

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NESPELEM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b> <b>Special Meeting with GCDSD Board</b></p>
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**Meeting Date / Time**

4/22/2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Location**

Hometown Pizza, GCDSD

**Members Present**

P. Jolene Marchand, Chair  
Nancy Armstrong-Montes, Vice  
Jarae Cate, Director  
Annette Moses, Director  
Anna Vargas, Director  
GCDSD Board  
(\*Except for Buffy Nichols)

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order by Jolene Marchand, NSD Board Chair @ 6:05 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

**FLAG SALUTE & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Nancy led the Land Acknowledgement.

**WELCOME OF STAFF / GUESTS** – Dr. Effie Dean, Nespelem Superintendent, Rod Broadnax, GCDSD Superintendent and GCDSD Board Members Shannon Nicholson, Rich Black, George \*\*\* and Alex Tufts were in attendance. Scott Hunter of the STAR was present as well as Meghan Francis from the CCT and Casey Brewer, AD for GCDSD. Each attendee was asked to introduce themselves to the group.

**ADOPTION OF SPECIAL AGENDA** - (No Changes to the Agenda are allowed) Nancy made a motion to approve the agenda & Annette seconded, the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. IAG APP 2026 Tuition Agreement – Effie stated that the current Tuition Agreement between the two Districts was valid until June of 2026. She also asked that the GCDSD provide choice in student numbers, which is stated in the agreement. When a question about the chaos created by the state requiring GCDSD to provide Choice forms on all students this fall, she explained that this was due to the fact that forms had never been done on K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and that is why it was such a big deal. It was not due to the fact that NSD had opened 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade, per the States directive. She went on to say that Nespelem HS was not opened to be in competition with LR, but to reach a population that was dropping out and not currently being served.
- B. Upcoming Local Events - Nespelem stated that Prom would take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, they would be closed on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> the CCT Annual Consultation would be held at the Tribal Agency.  
GCDSD shared that their student athletes would be honored on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Tribal Agency and their graduation would be June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Native & IAG Trainings – Effie shared that there was a State OIE Training at Northernquest on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## OLD BUSINESS

A. Joint Varsity Sports - Jolene started out by saying the Board was insulted by the announcement in the newspaper which stated that Nespelem students would no longer be allowed to participate in sports at LR. She felt that they had sent a lot of money to GCDSD through the years and felt that they deserved their students to be served, which used to be a two way agreement, where LR students came to participate with their teams as well on several occasions. She did not feel NSD students were being treated fairly. Shannon responded by stating she took offense to the accusation that GCD was unfair. She also stated that she felt like the article made her sound racist. Scott said he had quoted her saying they wanted to serve GCDSD students only, which she disagreed with.

Effie said that the overall feeling was of hurt that they had to find out through the newspaper. It was like a slap in the face and just a call or email would have helped tremendously. Jarae stated that she thought that they were supposed to be working together and Anna said that she was sad as her son would no longer be able to play baseball. Jarae also stated that there were a lot of hurt feelings and Shannon shared that she felt that they had felt pushed to make a rushed decision and wished that they had discussed it first. Rod said that they may be willing to reconsider their decision. Effie asked Casey what Nespelem could do to help make this happen. NSD was willing to pay a fee, provide attendance & grade checks and have the students sign a code, as they only sent their very best students down to LR to participate. He stated that it was too inconvenient and expensive so that he would vote a "Hard No".

B. Joint Events - Rod said that he would like to have a joint fall carnival again, but down at their campus. Also, it would be nice to join the Huckleberry event for Valentine's Day. He also mentioned having two Coffee with the Superintendent dates, one in fall and one in spring. The next meeting was scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> at Siam. Rod will create the agenda.

## CLOSING COMMENTS

Anna stated, "Thanks for listening".

Nancy said she was glad for more cooperation between the two districts.

Meghan shared, "I am happy to be here".

**ADJOURNED** -- The meeting was adjourned by Jolene at 7:46 pm.

### Next meeting:

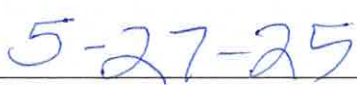
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. –

Special Board Meeting @ Siam

Board Chair

  
Secretary to the Board

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