

# Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56

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## **January is School Board Recognition Month**

The Neah-Kah-Nie School District will join the other 196 school districts throughout Oregon to celebrate January as, "School Board Recognition Month."

Our seven school board members spend countless hours of unpaid time working to provide the best possible education for our students. Board members attend monthly board meetings, participate in occasional trainings, and constantly communicate with parents, students, school staff and the school superintendent.

Board members also serve as the corporate board of directors for one of our community's largest employers. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say thank you for all they do.

School board members represent their fellow citizens' views and priorities in the complex enterprise of maintaining and running the Neah-Kah-Nie School District. Each board member is elected to a four-year term by registered voters. They also reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Oregon.

The school board's main goal, is to support student achievement. To achieve that goal, the board focuses on the following needs:

- Creating a vision for what parents and citizens want their school district to become and how to make student achievement the top priority
- Setting standards for what students must learn and be able to do
- Assessing whether schools achieve their goals, and whether students are learning
- Accounting for the outcomes of decisions and by tracking progress and reporting results
- Aligning the use of the district's human and financial resources

- Creating a safe and orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach
- Collaborating to solve common problems and to support common successes
- Focusing on continuous improvement by questioning, examining, revising, refining and revisiting issues related to student achievement.

Neah-Kah-Nie School District has an active, well trained, and effective board who give of their time for the betterment of our students and staff.

Neah-Kah-Nie's proud School Board members are Terry Kelly, Chairman ten years of service; Pat Ryan, Vice Chairman eighteen years; Lisa Hooley, thirteen years; JoDee Ridderbusch, two years; Trisha Hixon, two years, Carol Mahoney, two years, and Michele Aeder, one year.

Board of Education meetings are generally held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the school district's main office or at one of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District schools. Contact information for the Board of Education is at <http://nknsd.org/community/members/>.

We honor our board members during January to show appreciation; however, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort. The next time you see a Neah-Kah-Nie School Board member, express your gratitude by saying, THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Paul Erlebach, Superintendent  
Neah-Kah-Nie School District