

Nooksack Valley School District #506

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

**Regular Meeting
August 17, 2023**

Visitors

Krista Burke
Hannah Ordos
Katie DeVries

Administrators

Kim McGee
Megan Vigre

Directors

Steve Jones, Chairman
Mark Olson- Absent
Cheryl Thornton
Halli Kimball- Absent
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, August 17, 2023.

MINUTES APPROVED REGULAR MEETING

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Cheryl Thornton seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023, regular meeting.

M.C. 3-0

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Hannah Ordos communicated concerns on the topic of school-based health clinics. After attending the Whatcom County Council meeting in which the motion to approve was left on the table, she communicated that Erika Lautenbach had difficulty fully explaining the role of the clinics and the mature minor law and its possible implications. She urged caution moving forward, and for districts to be clear in the role of these clinics.
- b. Katie DeVries inquired about previewing books in schools and was referred to building principals.
- c. Steve Jones shared his attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Touchstone counseling group in the newly remodeled Mades building in downtown Everson. He discussed some of the services that will be available to youth and families locally as well as the youth center and mentioned it should open in October.
- d. Hannah Ordos added her excitement of the family involvement that will be urged by the clinic and how they are looking at providing holistic partnerships with families.

EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the hire of:

- Samuel McMain, Art Teacher, Middle School
- Sarah Iverson, Paraeducator III, Middle School
- Leslie Dykstra, Paraeducator III, Everson Elementary

M.C 3-0

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Cheryl Thornton seconded the motion to approve the temporary hire of:

- Hunter Anderson, PE Teacher, Middle School
 - Effective 8/23/2023 – 1/26/2024

M.C 3-0

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED WITH REGRET

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to accept the resignation of:

- J.J. Cully, Music Teacher, Middle School
 - Effective 08/18/2023
- April Anderson, Paraeducator I, Nooksack Elementary
 - Effective 8/16/2023

M.C 3-0

OUT OF FIELD ENDORSEMENT FOR THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Cheryl Thornton seconded the motion to approve the out of field endorsement of:

- Megan Tran- who is endorsed in Early Childhood Education and will be teaching 4th Grade at Sumas Elementary School.

M.C. 3-0

WHATCOM COUNTY DETENTION CENTER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT APPROVED

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the Whatcom County Detention Center Education Program Interlocal Agreement.

M.C. 3-0

WHATCOM DISCOVERY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT APPROVED

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the Whatcom Discovery Interlocal Agreement.

M.C. 3-0

RESOLUTION No. 17 WHATCOM COUNTY SKILLS CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY APPROVED

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve Resolution 17- Whatcom County Skills Center Feasibility Study.

M.C.3-0

RESOLUTION No. 18 DISTRESSED SCHOOL GRANT APPROVED

Ty Elmendorf, and Cheryl Thornton seconded the motion to approve Resolution 18- Distressed School Grant.

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SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

- Superintendent Galley briefly shared the bid process for the Bus Garage project in Sumas. He also shared that the board has decided to schedule a special meeting on August 31, at 7:30 AM to review the bids and vote for approval.
- Superintendent Galley then gave a presentation on the strategic planning of the district.
- He shared the goals set forth last year and shared data on progress toward those goals. He then outlined the goals for the 2023-24 and the data that will be used to measure progress. Finally, he shared that principals will be providing monthly updates to their school improvement plans beginning in October to show progress towards the district strategic planning goals.

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 17th of August 2023, the Board on a motion by Ty Elmendorf 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:

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| General Fund Check Number | 136789 to 136792; | total | \$2,130.84 |
| General Fund Check Number | 136793 to 136810; | total | \$417,994.54 |
| General Fund Check Number | 136811 to 136848; | total | \$83,514.47 |
| Capital Projects Fund Check Number | 136849 to 136855; | total | \$95,538.53 |
| ASB Fund Check Number | 136856 to 136857; | total | \$2,697.87 |
| General Fund Check Number | 136858 to 136934; | total | \$170,940.88 |

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

Superintendent/Secretary