

Nooksack Valley School District #506

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

**Regular Meeting
September 21, 2023**

Visitors

Krista Burke
Hannah Ordos
Mark Shintaffer
Bruce Sorensen
April Anderson
Chad Likkel
Troy Bosman

Katie DeVries
Steve Van Middendorp
Jackie DeVries
Tanya Silves
Lane Stemler
Duane Vermeer
Shelley Harder

Directors

Steve Jones, Chairman
Mark Olson
Cheryl Thornton- Absent
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, September 21, 2023.

MINUTES APPROVED REGULAR MEETING

Mark Olson moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2023, regular meeting.

M.C. 4-0

MINUTES APPROVED SPECIAL SESSION

Halli Kimball moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2023, special session.

M.C. 4-0

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Lane Stemler started a conversation about gender inclusion policies in public schools and ensuring safety for all students. A number of community members raised questions about sex segregated facilities and activities. Supt. Galley explained the policies and supports that have been put into place, and explained where students can go if they request greater privacy. Parents and community members were directed to reach out to school administration or counselors if they have further concerns.

- b. Steve VanMiddendorp commented on ensuring continued transparency and communication between schools parents to ensure trust is maintained.
- c. Hannah Ordos commented on the common desire to be preventative, and how important it is that the district continues to encourage parents in our schools, and how eye opening it can be to be in schools.
- d. Katie DeVries raised awareness around potential challenges of communication during natural disasters. She questioned how the district would ensure communication between schools and parents. The district will research this question.

EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

Halli Kimball moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve the hire of:

- Yareli Lara, Paraeducator I, Nooksack Elementary
- Ana Enselman, Family Services Coordinator, District Wide

M.C 4-0

TEMPORARY LEAVE FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

Mark Olson moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the temporary leave of:

- Susan Philliber, Food Service, Middle School
 - 23-24 School Year
- Erika VanDyken , ELA/ Social Studies Teacher, Middle School
 - Mid-October - Mid-March
- Sarah Adkins, Kindergarten Teacher, Everson Elementary
 - Mid-November – March

M.C 4-0

RESOLUTION No. 3 FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF NVHS MISC. PROJECT APPROVED

Halli Kimball moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve Resolution No.3 – Final Acceptance of NVHS Misc. Project.

M.C 4-0

SEIU 2023-2025 COLLECTIVE BARGINING AGREEMENT APPROVED

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve the SEIU 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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NVEA 2023-2025 COLLECTIVE BARGINING AGREEMENT APPROVED

Mark Olson moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the NVEA 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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FIRST READ OF POLICY 2195- ACADEMIC ACCELERATION

First read of Policy 2195 completed with no further questions.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

ENROLLMENT

- September count up 2% from budgeted projection.
- Kindergarten enrollment up slightly from last year

CLASS SIZES

- Despite reducing 4 FTE class sizes are in the following averages:
 - K-3: 18
 - 4-6: 25
 - 7-12: 26

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- PAC cladding is still in the preparation for bid phase.
- Contract signed for bus garage today. Notice to proceed has been sent.

WSSDA

- All board members will be attending the fall conference in Bellevue on November 16-18, 2023.
- November 16th board meeting will be moved to November 15th.

LEVY

- Work session set for September 28.
- Resolution presented for discussion October 19.
- Approve Levy collection amount November 15.
- File with county December 15.
- Ballots mailed January 26.
- Election date February 13.

JUUL Litigation Settlement

- Final gross amount \$11,202
- Will receive final payment in 60 days.

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 21st of September 2023, the Board on a motion by Halli Kimball and a second by Ty Elmendorf 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	135935 to 136937;	total	\$802.21
General Fund Check Number	136938 to 136956;	total	\$558,805.46
General Fund Check Number	136957 to 137001;	total	\$81,628.17
Capital Projects Fund Check Number	137002 to 137004;	total	\$33,606.19
ASB Fund Check Number	137005 to 137007;	total	\$6,040.46
General Fund Check Number	137009 to 137112;	total	\$471,617.68.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered a brief Executive Session at 8:45pm to discuss a personnel matter. Exited the Executive session at 8:59pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

Superintendent/Secretary