middle school has done this year and highlighted “circles” as a new shared strategy/protocol the staff has used. He shared the different ways 6th and 7th grade teachers have implemented circles and the positive impact the work has had on

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
PLAN UPDATES**

increasing student voice and engagement.

Collin Buckley and Emily Walters presented the high school 9th grade success work. Mr. Buckley briefly explained the origins of this idea, springing from lessons learned through remote and hybrid learning, and the supports 9th graders would need this year. Ms. Walters discussed her framework and what a typical weekly cycle looks like and how this work ensures a sense of belonging with 9th graders. They shared great data as well, with 80% of 9th graders on track after 1st semester. Mr. Buckley also highlighted the work around common expectations he and Ms. Campos have engaged the staff and students in this year, and the positive trends they are seeing in discipline and attendance data.

Supt. Galley briefly summarized his entry plan to this point and shared the newly drafted theory of action and commitment statements. He shared the community engagement strategy of phase II and listed the following parent nights:

- a. 05/25/22 6:30pm Nooksack Elementary
- b. 05/31/22 6:30pm HS PAC
- c. 06/01/22 6:30pm Everson Elementary
- d. 06/14/22 6:30pm Sumas Elementary

Mr. Galley also shared the very positive audit results for 2021-2022, receiving an “unmodified opinion” and commendations from the auditor. Mr. Galley provided a brief update on construction and next month’s resolution proposal for redistricting our board director positions. Finally, he announced the following important dates related to graduation:

- a. June 6 Honors Night, HS PAC @ 7:00pm
- b. June 8 Baccalaureate, HS PAC @ 7:00pm
- c. June 10 Graduation, Sid Lambert Field @7:00pm

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.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

**VOUCHERS AND
PAYROLL PAYMENT
APPROVED**

As of the 19th of May 2022, the Board on a motion by Jason Heutink and a second by Halli Kimball and a unanimous vote does approve for payment, the payroll and those vouchers included in the presented list and further described as follows:

General Fund Check No.133864– 133942; total \$363,402.25;
Capital Projects Check No.133943 – 133952; total \$1,028,482.57;
ASB Fund Check No.133953 – 133970; total \$19,129.45.

General Fund Check No.133971– 134065; total \$120,109.49
ASB Fund Check No.134066 – 134066; total \$44,402.9

No executive session.

No other business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman of the Board

Superintendent/Secretary