

Nooksack Valley School District #506

**NV District Office
3326 E Badger Road
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Regular Meeting

June 15, 2023

Visitors

Dick Decima
Steve VanMiddendorp
Tanya Silves
Katie DeVries

Hadia Seddiqui
Aaliyah Abassi

Directors

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

Administrators

Kim McGee
Megan Vigre

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, June 15, 2023.

MASONIC EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

- Superintendent Galley, alongside Dick Decima from North Whatcom County Masons, presented the Masonic Educator of the Year Award to Joyce Perkins. Joyce taught for 25 years at Nooksack Valley Middle School and served as a teacher, leader, and mentor in that time. She is retiring this year and will be greatly missed.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Superintendent Galley shared a celebration of graduation week, and Steve Jones praised the work of the high school with a successful Honor's Night as well.
- Ty Elmendorf shared his gratitude of being able to hand out diplomas in Mark Olson's place.
- Halli Kimball shared her gratitude that our parent led Baccalaureate is held on campus.
- Katie DeVries asked a follow-up question related to a young adult novel in our middle school library as well as shared a concern for a book read at the Elementary. Megan Vigre, Director of Teaching and Learning, committed to following up with Katie at a later date.
- Lori Bruland noted the upcoming changes to the board, with Mark Olson and Cheryl Thornton both retiring after 28 years, and shared concerns about the transition.

EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

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

- Mackenzie Bosket, Math Teacher, High School
- Patrick Cleland, PE Teacher, Nooksack Elementary
- Karanbir Deol-Medina, Art Teacher, Middle School
- Kimberly Harding, Math/Science Teacher, Middle School

- Krista McGowan, English Language Arts Teacher, Middle School
- Annette Quarre, English Language Arts Teacher, Middle School
- Rebecca Schmidkofer, English Language Arts Teacher, Middle School
- Gerrit Sterk, English Teacher, High School
- Morgan Tuttle, Teacher, Preschool

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ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT WITH GRATITUDE

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

- Christopher Siano, Maintenance, District Wide
 - Effective 08/08/2023

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TEMPORARY LEAVE APPROVAL

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

- Madison Perry, Teacher, Middle School
 - Effective 08/01/2023-01/30/2024

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APPROVE THE OUT OF FIELD ENDORSEMENT FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Mark Olson moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the out of field endorsement of:

- Lindsay Lang- She is endorsed in Designated Science: Biology and is teaching Math/Science.
- Austin Pronovost- He is endorsed in Designated Science: Chemistry and is teaching Math/Science.
- Gabriella Sandel - She is endorsed in Designated Science: Biology and is teaching Math/Science.
- Erika VanDyken – She is endorsed in English/Language Arts and is teaching Social Studies.
- Fiona Smith Piasecki – She is endorsed in Science & Middle Level Mathematics and is teaching Math/Science.
- Allison Mitchell- She is endorsed in Science and Designated Science: Biology and is teaching Lifetime Fitness Education.

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POLICY 2029-ANIMALS AS PART OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

- Second Reading
- There was much discussion prior to a motion on Policy 2029. Halli Kimball continued to raise concerns about potential liability and Cheryl Thornton raised questions about the extra workload of principals to ensure all logistics are in place for each animal.
- The board would like the administration to monitor the process and the impacts to the learning environment and make a long-term decision in June, 2024.
- Cheryl Thornton moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve Policy 2029 with a 1-year trial period.

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APPROVE 2023-2024 NORTHWEST ESD 189 LEGAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Halli Thornton moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the 2023-2024 Northwest ESD 189 Legal Services Cooperative Agreement.

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APPROVE 2023-2024 ADMINISTRATORS AND NON-UNION CONTRACTS

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve Administrators and Non-Union Contracts.

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SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

In lieu of a superintendent's report, Tom Harmon presented the work he has facilitated as the district Safety Coordinator. His presentation covered the following topics:

- Partnership with local law enforcement.
- Safety upgrades that were made to our schools this year as well as future plans for upgrades.
- The county-wide use of the "I Love You Guys" national program.
- Further learning and work with the reunification planning. The presentation was well received by both board and guests.

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 15th of June 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	136419 to 136436;	total	\$443,766.04
General Fund Check Number	136437 to 136487;	total	\$124,894.91
Capital Projects Fund Check Number	136488 to 136491;	total	\$21,487.00
ASB Fund Check Number	136492 to 136520;	total	\$26,890.00
General Fund Check Number	136521 to 136612;	total	\$186,821.45

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regular session was recessed at 8:33 p.m. for Executive Session.

- The board discussed a recommendation to terminate with cause an employee and medically separate from another.
- The second order of business was to discuss Superintendent Galley's evaluation and consider a salary adjustment.

Executive session adjourned at 9:13 p.m. and regular session reconvened.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Motion made by Halli Kimball, seconded by Cheryl Thornton to uphold the termination with cause of the Nooksack Elementary Paraeducator I.

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- Motion made by Ty Elmendorf, seconded by Mark Olson to uphold the medical separation with the Nooksack Elementary Paraeducator I.

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- Motion made by Cheryl Thornton, seconded by Halli Kimball to approve Superintendent Galley's evaluation with an overall "exceeding standard" rating and approve his salary adjustment.

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

Superintendent/Secretary