

**Nooksack Valley School District #506**

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

**Regular Meeting  
May 23, 2024**

**Visitors**

Caroline Erickson  
Jeffrey Erickson  
Tanya Cael  
Lori Bruland  
Chuck Perry  
Hannah Ordos

Dick Decima  
Rosalinda Mendoza  
Steve VanMiddendorp

**Directors**

Steve Jones, Chairman  
Halli Kimball  
Ty Elmendorf  
Shelley Harder  
Tanya Silves

**Administrators**

Megan Vigre  
Kim McGee  
Katie Brown

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, May 23, 2024.

**MINUTES APPROVED REGULAR MEETING**

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Tanya Silves seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024, regular meeting.

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**MASONIC EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION**

Superintendent Galley, alongside Dick Decima from North Whatcom County Masons, presented the Masonic Educator of the Year Award to Jeanette Perry. Jeanette has taught music for 26 years and has been a great mentor for many new teachers. Jeanette graciously accepted the award and showed her gratitude to the board and district for so many years of support.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Matt Galley shared that the board is all reading [The Anxious Generation](#) to learn more about the impacts of social media on adolescents.
- Steve Jones made several acknowledgements highlighting the following:
  - The drama program and their showing of “The Big Fish”
  - The fun run at NES
  - A clean audit, with special thanks to Marta and team
  - The Nooksack Valley Scholarship Foundation for granting \$127,000 to graduating seniors, and the Dunlap family for a new \$25,000 endowment.

- Finally, congratulating the track team and its state participants.

### **APPROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH CURRICULUM**

Joel Vanderyacht presented the math curriculum the middle school has been piloting, Open Up, and recommended approval. He highlighted the tight alignment with standards and the iterative nature of the curriculum as strengths. There was an open discussion about parental support, the rigor of the curriculum, and the availability of resources online. Gwen Johnston and Rob Bouma, 8<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers, strongly endorsed the curriculum as well.

Tanya Silves moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the Middle School Math Curriculum

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### **APPROVE PRESCHOOL-GRADE 2 HANDWRITING CURRICULUM**

Christine Vaughn presented on the (Size Matters Handwriting Program) SMHP preschool through grade 2 handwriting curriculum, its strengths and research base. It was very well received by the board and guests.

Halli Kimball moved, and Shelley Harder seconded the motion to approve Preschool to Grade 2 Handwriting Curriculum.

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

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Shelley Harder seconded the motion to approve the hire of:

- Ashley Alcaraz, Paraeducator III, Nooksack Valley Middle School

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

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

- Jeffrey Erickson, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Everson Elementary School
  - Leave Replacement 04/22/2024-06/30/2024
- Kelli Veening, Special Education Teacher, Sumas Elementary School
  - Leave Replacement 04/29/2024-06/30/2024
- Christina Whitney, Administrative Assistant I/Paraeducator I, Nooksack Valley Middle School
  - Leave Replacement 04/29/2024-06/14/2024

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### **EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR APPROVED**

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

- Nichaela Rinehart, School Psychologist, Nooksack Valley District Office
- Allison Sokol, Music Teacher, Everson Elementary School
- Stephanie Garza, English/Language Arts Teacher, Nooksack Valley Middle School
- Emily Holt, Counselor, Nooksack Elementary School
- Carrie Miller, Special Education Preschool, Everson Elementary School
- Lacey Bachman, Counselor, Nooksack Valley Middle School
- Melissa Rus, Be the One Mentor Coordinator, District Office
- Josie Bocci, Special Education Teacher, Nooksack Elementary School
- Amy Maharaj, Special Education Teacher, Sumas Elementary School

- Cameron Robertson, Math Teacher, Nooksack Valley High School
- Hunter Anderson, Health and Fitness Teacher, Nooksack Valley Middle School
  - .5 FTE
- Katelyn Shagren, Special Education Teacher, Sumas Elementary School
  - .5 FTE

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**RESIGNATION ACCEPTED WITH REGRET**

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to accept the resignation of:

- Joshua Tremain, PE Teacher, Sumas Elementary School
  - Effective 06/30/2024
- Stephen Dale, Math Teacher, Nooksack Valley High School
  - .6 FTE Effective 06/30/2024
- Melissa Moreno, Paraeducator I, Sumas Elementary School
  - Effective 06/30/2024
- Alixandra Steffan, Counselor, Everson Elementary School
  - Effective 06/30/2024
- Darren Villars, PE Teacher, Everson Elementary School
  - Effective 06/30/2024
- Emily Walters, Science Teacher, Nooksack Valley High School
  - Effective 06/30/2024
- Marsha McInnis, Payroll Specialist, Nooksack Valley District Office
  - Effective 08/02/2024

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**TEMPORARY LEAVE APPROVED**

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Tanya Silves seconded the motion to approve the temporary leave of:

- Keith Klein, Custodial/Grounds, District Wide
  - 04/30/24-08/06/24

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**RETIREMENT ACCEPTED WITH GRATITUDE**

Shelley Harder moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the retirement with gratitude of:

- Patricia Simonsen, Para Educator III, Sumas Elementary School
  - Effective 06/30/2024
- Kathleen Bronkema, Para Educator IV, Sumas Elementary School
  - Effective 08/31/2024
- John Bromley, Maintenance, Nooksack Valley School District
  - Effective 08/31/2024

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**APPROVE RESOLUTION No. 12 ASB FUND WARRANTS**

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Shelley Harder seconded the motion to approve Resolution 12-ASB Fund Warrants.

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**APPROVE 2024-2025 WHATCOM COUNTY DETENTION CENTER EDUCATION PROGRAM INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

Halli Kimball moved, and Tanya Silves seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2025 Whatcom County Detention Center Education Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement.

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**APPROVE 2024-2025 WHATCOM COUNTY BEHAVIOR HEALTH INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

Halli Kimball moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2025 Whatcom County Behavior Health Interlocal Cooperative Agreement.

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**APPROVE 2024-2025 WHATCOM DISCOVERY PROGRAM INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

Shelley Harder moved, and Halli Kimball seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2025 Whatcom Discovery Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement.

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**APPROVE WIAA SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP**

Tanya Silves moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the WIAA School District Membership.

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**APPROVE CERTIFICATED TEACHER CONTRACTS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Ty Elmendorf moved, and Shelley Harder seconded the motion to approve the Certificated Teacher Contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

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**APPROVE ADMINISTRATOR AND NON-UNION CONTRACTS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Tanya Silves moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded the motion to approve the Administrator and Non-Union Contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

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**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Superintendent Galley gave a brief presentation on:

- The status of budget development
- Capital projects

**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 23rd of May 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	138464 to 138464;	total	\$1,223.84
General Fund Check Number	138465 to 138482;	total	\$461,262.58
General Fund Check Number	138483 to 138563;	total	\$677,794.38
Capital Projects Fund Check Number	138564 to 138566;	total	\$16,614.12
ASB Fund Check Number	138567 to 138578;	total	\$6,602.43
General Fund Check Number	138579 to 138653;	total	\$242,425.64

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Regular session was recessed at 8:57 p.m. for executive session.

- The board discussed Superintendent Galley’s evaluation and contract.
- Two personnel items were shared resulting in no action at this time

Executive session adjourned at 9:38 p.m. and regular session reconvened.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The board shared that superintendent Matt Galley received a distinguished evaluation and commended him on another positive year. They recommended more board involvement in the upcoming year regarding goal setting and strategic planning, as well as continuing to develop strong leadership across the district.

Halli Kimball moved, and Shelley Harder seconded a motion to accept Superintendent Galley’s evaluation.

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Tanya Silves moved, and Ty Elmendorf seconded a motion to approve Superintendent Galley’s contract for the 2024-2025 school year.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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Chairman of the Board

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Superintendent/Secretary