

Nooksack Valley School District #506

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

**Regular Meeting
March 16, 2023**

Visitors

Steven VanMiddendorp
Bruce Ferguson
Stephanie Anderson
JoAnn Dykstra
Tom Meixner
Judy Meixner
Vern Dykstra
Candice Navarro
Lacey DeLange

Elizabeth DeLange
Krista Burke
Raegan Burke
Katie DeVries
Jackie DeVries
Dusty VanMersbergen
Jessica VanMersbergen
Shelley Harder
Hannah Ordos
Lori Bruland

Directors

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

Administrators

Megan Vigre
Kim McGee
Joel VanderYacht
Cristal Campos

Matt Galley-Absent
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 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

MINUTES APPROVED REGULAR MEETING

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023, regular meeting.

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COMMUNICATIONS

- Cheryl Thornton shared about the Day on the Hill. Transitional Kindergarten was advocated for along with fully funded transportation and special education. While attending the Day on the Hill they heard personal stories that were powerful and encouraged others to advocate with legislature.
- Steve Jones complimented the high school girls' basketball team for their state win.
- Halli Kimball shared that our school community was voted best fan group at state.
- Katie DeVries-Would like to consider having parent volunteers in the school outside of the bathrooms.

- Lori Bruland- Shared that there are still students concerned about using certain bathrooms and concerns about getting to class on time based on what bathrooms they feel comfortable using.
- Jackie DeVries-Asked if there had been progress since the last meeting with students being concerned with bathroom use.
- Joel V-Addressed procedures around bathroom use and encouraged parent volunteers in the school.
- Elizabeth DeLange-expressed concerns about bathroom safety and challenges with single use bathrooms.
- Lacey DeLange-expressed the need to address safety in the bathroom for the girls and would like to know more details about what a case-by-case situation means for determining transgender participation in sports.
- Candice Navarro-Shared concern around bullying policy and actions around bullying. Concerns for student emotional safety.
- Hannah Ordos-Shared her own concern for bullying because students do not understand their impact.
- Katie DeVries-Shared a concern for a curb that needs to be painted because she saw a mom and kids trip over it after a game.
- Jackie DeVries-Would like to know the process for selecting books for the library and if parents are allowed to preview books in the library.
- Krista Burke-spoke on behalf on the girls and having transgender students using the bathroom. She shared she did not like the idea that the girls have to ask permission to use the single stall lockable bathrooms. She would like to volunteer as well.
- Lori Bruland-Asked what the purpose of the single stall lockable bathrooms are and has this changed?
- Hannah Ordos-Willing to be a point of contact for parent involvement to support parent volunteers. She shared that she has never had more opportunities to be involved, and that she feels accepted and heard. She encouraged parents at the meeting to get involved and be there for all kids.
- Steven Van Middendorp-Encouraged parents to preview what students are reading, he shared there was a theme that he discussed with Joel that was not explicit yet not wholesome. Steven also asked questions related to challenging students who are bored.

EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

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

- Victoria Castro, Paraeducator I, Sumas Elementary School
 - Effective 03/15/23

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ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT WITH GRATITUDE

Halli Kimball moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve the retirement with gratitude of:

- Joyce Perkins, Teacher, Nooksack Valley Middle School
 - Effective 08/31/23

- Sue Ann Newton, Teacher, Sumas Elementary School
 - Effective 08/31/23
- Carol Hagen, Teacher, Nooksack Elementary School
 - Effective 08/31/23
- Judy Meyer, Teacher, Nooksack Elementary School
 - Effective 08/31/23

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RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

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

- Jaclyn Hinton, Teacher, Everson Elementary School
 - Effective 06/16/23

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POLICY 3424-OPIOID RELATED OVERDOSE REVERSAL, SECOND READING

Halli Kimball moved, and Cheryl Thornton seconded the motion to approve Policy 3424, Opioid Related Overdose Reversal.

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POLICY 3411-ACCOMODATING SEIZURE DISORDERS, SECOND READING

Mark Olson moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve Policy 3411, Accommodating Seizure Disorders.

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POLICY 3418-RESPONSE TO STUDENT INJURY OR ILLNESS

- First Reading

APPROVE RESOLUTION No. 11 GENERAL FUND WARRANT

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 11 General Fund Warrant.

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Superintendent Galley absent from meeting
- Megan Vigre shared the draft calendar and proposed conference dates for the 23-24 school year

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 March 2023, the Board on a motion by Mark Olson 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	135833 to 135840;	total	\$2,545.06
General Fund Check Number	135841 to 135857;	total	\$408,624.02
General Fund Check Number	135858 to 135908;	total	\$92,307.96

Capital Fund Check Number	135909 to 135915;	total	\$80,096.19
ASB Fund Check Number	135916 to 135936;	total	\$33,417.11
General Fund Check Number	135937 to 136020;	total	\$183,857.75

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regular session was recessed at 8:55 p.m. for Executive Session.

- Juul-Board discussed the settlement amount and the terms together with a plan to vote after executive session
- The board discussed authorizing Superintendent Galley to work with Frantz Law Group firm to have the School District join the pending social media lawsuit
- Board would to be specific that we are entering into the discovery phase, but we are not signing anything that includes us fully participating in the lawsuit until we have more information about what the discovery phase looks like.

Executive session adjourned at 9:05 p.m. and regular session reconvened.

APPROVE RESOLUTION No. 12 APPROVE SETTLEMENT IN JUUL LITIGATION

Halli Kimball moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 12 Approve Settlement in Juul Litigation.

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OTHER BUSINESS

- Motion made by Halli Kimball, seconded by Cheryl Thornton to authorize Superintendent Galley to work with the Frantz Law Group Firm in the Social Media Lawsuit- Board was specific that we are entering into the discovery phase, but we are not signing anything that includes us fully participating in the lawsuit until we have more information about what the discovery phase looks like.

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

Superintendent/Secretary