

Nooksack Valley School District #506

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

**Regular Meeting
February 15, 2024**

Visitors

Hannah Ordos
Steven VanMiddendorp
Krista Burke
Katie DeVries
Britt Lentz

Administrators

Megan Vigre
Kim McGee

Directors

Steve Jones, Chairman
Halli Kimball
Ty Elmendorf
Shelley Harder, arrived at 7:15 p.m.
Tanya Silves
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, February 15, 2024.

MINUTES APPROVED REGULAR MEETING

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Tanya Silves seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024 regular meeting.

M.C 4-0

COMMUNICATIONS

- Superintendent Galley shared some thoughts about the levy election being closer than expected but that he was thankful the community passed the measure.
- Steve Jones thanked Superintendent Galley and the citizen committee for the hard work they put in to garner support for the levy.
- Steve VanMiddendorp thanked Superintendent Galley for hosting informational meetings in the school to help explain the levy process and uses.
- Krista Burke encouraged the board to be more specific in the future to help taxpayers understand how the money supports the district.
- Ty Elmendorf also spoke of the need and obligation of the board to better educate voters in the future.
- Hannah Ordos commented that in her opinion the vote was not a referendum on the district, but more out of concern for assessed values and taxes in general.
- Ty Elmendorf gave high praise to the high school for its recent career fair and thought it was well done. Tanya Silves noted the improvements that were made from last year and how well she also thought it went.

- Krista Burke urged the district to send out more communication about upcoming board meetings to encourage better attendance.
- Hannah Ordos asked clarification for who the legislative representative now is and wanted to speak at a later time about possible legislation.

EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

Halli Kimball moved, and Tanya Silves seconded the motion to approve the hire of:

- Mary Anne Thomas, Para Educator I, Everson Elementary
 - 2/1/2024 – 5/3/2024
- Amanda Noblitt, Para Educator III, Sumas Elementary
 - 02/14/2024-06/14/2024
- Raquel Zavala, 5th Grade Teacher, Sumas Elementary, .5 FTE
 - 02/12/2024-06/14/2024

M.C. 5-0

TEMPORARY LEAVE FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the temporary leave of:

- Lauren Olson, Be The One Mentor Coordinator, NVSD
 - 4/26/2024 – 6/13/2024
- M.C. 5-0

APPROVE WITH GRATITUDE THE RETIREMENT OF

Tanya Silves moved, and Shelley Harder seconded the motion to approve with gratitude the retirement of:

- Jeanette Perry, Music Teacher, Everson Elementary School
 - Effective August 31, 2024
- M.C. 5-0

SECOND READ POLICY 5515-WORKFORCE SEONDRARY TRAUMATIC STRESS

Tanya Silves moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve Policy 5515-Workforce Secondary Traumatic Stress.

M.C. 5-0

FIRST READ POLICY AND PROCEDURE UPDATE POLICY 5011-SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF DISTRICT STAFF PROHIBITED

After discussion, Tanya Silves moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the revision to Policy 5011-Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited after a first read.

M.C. 5-0

FIRST READ POLICY AND PROCEDURE UPDATE POLICY 5253-MAINTAINING PROFESSIONAL STAFF/STUDENT BOUNDARIES

- There were questions about the “prohibition for staff to ‘friend’ or ‘follow’ students on social media. Instances were given where student athletes use social media to promote their abilities and chances at the next level, and staff members and coaches do the same. Superintendent Galley committed to seeking legal clarification as well as liability risk and will provide update recommendations at the March school board meeting.

APPROVE RESOLUTION No. 9 GENERAL FUND WARRANTS

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Tanya Silves seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 9 General Fund Warrants

M.C. 5-0

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Galley gave a brief presentation on the following topics:

- Compass to Campus
 - History and Goals
 - Recent Data
 - Current conversation/concerns
- School Safety
 - Flip Chart – planning/prep
 - Reunification
 - Cameras
 - Resource Officer conversation
- School Calendar
 - Current Draft
 - Treaty Day observance
- Budget Update
 - General Fund Extension
 - General Fund Approved Budget from \$33,365,089 to \$33,965,089 (+\$600,000)
 - Transportation Vehicle Fund
 - Transportation Vehicle Fund Approved Budget from \$330,000 to \$500,000 (+\$170,000)
- Capital Projects
 - PAC cladding update
 - Bus garage
 - Will resume when weather clears/ground dries
 - Miscellaneous projects remaining
 - HS Boiler
 - Urgent Repair Grant status

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 February 2024, the Board on a motion by Ty Elmendorf and a second by Tanya Silves 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	137876 to 137878;	total	\$779.27
General Fund Check Number	137879 to 137893;	total	\$446,489.04
General Fund Check Number	137897 to 137973;	total	\$271,626.27
Capital Projects Fund	137974 to 137976;	total	\$18,717.25

ASB Fund Check Number
General Fund Check Number
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137977to 137992; total \$11,007.55
137994 to 138074; total \$282,925.08

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

Superintendent/Secretary