

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

Meeting Date / Time

8/19/2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Location

SIAM, GCDSD

Members Present

P. Jolene Marchand, Chair
Nancy Armstrong-Montes, Vice
Anna Vargas, Director
GCDSD Board

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order by Shannon Nicholson, NSD Board Chair @ 6:02 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE & ROLL CALL/LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Shannon led the flag salute & Rollcall. Nancy Armstrong Montes led the Land Acknowledgement.

WELCOME OF STAFF / GUESTS – Dr. Effie Dean, Nespelem Superintendent, Rod Broadnax, GCDSD Superintendent and GCDSD Board Members Shannon Nicholson, Buffy Nicholson and Alex Tufts, and George La Place were in attendance. Scott Hunter of the STAR was present as well. Each Board Member was asked to introduce themselves to the group.

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

OPENING STATEMENTS

- A. GCDSD Superintendent, Mr. Broadnax spoke about the opening of the new school year. He stated that it was a year of transition, as they were moving to a four day work week. Also, they will have a new online program, new math and new bleachers.
- B. Nespelem Superintendent, Dr. Dean stated that this year NSD would have 3 yr olds through 12th grade. Further, program extensions will take place in CTE, Dual credit, Tribal Language and High School sports. Finally, construction on a new CTE Facility should begin shortly.
- C. GCDSD Board Report – Shannon asked Effie for grant names that would pay for a new playground; she complied. Buffy talked about how parent data was needed for involvement with the Northstar program. Community engagement & student voice was also listed as important.
- D. NSD Board Report – Anna stated that she was glad to see GCD Members at the Northstar meeting. She also said that she was hurt by LR's article on the division of sports between the two Districts. Rod said that he was also upset by NSD's response in the news. Jolene said that NSD did not feel heard by LR. Nancy said that she ran for the School Board again in order to keep business moving in a positive direction.

NEW BUSINESS

- E. **Harvest Festival** - Both Districts agreed that having a Harvest Night together in October would bring everyone together. Shannon stated that she would contact the Tribal Agency to see about the use of the Government Center as a neutral site for the event.

- F. **Future Meetings-** Effie stated that it was in the best interest for both Districts to continue to work together in the future, as they shared families and financially they would both continue to benefit in IAG funding by creating a continuing Tuition Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Scott Hunter suggested that the Districts each pick an Ad Hoc Committee to work on the Tuition Agreement together.

OLD BUSINESS

- G. **Back to School-** Rod shared that the District would have a Back to School night on 27th, before school started on the 2nd of September. Effie shared that NSD would have their event tomorrow night, as school started on the 25th of August.
- H. **IAG Agreement** – Jolene stated that NSD was not ready to discuss this agreement yet. Both Boards decided that having AD HOC Committees meet to work on this in the future would be best.
- I. **Northstar Initiative-** Both Board’s agreed that this was an initiative that the Community should support.

ADJOURNED -- The meeting was adjourned by Shannon at 7:24 pm.

Next meeting

November 4th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. –

Special Board Meeting @ La Presa

Board Chair

Date

Secretary to the Board

Date