

Nooksack Valley School District #506

**NV District Office
3326 E Badger Road
Everson WA 98247**

**Regular Meeting
February 16, 2023**

Visitors

Judy Meixner	Corey Hammond
Dusty VanMersbergen	Jackie DeVries
Jessica VanMersbergen	Brittney Biondolillo
Andy Vanieperen	Kaitlyn Biondolillo
Tonia Vanieperen	Patti Burke
Kristen Nygaard	Kim St Lawrence
Brian Johnson	Jonathan Jackson
Elizabeth Delange	Kara Zylstra
Dylan Burke	Hawley Zylstra
Malia Reynolds	Krista Brisky
Brittany VanDiest	Kyle Hopkins
Cassandra Bosch	Tom Meixner
Ryan Steward	Marisa Pluschakov
Madison Steward	Raegan Burke
Katie DeVries	David Burke
Lacey DeLange	Krista Burke
Lauren Scheffer	Hanna Ordos
Michael Scheffer	Bob Burke
Halle Benner	Tom Jackson

Directors

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

Administrators

Megan Vigre
Kim McGee

Matt Galley,
Supt./Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

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 Thursday, February 16, 2023.

MINUTES APPROVED REGULAR MEETING

Mark Olson moved, and Cheryl Thornton seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023 regular meeting.

M.C. 5-0

COMMUNICATIONS

- Supt Galley presented Jason Heutink with his 5-year service award and thanked him for his dedication to the Nooksack Valley School District.

- Katie DeVries shared concerned perspectives of homeschool parents and reasoning for pulling their kids from NVSD. Curriculum choices and stance on transgender students were named as two of the most common reasons.
- Tom Meixner shared concerns about transgender students participating in athletics, his opinions on the status of Title IX, and his disappointment in the transparency of the school district.
- Madison Steward and Raegan Burke shared their concerns about the future of sports and the potential for women to lose opportunities.
- David Burke, Krista Burke, Bob Burke and Cassandra Bosch also shared concerns about their children's rights, opportunities, and safety.
- Hannah Ordos shared the complexities of the issues of gender dysphoria and concerns about overly affirming and labeling.
- Tom Jackson spoke on behalf of transgender youth and the importance of them being able to participate and be accepted for who they are.
- Kyle Hopkins wanted to state for the record he opposes transgender youth participation in sports.
- Discussion by numerous meeting participants ensued and ended with Board Member Jason Heutink and Superintendent Galley thanking everyone for their comments.

EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

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

- Annette Quarre, temporary leave replacement, Teacher, Nooksack Valley Middle School
 - Effective 02/06/23 through 06/16/23

M.C. 5-0

ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT WITH GRATITUDE

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

- Scott Conner, Teacher, Nooksack Valley High School
 - Effective 08/31/23

M.C. 5-0

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

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

- Derek Stanbro, Mechanic, Nooksack Valley Transportation Department
 - Effective 03/03/23

M.C. 5-0

TEMPORARY LEAVE FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

Mark Olson moved, and Jason Heutink seconded the motion to approve the temporary leave of:

- Lauren Olson, Be the One Mentor Coordinator
 - Effective 03/19/23 until 06/16/23
- Angela Prosser, School Psychologist

- Effective 04/10/23 until 06/16/23

M.C. 5-0

POLICY 3424-OPIOID RELATED OVERDOSE REVERSAL

- First Reading
- The board engaged in a brief discussion about the availability of Narcan (or equivalent generic drug) and the importance of this policy. It will be placed on next month's agenda for a second read and recommended for approval as currently written.

POLICY 3411-ACCOMODATING SEIZURE DISORDERS

- First Reading
- There was little discussion, and this policy will be placed on next month's agenda for a second read as currently written.

APPROVE RESOLUTION No. 10-SKILLS CENTER

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Jason Heutink seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 10-Skills Center

- Supt. Galley briefly explained the process of gaining approval for a Whatcom County Skills Center and the need for neighboring district support.

M.C. 5-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Matt Galley gave a brief report on the following:

- Juul lawsuit – The district should expect a settlement package at next month's meeting.
- Social Media Lawsuit – The district has the opportunity to join a second lawsuit that alleges social media companies are responsible for the adverse mental health impacts our youth are facing as a result of screen time. The board will make a decision at next meeting.
- Therapy Dogs in Schools – The board engaged in a brief discussion on therapy dogs and asked district administration to gather more information about specifics and logistics at the next meeting.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLL PAYMENT APPROVED

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.

As of the 16th of February 2023, 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 the vouchers included in the presented list and further described as follows:

General Fund Check Number	135641 to 135646;	total	\$658.48
General Fund Check Number	135647 to 135663;	total	\$403,993.73
General Fund Check Number	135664 to 135728;	total	\$196,671.66
Capital Fund Check Number	135729 to 135737;	total	\$221,919.96
ASB Fund Check Number	135738 to 135759;	total	\$16,929.56
General Fund Check Number	135760 to 135832;	total	\$237,048.49

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

OTHER BUSINESS

- The board briefly discussed updating the recognition board for the new space and that the grandfather clock should be fixed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm

Chairman of the Board

Superintendent/Secretary