

Nooksack Valley School District #506

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

Regular Meeting

October 19, 2023

Visitors

Joshua Clawson
Ricki Nonhoff
John DeVries
Steve VanMiddendorp
Shelley Harder

Lori Bruland
Eric Nonhoff
Jackie DeVries
Jennifer Lautenbach

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, October 19, 2023.

MINUTES APPROVED REGULAR MEETING

Mark Olson moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2023, regular meeting.

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COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Ricky Nonhoff addressed the board and shared concerns about a number of issues related to student safety and well-being. She shared her daughter's experiences at the high school in which she was assaulted and the impacts of that trauma. She is concerned that students, and society in general, are afraid to speak out and take a stand against violence. She urged the board and community to do more to address this and normalize behaviors that end violence instead of enabling it.
- b. Jennifer Lautenbach shared her appreciation of the board and the work they continue to do for children. She shared that the Levy campaign team is beginning preparation and is excited to support the replacement levy and show continued support for our schools.
- c. Steven VanMiddendorp shared his concerns for the continued increase in assessed value and the impact on overall taxes. He indicated that continuing to raise school taxes is a hard sell for him.

d. John Devries also shared concerns about assessed values continuing to skyrocket. He urged the board to keep taxpayer burden in mind and be responsible with taxpayer money.

EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

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

- Alondra Trujillo- Mendoza – Para Educator I, Everson Elementary
- Megan Robinson- Leave replacement: 3rd Grade Teacher, Everson Elementary
 - October 4th - June 13th, 2024
- Spencer Green –Leave replacement: Kindergarten Teacher, Everson Elementary
 - November 22nd- March 26th, 2024
- Stephanie Garza – Leave replacement: 7th Grade ELA Teacher, Middle School
 - October 16th – March 8th, 2023
- Jana Kimmel – Registered Nurse, District Wide
 - One year only
- Marian Maden - Mental Health Therapist, District Wide
- Lily Chovat - Para Educator I, Nooksack Elementary
 - One year only

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RESOLUTION No. 4 NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS TO ATTEND ANNUAL WSSDA CONFERENCE APPROVED

Halli Kimball moved, and Cheryl Thornton seconded the motion to approve Resolution No.4 – Newly Elected Directors to attend annual WSSDA Conference.

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SECOND READ AND ADOPTION OF POLICY 2195- ACADEMIC ACCELERATION

Mark Olson moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to adopt Policy 2195- Academic Acceleration.

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SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

a. Strategic Planning Goal #3: Amplifying parent and student voice, specifically fall parent conferences. The district tried a new format this year, having conferences earlier and structuring them to be about forging a strong partnership with families, as opposed to only sharing progress. In four days, over 90% of district parents engaged with teachers to discuss student needs, strengths, etc. As with any new format, there was mixed feedback. Each school will dig into the comments and share out future plans.

b. Capital Projects: Supt. Galley updated the board on progress with the PAC cladding project, Sumas Bus Garage, and future safety efforts.

c. Replacement Levy: Supt. Galley led a conversation about the upcoming levy campaign, the programs supported by the levy, the proposed amounts to collect and estimated rates. Follow the link below for more details.

[Replacement Levy 2024 - Nooksack Valley School District \(nv.k12.wa.us\)](https://nv.k12.wa.us)

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 19th of October 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:

General Fund Check Number	137113 to 137116;	total	\$913.26
General Fund Check Number	137117 to 137134;	total	\$444,501.45
General Fund Check Number	137135 to 137158;	total	\$44,200.41
General Fund Check Number	137159 to 137232;	total	\$410,162.93
ASB Fund Check Number	137233 to 137246;	total	\$20,457.60
General Fund Check Number	137247 to 137251;	total	\$47,107.93
Capital Project Fund Check Number	137252 to 137253;	total	\$54,715.62
General Fund Check Number	137113 to 137116;	total	\$913.26
General Fund Check Number	137254 to 137334;	total	\$231,916.96

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OTHER BUSINESS

Halli Kimball moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the VEBA Retirement/Separation vacation cash out for non-represented Administrators.
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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

Superintendent/Secretary