

NESPELEM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(REGULAR MEETING)

Meeting Date / Time

4/26/2021 @ 5:30 p.m.

Location Nespelem School District

Members Present

Jolene Marchand, Chair (Zoom) Nancy Armstrong-Montes, Director (in person) Jarae Cate, Director (Zoom)

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - Meeting called to order by Jolene Marchand, Chair @ 5:35 p.m. followed by the flag salute and the Land Acknowledgment by Nancy Armstrong-Montes.

WELCOME OF STAFF/GUESTS-Effie Dean, Superintendent, Katrina Reeder, Head Teacher, Dave Cirk, Maintenance, Mitzi Adolph, Business Manager, Virginia Iezard, Administrative Assistant, & Lisa Vaughan (Certified Rep).

ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA (Changes to the Agenda) -- An Executive session was added. Nancy Armstrong-Montes motioned to approve. Jarae Cate seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Jolene asked that her request for documents to be provided be added to the minutes of the 22nd in section D. Jarae motioned the minutes be approved with a minor change. Nancy Armstrong-Montes seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS – The total amount of the warrants was approved. Nancy Armstrong-Montes made a motion to accept the warrants #47783 # 47803 totaling \$169,355.31 for payroll and #47804 - #4842 totaling \$83,507.88 for AP. Jarae seconded and the motion passed.

BOARD REPORTS A. Maintenance/Transportation Report - Dave Cirk reported that the last day of food delivery was on the 22nd. He also offered thanks to everyone who had helped with this over the

past year. No he is focusing on safe transportation to school and healthy ventilation when they arrived. Inside the building they received a grant for a new brazing pan. During spring break all kitchen equipment was cleaned. The hot water tank was also flushed. Outside since spring has arrived all the equipment has received maintenance. The portable is still being demolished. The asbestos was removed and ATS installed new gym units for student ventilation. We are ready for safe student return. Head Teacher - Katrina Reeder shared that the Kindergarten and First grade had not showed as much progress on their STAR testing as the older grades; less than one year's growth was recorded. Nancy asked Effie how the students would catch up Effie stated that Transitional Kindergarten should help the students in the district catch up a full year. Also, Summer School this July should help the students from 4th grade through 8h. Superintendent / Principal's Report - Effie Dean reported on the District Recovery Plan, which is required by the state, and on construction updates. The Recovery Plan is based on

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our School Improvement Plan, covering academic tiers, SEL tiers and ELL/Migrant/Native trainings and services (please see attached for the list of these items). The new modular is in the L&I stages, so it is moving forward. Currently, the old portable is being demolished. Abatement took place a few weeks ago. Effie then gave an update on the Apollo issue. Apollo over spent the grant, leaving no money left to pay TERO. Jolene said that it was their responsibility to pay TERO as it was in the original project plan. Apollo also is expecting us to pay DES. Jolene stated that Apollo was responsible for paying DES and TERO as it was part of their plan as it used the entire grant amount. Effie pointed out that this issue was listed as an action item below.

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Jolene asked how learning in person was going. Effie said it was going wonderfully. Jolene went on to say that it was difficult for the students that were left

remote and wanted the teachers to start live streaming their classrooms. Effie stated that they were supposed to move all of their zooms to Friday and that they could also post these in their google classrooms. Jolene said that she would prefer live streaming and Effie said that she would talk to Eric from the ESD tomorrow about helping the teachers set up live streaming in their classrooms during the week. Business Manager's Financial Update-Mitzi Adolph stated that the Impact Aid money received was a total of \$1,7779,038. We sent \$847,392 to Grand Coulee and kept \$931,645. She then reported on enrollment before stating the following fund balances: General Fund \$2,142,131.48. Capital Projects \$701,817.25, Debt Services \$0.00, ASB \$19,858.80, and Transportation \$125,755.55. Jolene asked how one section of the transportation budget stated \$25,000 and another part listed \$50,000. Mitzi explained that internal transfers are shown in addition to expenditures. Jolene also asked that documents be provided to the Board whenever financial discussions are planned. Board members agreed and had no further questions,

NEW BUSINESS

A. Policies - #1430, #4311 & #5310 - The Board chose to move policy #5310 straight through

the first reading so that next month will be it's second reading and the new deadline of June 1st for clock hours can be put in place. The other policies will have their first reading at the June meeting. Motion was made by Nancy & seconded by Jarae. Motion carried. B.

ESSER II, Effie stated that they should wait for the results of the state budget from the Legislative session to come out before making decisions of how to spend the new ESSER II money. She is most concerned about the Transportation funds as well as the LEA money being cut back. The Board asked if the "wish list" for the ESSER funds would be presented

at the next month's meeting. C. Hire Summer & Track – Effie asked that the Board approve the staff recommended for hire

for summer school, summer bus/grounds and track coach. Jarae made a motion to approve these contracts for Debbie Bays. Paige Patrick. Dennis Payne and Matt Timentwah. Nancy

seconded and the motion carried. D. Library Stipend - Effie asked that Paige be paid a Library Stipend to clean up the library

from this year's use before a new person is hired to take it over. The Board stated that \$1500 seemed like a reasonable amount to offer for this service, as it was comparable to pro-rated

sports stipends. Jarae made a motion and Nancy seconded it. The motion carried. E.

Superintendent / Principal – Vacation Roll - Effie stated that her contract did not

limit her to rolling vacation days from year to year, just in the amount she could cash out at retirement. F. Science Curriculum- The Generation Genius Science curriculum outline was shared with the Board. Mrs. Q has been using it and the staff loves it. The whole district would only cost 100. Nancy motioned that the curriculum be purchased for next year. Jarale seconded and the motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS A. Calendar - Effie stated that it was advantageous for the Business Office to have two years of the calendar approved at a time for budget and planning purposes. Nancy said that she liked the calendars. Jolene asked for a comparison to Grand Coulee's. Effie said that the holidays in both districts were all the same, even though the start and stop days differed. Jarae motioned to approve the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school year calendars as presented and Nancy seconded the motion, which carried. **B. Policy #14000** – Nancy moved that the second reading of policy #1400 be approved and Jarae seconded the motion, which passed. **C. WSSDA Norms** – The Board stated that they would like the Norms to be an action item on the next month's agenda. **Construction Expenses** - The Board directed the Superintendent to relay to Apollo that they are responsible for paying DES & TERO, as they were included in their project plan using all the grant funds available in their proposal. Nancy motioned, Jarae seconded and the motion carried. **E. Sports Update** - The Board wanted to know why the Athletic Director chose to sign the boys . up for a different league without asking for approval first. They wanted to know if we could go back to our old league. Their concerns with the new league included traveling to distant communities for games during the pandemic. They

also had concern with the large number of games and the effect it might have on the students' health. The Superintendent will talk to the AD tomorrow and email the Board with the update. F. Transitional Kindergarten - We can enroll four year olds in our transitional Kindergarten program, while three year olds can be in a part-time program. Jolene commented that the community has always been in support of preschool programs. Nacny made a motion to direct the Superintendent to post a position for Transitional Kindergarten and preschool for the 2021-22 school year. Jarae seconded the motion and it passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - RCW 42.30.110 (PERSONNEL) - Jolene moved to go into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. for twenty minutes. Nancy seconded. Motion passed. No action was taken during the session. Nancy Armstrong Montes made a motion to come out of session at 8:34 pm. Jarae seconded, and the motion passed.

ADJOURNED - Meeting was adjourned by Jolene Marchand at 8:39 pm.

**Next meetings: May 24, 2021 @
5:30 p.m. - Regular Board
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