

NORTH THURSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

6:00 p.m.

John Gott – Administrative Building (Remote Attendance)

In compliance with Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28, the School Board Meeting was held remotely. Board Members attended remotely, and the public was invited to watch live stream video.

Regular Board Meeting

I. ROUTINE ITEMS

A. Call to Order

President Maliska called the meeting of the North Thurston Public Schools Board of Directors to order at 5:55 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Board Members present: Mel Hartley, Gretchen Maliska, Graeme Sackrison, Chuck Namit and Dave Newkirk

Student Advisors present: Samir Amin, Makayla Hamlin

Others present: Deb Clemens, Monty Sabin, Troy Oliver, Teena Barnes, Sarah Rich, Vicky Lamoreaux, Charlie Burleigh, Karen Remy-Anderson, Derek Stewart, Courtney Schrieve, Dean Martinolich, Leslie Van Leishout, Dianne Heckman, Kevin Reimer, Brad Hooper, Joyce Mackiewicz, Courtney Crawford, Alyssa Knudtson, Tallie Moss, Carmen Barriga and Jenny Boeholt

C. Pledge of Allegiance

President Maliska led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Reading of the Land Acknowledgement

President Maliska read the NTPS Land Acknowledgement.

E. Correspondence and Additions

Superintendent Clemens advised there was an updated surplus list, as well as an addition under required approvals – Request to Approve K-12 Curriculum for Summit Virtual Academy.

F. Adoption of the Agenda

Graeme Sackrison made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Chuck Namit seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Approval of Minutes from the February 9, 2021 Board Meeting

Dave Newkirk made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021 Board Meeting. Mel Hartley seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Recognitions:

A. Remote Learning / Aspire Middle School Good News

Assistant Superintendent Troy Oliver introduced Principal of Aspire Middle School, Courtney Crawford. Ms. Crawford provided an update on Remote Learning 2.0 and introduced Miranda Schreiner and Angelo Delgado to provide student perspective on remote learning. Alissa Knudtson, Aspire teacher and advisor shared "good news" with students Fiona Boyd and Lily Covey who shared information about Friday Clubs at Aspire. Finally, teacher

Tallie Moss and student E'Lisa Rivera presented information regarding Mission to Care from their Advisory curriculum Character Strong.

B. Evergreen State College

Charlie Burleigh, Executive Director of Human Resources recognized Evergreen State College Education Programs for their quality Teacher, English Language Learner, and master's programs. Mr. Burleigh introduced Evergreen College President George Bridges and Sue Feldman, Director of Teacher Education. Mr. Bridges and Ms. Feldman shared details of the partnerships between NTPS and Evergreen State College.

I. Consent Agenda:

- Consideration of Bills

The Board approved the following bills:

General Fund	71141163 through 71141244	\$ 887,099.02
Wire Transfers - GF	202000227-228	\$ 21,829.04
	202000233	\$ 406.16
	202000206-210, 216-217, 221-222, 235	\$ 2,430,799.20
A.S.B. Fund	71410399 through 71410402	\$ 5,169.12
Private Purpose	71703548 through 71703551	\$ 8,017.79
Capital Projects	71205973 through 71205979	\$ 944,694.84
ACH	202100317 through 202100325	\$ 1,046.08

- Personnel Actions: Resolution 20-20/21; Covering all actions to include leaves and resignations processed through February 17, 2021.

Chuck Namit made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Graeme Sackrison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

J. Required Approvals:

- Request to Approve K12 Curriculum for New Online School
- Updated Policy 2024 Online Learning
- Updated Policy 2255 Alternative Learning Experience Program
- Agreement between NTPS and Capital Forest Coop Preschool regarding FPC
- Nisqually MS Off-site Sewer Improvements – Request to Advertise for Bid
- Aspire MS Improvement Phase 2 – Request to Advertise for Bid
- Komachin MS Modernization ADA Accessibility Review
- Komachin MS Modernization OSPI Required Education Specifications
- ASB Club Applications
 - o Black Student Union – North Thurston HS
- 2020-21 Capital Projects Fund Contractual Service Agreements
- 2020-21 General Fund Contractual Service Agreements
- Public Works Notice of Completion Log for General and Capital Projects Funds
- Updated Surplus List for February 23, 2021

President Maliska asked if any board member had questions or concerns regarding the items presented for required approval. Mel Hartley questioned Policy 2255. Sarah Rich was available to respond. President Maliska asked about the portables at Aspire Middle School. Dean Martinolich shared information regarding the plans at Aspire. Gretchen Maliska also recognized the addition of a Black Student Union at North Thurston High School.

Dave Newkirk made a motion to approve the required approvals. Mel Hartley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

L. Community Comment:

- Agenda Items
Angela Danielson submitted comment regarding the SEL curriculum.

- Non-Agenda Items
Angela Danielson also submitted comment regarding K-12 sex education.
Mitch Benson submitted comment regarding the snow day on February 11th.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Bell Times Recommendation

Monty Sabin, Assistant Superintendent of Operations shared information regarding the work of the Bell Times Advisory Committee and provided a recommendation from the committee for the board. Mr. Sabin shared that the recommendation of the committee would be to maintain the current schedule. Chuck Namit made a motion to approve the recommendation to maintain the current bell schedule. Graeme Sackrison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2020-21 Enrollment Projections

Teena Barnes, Executive Director of Financial Services shared a preliminary enrollment projection, noting that a final enrollment projection would be presented to the board in July.

C. Mid-Year Update for High School SEL Adoption

Leslie Van Leishout, Director of Student Support, provided a mid-year update on the high school social emotional learning curriculum adoption. Ms. Van Leishout shared that next steps in the adoption process include surveying staff and students and a final curriculum recommendation by the High School SEL Team, approval of the materials by the Instructional Materials Committee. The SEL team will return with a presentation and recommendation to the Board in the spring for implementation planned for the fall of 2021.

D. Goal 1 – Success in the Early Years

Outcomes:

- a. Increased percentage of children enrolled in high quality pre-school programs
- b. Increased percentage of children ready for Kindergarten
- d. Increased percentage of children meeting social, emotional, **physical milestones** through Grade 3

Dianne Heckman and Kevin Reimer provided a presentation for Goal 1 – Success in the Early Years. Outcomes a., b., and d. Monitoring reports shared concluded that each of the outcomes had obtained partial compliance.

Mel Hartley motioned to approve the Superintendent's Monitoring Reports on Goal 1 – Success in the Early Years, dated February 23, 2021; the reports were on outcomes a. Increased percentage of children enrolled in high quality pre-school programs, Outcome b. Increased percentage of children ready for Kindergarten, and Outcome d. Increased percentage of children meeting social, emotional, and physical milestones through grade 3. We recognize that the information is aligned with the ends policy and with our strategic goals of the district and represents appropriate targets for outcomes. All of these reports showed that while we are not in full achievement with the ends policy outcomes, there was very reasonable and commendable partial achievement towards our ends policy interpretation, especially in light of COVID and all of the other challenges this year. Dave Newkirk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Goal 3 – Critical Thinkers and Solution Seekers

Outcome:

c. Increased percentage of students who can solve real-world, interdisciplinary problems

Joyce Mackiewicz and Brad Hooper presented information on Goal 3 – Critical Thinkers and Solution Seekers, Outcome c. – increased percentage of students who can solve real-world, interdisciplinary problems.

Dave Newkirk moved to approve the Superintendent's Monitoring Report on district planning Goal 3 – Critical Thinkers and Solution Seekers, every student will demonstrate skills in creative and evaluative reasoning, communication, and collaboration to address challenges in a socially just and democratic society, Outcome c. Increased percentage of students who can solve real-world, interdisciplinary problems, dated February 23, 2021; recognizing the information aligned with the ends policy and represents appropriate targets for outcomes as evidenced by the examples brought forth today. We do find that you are in partial compliance due to COVID and other challenges we've had this last year. Mel Hartley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. EL-3 | Financial Update

Teena Barnes provided an update on February Enrollment and January Financial information. Ms. Barnes also presented on Executive Limitations 3 criteria #3, The Superintendent will not: Incur non-voted debt without Board approval.

Chuck Namit moved to approve the Executive Limitations 3 Monitoring Report Financial Condition Policy, which focuses on the actual financial condition of North Thurston Public Schools, under point #3 – the superintendent will not incur non-voted debt without Board approval, dated February 23, 2021; recognizing the reasonable interpretation that the Superintendent will not allow the following: #1. Non-voted debt, that represents debt obligation that would be over multiple fiscal years, #2. does not include debt requiring voter approval, such as a bond election, transportation levy or technology levy, and finally #3 incur non-voted debt without Board approval. There is sufficient evidence of compliance that includes the following: #1. Processes that bring forward non-voted debt for board approval – and here are some examples: State supported bus loans, non-bond funded contractors, contract for capital projects, an RFP such as bids for advertising reviewed by staff and Board approval of final vendor selection. #2. The contract for all funds have final approval by the Board. Therefore, the monitoring report demonstrates that we are in compliance with Executive Limitations #3. Dave Newkirk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. EL-7 | Human Relations and Staff Relations

Charlie Burleigh shared a monitoring report on EL-7, Staff Conduct and Transparency, the Superintendent will not implement Human Relations and Staff Relations procedures which fail to follow Policy criteria #4: Operate without ensuring staff have reasonable opportunities and feedback for professional growth and development.

Graeme Sackrison moved that the Board approve the Superintendent's Monitoring Report on the Executive Limitations – 7 Staff Conduct and Transparency policy dated February 23, 2021; recognizing the interpretation of the policy is aligned with the policy and represents appropriate targets for outcomes. Further, this monitoring report shows sufficient evidence that EL-7 has been achieved in this period. The Board commends the Superintendent, the Cabinet and staff on this important achievement. Mel Hartley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM STUDENT ADVISORS:

A. Comments regarding: Completing a High School and Beyond Plan Remotely and Suggestions for Spring Conferences

Makayla Hamlin and Samir Amin shared comments regarding the High School and Beyond Plan remotely and provided suggestions for spring conferences.

IV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

A. Legislative Representative

Graeme Sackrison provided a legislative update for the board.

B. North Thurston Education Foundation

Dave Newkirk shared comments regarding the NTEF.

C. Thurston Regional Planning Council

Mel Hartley shared an update regarding TRPC.

D. Washington Interscholastic Activities Association

Chuck Namit provided an update regarding WIAA.

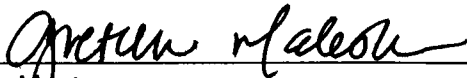
E. Community / Stakeholder Engagement

Gretchen Maliska and the other Board members shared information regarding community engagement.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



President



Secretary of the Board