

NEAH-KAH-NIE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 56

Board Meeting 5:30 PM  
February 9, 2026  
504 N. Third Ave.  
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

**PRESENT**

**Board**

Rena Scalabrin, Chair  
Sandy Tyrer, Vice Chair (virtual)  
Marisa Bayouth-Real  
Michele Aeder  
Dr. Randy Schultz  
Don Allgeier  
Ellene Smith

**District Office Staff**

Dr. Tyler Reed, Superintendent  
Kari Fleisher, Business Manager  
Karen Wheeler, Office Administrative Assistant

**Student Representative**

Yukon Norris Rivera

**WORK SESSION**

**Ms. Scalabrin called the work session to order at 4:35 p.m.**

**Inter-District Transfers Procedure JCEB**

Chair Scalabrin opened a work session to revisit Policy JCEB, which currently restricts all inter-district student transfers. Chair Scalabrin emphasized that no formal decisions will be made during this session. This work session is a time to open the conversation. She shared that an additional letter was submitted for the board to review.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Rocca read his letter (attached to these minutes).

The Board took the time to read a second letter submitted that did not have a public comment (attached to these minutes).

Chair Scalabrin shared last year's decision was difficult to make especially following the community support on the levy.

Dr. Reed shared staff concerns about increased class sizes. Next year projections already have some elementary class sizes at 28. Feedback from administrators is worry of increased enrollment and needing financial support to hire more teachers. As a board, we commit every year to keeping class sizes low.

Mr. Allgeier asked how these type of policy guidelines are set. Dr. Reed shared that it has to be open to all students but we can set a number. It cannot be added as a benefit to staff members as ethics play into this. He shared there is the possibility of a lottery system.

The Board discussed how the decision was made last year, and when it was in effect fifteen families could be accepted. These families were then exempt and do not have to reapply each school year. The board discussed potential for ranking for families and if the budget could be adjusted for additional teachers as well as projections for next year and how upcoming housing opportunities may affect this decision. The board agreed transportation needs should always be considered as well as the decision needs to be communicated to everyone. The board discussed the possibility of specific parameters such as specific grade size, current siblings already approved, and creating waiting lists.

Chair Scalabrin was curious about looking at the last five years and what that data looks like by grade, specific needs and where the families typically come from. Ms. Wheeler shared they do have that data and it will be shared.

Dr. Reed shared he will reach out to OSBA regarding parameters allowed in the application process.

Mr. Allgeier asked why we limit students who transfer out. Dr. Reed shared it does affect funding from Integrated Guidance as well as putting a limit on what we asked on the levy.

**Closed Budget Committee Vacancy announced for zone 1, 3 and 4**

Work Session ended at 5:27 p.m. **Five-minute recess.**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Scalabrin called the regular Board Meeting of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District Board of Directors to order at 5:35 p.m. Ms. Scalabrin welcomed staff and patrons of the district. All present stood for the flag salute.

## **APPROVE AGENDA**

**M: Bayouth Real /2nd Schultz to approve the agenda as amended. Roll Call and motion carried unanimously.**

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

Logan Romig, Nominated by Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School  
Ms. Dilbeck shared her appreciation for Logan Romig.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve the Minutes from January 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting  
Approve the 2026-2027 Annual Calendar  
Approve the Out of State Travel Request, Ryan Keefauver

## **PERSONNEL**

Hiring - Licensed

Ian Gillespie as Nehalem Elementary Special Education Teacher for 2026/27 school year  
Debra Park as Behavior Interventionist Temporary Position (remaining 2025/26 school year)

Retirement- Licensed

Laurie Mann as Neah-Kah-Nie High School Special Education Teacher, end of year

Hiring - Coach

Ashley Atwood as Middle School Wrestling Coach  
Shawn Lehr as High School Assistant Track Coach

Resignations - Coach

Dave Morton as Neah-Kah-Nie High School Assistant Track Coach  
Russell Crape as Middle School Head Wrestling Coach

NON-LICENSED PERSONNEL Information Only

Hiring

Lisa Cole as Nehalem Elementary Special Education Assistant  
Cathryn Slyman as Nehalem Elementary Special Education Assistant  
Sleep Souther as GEAR Up Coordinator Temporary Position (remaining 2025/26 school year)

**M: Aeder/2nd Allgeier to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call and motion carried unanimously.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Public Input - not at this time

Student Input

Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School WEB Leader Presentation, Lori Dilbeck (presentation attached to the minutes)  
Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) student presentation Chloe Ward, Milena Christensen, Izzy Lackey, Evan Lackey

## **Written Communication**

January 2026 Enrollment Report  
Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School January 2026 Newsletter  
Pirate Press, January 9, 2026  
Pirate Press, January 16, 2026  
Pirate Press, January 23, 2026  
Nehalem Elementary February 2026 Newsletter  
Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School February 2026 Newsletter  
Garibaldi Grade School Howler, February 2026  
Thank you letter from Jen Hopkins to:  
Megan with Pelican Brewing Company

Eugene Schmuck Foundation  
Marlene with Office of Resilience & Emergency Management  
Lynn and Wayne McCollum  
The Light Brigade  
Fulcrum Community Resources

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

JHCA, Immunization, School Sports Participation, Concussions and Other Brain Injuries Withdrawn by Policy Committee Chair Scalabrin shared that the first reading of this policy was last month. The policy committee did not realize it was an optional policy update so they withdrew this policy for now.

Logan Romig arrived from coaching, Ms. Dilbeck read her appreciation letter and gave him a sweatshirt and certificate.

### **REPORTS**

Northwest Regional Education Service District (NWRESD) 2026-2027 Local Service Plan (LSP), Dr. Reed (attached to these minutes).

Dr. Reed summarized the NWRESD annual presentation and what is provided to Neah-Kah-Nie. Every year the board has to approve the LSP before taxes can be organized and each plan approved. NWRESD is accountable to you and for the tax they levy. Dr. Reed explained funding breakdown and core services offered plus menu services that NKN can choose differently each year. They also provide support for our entire network of digital programs. He shared the breakdown of students receiving services and staff support.

Dr. Schultz feels that NKN is very happy for the NWRESD support and programs they provide. Dr. Reed agreed and shared how resourceful they are for our students and staff.

Ms. Smith inquired about the highlighted potential cuts in the presentation. Dr. Reed explained there is not a detailed plan yet in hopes of no budget cuts.

Resolution 26-3 To Approve the NWRESD 2026-2027 Local Service Plan

**M: Schultz/2nd Smith to approve Resolution 25-3 to Approve the 2026-2027 NWRESD Local Service Plan. Roll Call and motion carried unanimously.**

Graduation Data Review, Dr. Reed

Dr. Reed shared that NKN is now grouped with other similar districts for these metric data comparisons. Dr. Reed explained the data with the new metrics compared to others in our cluster and compared to the state. He clarified attendance, graduation rates, individual grade levels scores in Reading and Math and explained 9th grade on track and four and five year graduation rates. He then shared the Longitudinal Performance Growth Targets (LPGT) metrics for NKN.

Mr. Allgeier asked if we get this data by gender. Dr. Reed will check on this.

Dr. Schultz asked about absences with doctor notes or parent contact. Dr. Reed shared that we do collect specific data by students.

Ms. Smith shared she has gotten a lot of messages from the school as a parent regarding the importance of attendance.

Yukon shared her siblings are hearing the message about how important school is, but some days you are ill and would be sent home even if you went. She likes the visual attendance percentages being posted for everyone to see. She hopes the messaging of school importance will be sustained.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none at this time

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **BOARD POLICY**

DBEA, Budget Committee

**M: Allgeier/2nd Aeder recommend the Board to Adopt Policy DBEA as amended. Roll Call and motion carried unanimously.**

IIA, Instructional Materials

Ms. Bayouth-Real wondered about the minority population language that was struck in paragraph two and three. Chair Scalabrin explained the process of the policy committee and how OSBA indicates highly recommended versus optional [bracketed] language. The Policy Committee agreed that ORS 337.260(1)(a)-(e) includes the specific example description, so they suggested not keeping that bracketed language.

Board members discussed reasons why it should remain part of the policy and to retain that stricken language. They felt the examples could change and if the examples were inclusive enough. Discussed the difference between i.e and e.g. Dr. Reed shared that many other districts had chosen to not include the optional bracketed language.

**M: Allgeier/2nd Bayouth-Real recommend the Board to Adopt Policy IIA as amended but keep both bracketed material and with a replacement of i.e. to e.g. for ORS 337.260 and 659.850. Roll Call Vote yes-Tyrer, Bayouth-Real, Schultz, Aeder, Allgeier and Smith, no -Scalabrin. Motion carried six to one.**

JECB Admission of Nonresident Students (*added at meeting*)

Chair Scalabrin explained the reason for the amended dates.

**M: Bayouth-Real/Smith 2nd Recommend the Board to Adopt Policy JECB as amended. Roll Call and motion carried unanimously.**

Board Approve the 2026-2027 Budget Committee

**M: Scalabrin/2nd Aeder to Recommend Board reappoint Kathye Knight, zone 2 and appoint Natalie Nelson, Kiley Konruff, and Michael Weissenfluh to fill the three vacant budget committee seats for the 2026-2027 Budget Committee. Roll Call and motion carried unanimously.**

## **FISCAL**

Payment of Bills

January 2026 Check Register

Fiscal Summary Sheet

January 2026 Fiscal Summary Report

Ms. Fleisher gave an update on funds received in January for the county school fund for timber, property taxes and the levy all staying on budget.

Public Hearing on Resolution 26-4 Supplemental Budget for 2025-2026

Open at 7:02 p.m.

Ms. Fleisher explained the district received an unexpected grant from Philanthropy Northwest program. This grant will be used to develop high school property. It was a significant amount and increased Federal Project revenues by \$186,324 with \$131,620 in instruction and \$54,704 in support services.

Public session ended at 7:04 p.m.

Resolution 26-4 Supplemental Budget for 2025-26

**M: Allgeier/2nd Schultz to Resolution 26-4 to Approve the Supplemental Budget for 2025-2026 as presented. Roll Call and motion carried unanimously.**

## **SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Superintendent

Dr. Reed shared updates from the recent Professional Development (PD) for staff and how that will look for next year with the new calendar. He gave an update on the 2026/27 calendar with school starting before Labor Day. The new calendar will allow for semesters next year and embedded weather days throughout the year.

Board Secretary, nothing at this time.

Board

Yukon gave club updates with FBLA competing at regionals and over 15 students qualified for state. Last week was a celebration for School Counselors and Kindness Week, a new tradition. She shared the senior class had the best attendance for January. The student council has an upcoming sweetheart dance.

Ms. Tyrer, nothing at this time.

Ms. Bayouth-Real gave a shout out to the Middle School teachers Mr. Curtis "Code Talkers" novel and to Ms. Clifton's for implementing student's choice for upcoming lessons.

Dr. Schultz was very impressed with tonight's WEB presentation. The academic part is important but neat to see our schools working on the whole child.

Ms. Aeder appreciated the WEB students for their presentation.

Mr. Allgeier gave a shout out to the WEB presentation. He is very impressed with the program and the leadership development of these students.

Ms. Smith enjoyed the WEB presentation and loved how they focused on student empathy within the program. She looks forward to more student presentations. Thanked Dr. Reed for the data.

Ms. Scalabrin thanked each school for their board appreciation gifts last month.

**Regular session ended at 7:18 p.m. Dinner Break**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session started at 7:36 p.m.

Superintendent Evaluation, ORS 192.660(2)(i)

Classified and Licensed Negotiations, ORS 192.660(1)(d)

Executive Session ended at 8:11 p.m.

**Regular session resumed at 8:12 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING**

March 9, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN 8:13 p.m.**