

Nooksack Valley School District #506

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

**Regular Meeting
May 18, 2023**

Visitors

Lori Bruland
Krista Burke
Steve VanMiddendorp
Katie DeVries

Administrators

Kim McGee
Katie Brown
Sarah Condreay
Kevin Devere

Directors

Steve Jones, Chairman
Mark Olson
Cheryl Thornton
Halli Kimball
Ty Elmendorf

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, May 18, 2023.

MINUTES APPROVED REGULAR MEETING

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023, regular meeting.

M.C. 4-0

Mark Olson moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023, special meeting.

M.C. 4-0

OATH OF OFFICE

Ty Elmendorf took an Oath of Office to serve on the school board for At Large No. 1. The oath was administered by Matt Galley, Nooksack Valley School District Superintendent and School Board Secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS

- No formal communications

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRESENTATION

- The elementary principals and (Teacher on Special Assignment) TOSA Jen Niemann presented the adult learning model currently used with our K-5 teacher teams. The “learning lab” model was discussed as were specific examples that have played out this year. The school board

shared their gratitude for this work as well as the efforts of all our staff to continue to learn and improve teaching and learning.

EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

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

- Maia Raeder, Art Teacher, High School
- Nichaela Rinehart, Psychologist Intern, District Office, 23-24 School Year Only
- Joey Hawkinson, Speech Language Pathologist, District Office
- Madison Holz, Teacher, Sumas Elementary School
 - One Year Only
- Siri Miller, Teacher, Sumas Elementary School
 - One Year Only
- Katelyn Shagren, Teacher, Sumas Elementary School
 - One Year Only
- Mackenzie Bosket, Math Teacher, High School
 - .6 FTE Continuing/.4 FTE One Year Only

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ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT WITH GRATITUDE

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the retirement with gratitude of:

- Michael Dodd, Bus Driver, Transportation Department
 - Effective 08/31/23
- Rebecca Judy, ParaEducator III, Everson Elementary School
 - Effective 09/01/2023
- Sharilyn Peters, Administrative Assistant & Dispatcher, Transportation Department
 - Effective 09/11/2023

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POLICY 2029-ANIMALS AS PART OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

- First Reading
- A first read and discussion ensued. Support from admin in attendance and community guests was apparent. The board will make a final decision on this policy during the June meeting.

APPROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE CURRICULUM

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the Middle School Science Curriculum

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APPROVE SCIENCE MATERIALS CENTER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Mark Olson moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the Science Materials Cooperative Agreement.

M.C. 5-0

APPROVE WIAA SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Cheryl Thornton seconded the motion to approve the WIAA School District Enrollment.

M.C. 5-0

APPROVE CERTIFICATED TEACHER CONTRACTS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Halli Kimball moved, and Cheryl Thornton seconded the motion to approve the certificated teacher contracts for the 2023-2024 school year.

M.C. 5-0

APPROVE RESOLUTION No. 15 GENERAL FUND WARRANTS

Mark Olson moved, and Halli Thornton seconded the motion to approve Resolution 15-General Fund Warrants.

M.C. 5-0

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

In lieu of a superintendent's report, Cory Plager from D.A. Davidson provided a comprehensive presentation on property taxes, EP&O levies, capital levies, and bonds. He also shared possible rates and amounts to consider as the board plans to renew the EP&O levy after its expiration in 2024.

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 18th of May 2023, the Board on a motion by Cheryl Thornton and a second by Mark Olson 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	136206 to 136214;	total	\$3,663.70
General Fund Check Number	136215 to 136231;	total	\$409,079.56
General Fund Check Number	136232 to 136302;	total	\$252,138.54
Capital Projects Fund Check Number	136303 to 136309;	total	\$56,226.81
ASB Fund Check Number	136310 to 136333;	total	\$18,090.56
General Fund Check Number	136334 to 136417;	total	\$396,503.25
ASB Fund Check Number	136418 to 136418	total	\$15,292.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regular session was recessed at 8:51 p.m. for Executive Session.

- The board discussed a recommendation to non-renew a provisional employee.

Executive session adjourned at 8:59 p.m. and regular session reconvened.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Motion made by Halli Kimball, seconded by Cheryl Thornton to non-renew the provisional music teacher at Sumas Elementary School.

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- Krista Burke shared concerns about a specific book at the middle school and raised a question about its appropriateness.

- Steve VanMiddendorp asked about district preparedness and preparation for emergencies. It was noted that the June meeting will have a presentation.
- Director Elmendorf commended the district for its efforts and collaboration with local law enforcement and continued diligence with school safety.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

Superintendent/Secretary