

**Nooksack Valley School District #506**

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

**Regular Meeting  
December 21, 2023**

**Visitors**

Tanya Silves, New Director to take Oath of Office  
Shelley Harder, New Director to take Oath of Office  
Krista Burke  
Katie DeVries

**Administrators**

Megan Vigre  
Kim McGee

**Directors**

Steve Jones, Chairman  
Mark Olson, Retiring  
Cheryl Thornton, Retiring  
Halli Kimball  
Ty Elmendorf, arrived at 12:27 p.m.  
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 12:02 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2023.

**MINUTES APPROVED REGULAR MEETING**

Mark Olson moved, and Cheryl Thornton seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023, regular meeting.

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**MINUTES APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING**

Cheryl Thornton moved, and Mark Olson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2023, special meeting.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Katie Devries commented on her desire for FFA to continue to expand their reach and provide more opportunities for students to present to other audiences, such as the school board.
- Steve Jones congratulated the football program and their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. He also shared many positive comments about the HS music program.
- Halli Kimball echoed those comments and shared great appreciation for Mr. Ormsby, the new music teacher at Nooksack Elementary, and the positive things she is hearing and seeing from him.

- Mark Olson shared the following about his 28 years of service on the board, with this being his final meeting: “28 years went very fast and overall, it was easy. We had great leadership from Mark Johnson and now Matt Galley, Steve and Randy were great chairmen, and Cheryl was a great legislative representative. If we continue to focus on academics and what is best for kids, we will maintain strong support from the community. With new members, all great, and good quality people, the district is in good hands.”
- Cheryl Thornton shared the following about her 28 years of service on the board: “I’ve attended approximately 330 meetings in 28 years. There were some challenges, but they were mostly smooth. We went through so many years with very few guests. Now we truly appreciate the guests and the feedback we get. I was part of the graduations of 3 of our new board members. I wanted to go out feeling good about our work. I want my lasting message to be one of positivity, not scarcity, and keep that message strong.”
- Steve Jones then thanked both Mark and Cheryl for their service and devoting much of their lives to the district. “We’ve set a standard. On behalf of the community, thank you both.”

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Tanya Silves took an Oath of Office to serve on the school board for Director At Large No. 2. The oath was administered by Matt Galley, Nooksack Valley School District Superintendent and School Board Secretary.

Shelley Harder took an Oath of Office to serve on the school board for Director District 3. The oath was administered by Matt Galley, Nooksack Valley School District Superintendent and School Board Secretary.

### **ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

Tanya Silves moved, and Shelley Harder seconded a motion to approve the following slate of directors for another term.

- Steve Jones-Board Chairman
- Halli Kimball-Vice Chairman
- Ty Elmendorf-Legislative Rep.
- Matt Galley-Secretary/Clerk with the ability to accept legal matters for the board

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### **EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED**

Tanya Silves moved, and Shelley Harder seconded the motion to approve the hire of:

- Carrie Miller, Special Education Teacher, Everson Elementary
  - Through June 13, 2024
- Tami Postma, ParaEducator III, Everson Elementary
  - Through May 31, 2024

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## **ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF**

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

- America Ortiz-Garay, ParaEducator III, Sumas Elementary
  - Effective December 8, 2023

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## **TEMPORARY LEAVE FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED**

Halli Kimball moved, and Shelley Harder seconded the motion to approve the temporary leave of:

- Kaylee Warren, Special Education Teacher, Everson Elementary
  - April 8, 2024-October 2024
- Alondra Trujillo-Mendoza, Paraeducator I, Everson Elementary
  - February 8, 2024- May 10, 2024
- Kristina Eastman, Counselor, High School
  - June 17, 2024-January 31, 2025
- Madison Perry, PE Teacher, Middle School
  - Extend leave through June 13, 2024

## **APPROVE RESOLUTION No. 7 GENERAL FUND WARRANTS**

Tanya Silves moved, and Shelley Harder seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 7 General Fund Warrants

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## **OATH OF OFFICE**

Ty Elmendorf took an Oath of Office at 12:27 p.m. to serve on the school board for Director At Large No. 1. The oath was administered by Matt Galley, Nooksack Valley School District Superintendent and School Board Secretary.

## **REVIEW OF PROCEDURE 2410P-HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

High School Principal, Collin Buckley presented on the current graduation requirements and what options students have at NVHS, highlighting the new work-based learning credit process. Because of a number of changes to requirements since 2020, the board will officially review both policy and procedure in January and make the appropriate revisions.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Galley and Director Vigre shared progress on two of the district's improvement goals. The presentation is attached.

Superintendent Galley also shared a draft of the levy pamphlet that will be mailed out to all households in the Nooksack Valley School District in early January. Comments were noted and will be applied to the final draft.

Superintendent Galley invited those in attendance to stay after the meeting was adjourned for a cake and coffee reception to honor our retiring board members.

## **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 December 2023, the Board on a motion by Tanya Silves and a second by Halli Kimball 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	137554 to 137560;	total	\$2,542.63
General Fund Check Number	137561 to 137579;	total	\$445,531.67
General Fund Check Number	137580 to 137633;	total	\$181,555.27
Capital Projects Fund Number	137634 to 137639;	total	\$534,576.01
ASB Fund Check Number	137640 to 137656;	total	\$16,589.50
Transportation Fund Check Number	137657 to 137657;	total	\$168,250.80
General Fund Check Number	137658 to 137758;	total	\$355,838.14
Capital Projects Fund Number	137759 to 137760;	total	\$14,260.98
ASB Fund Check Number	137761 to 137779;	total	\$37, 513.28

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

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Chairman of the Board

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Superintendent/Secretary