

NEAH-KAH-NIE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 56

Executive Session – 5:30 PM

Regular Board Meeting – 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

Neah-Kah-Nie District Office Board Room

504 N. Third Ave.

Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

Present

**PRESENT**

**Board Members**

Sandy Tyrer, Chair  
Renaë Scalabrin, Vice Chair  
Michele Aeder  
Mike Wantland - 5:34 PM  
Marisa Bayouth-Real  
Joe Carr, (absent)  
Dr. Randy Schultz

**District Office Staff**

Dr. Tyler Reed, Superintendent  
Kari Fleisher, Business Manager  
Kathie Sellars, Administrative Assistant

**Student Representative**

Yukon Norris-Rivera

**EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTES**

Executive Session

Ms. Tyrer called executive session to order at 5:30 PM pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) to discuss bargaining with licensed staff. Executive session adjourned at 6:28 PM

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Official Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order

Ms. Tyrer called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District at 6:32 PM. Ms. Tyrer welcomed staff and patrons of the district. All stood for the flag salute.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Approve Agenda

Ms. Tyrer added an item to the agenda. A discussion regarding the interdistrict transfer process was added to new business.

**M-Scalabrin/2<sup>nd</sup> Aeder to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to Approve

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

Volunteer of the Month

Ms. Nugent read her letter to recommend Sierra Scholerman as the Garibaldi Grade School Volunteer of the Month. Ms. Nugent gave Ms. Scholerman a gift, and Dr. Reed presented her with a certificate of appreciation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda

Approve the Minutes from the March 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Approve the 2025 SAFE Letter

**Personnel**

**Hiring - Licensed**

Reeva Wortel as Neah-Kah-Nie High School Art Teacher  
Laurie Mann as Neah-Kah-Nie High School Special Ed Teacher  
Esther Troyer as Neah-Kah-Nie High School Academic Counselor  
Cynthia Grelck as Neah-Kah-Nie School District Technology TOSA

**Hiring - Coach**

Corey Douma as Neah-Kah-Nie High School Temporary Golf Coach  
Dave Morton as Neah-Kah-Nie High School Assistant Track Coach

**Coaching Resignations**

Jacque Vandecovering as Neah-Kah-Nie High School Volleyball Coach  
Shawn Lehr as Neah-Kah-Nie High School Assistant Cross Country Coach

## **NON LICENSED PERSONNEL INFORMATION - Informational Only**

### **Hiring**

Heaven Hartford as Nehalem Elementary Sp. Ed IA

Hannah Tryon as Nehalem Elementary Instructional Assistant

### **Classified Resignations**

Jasmine Warmington as Nehalem Elementary Sp. Ed IA

Heaven Hartford as Nehalem Elementary School Family Resource Coordinator

Amy Aguinaga as Neah-Kah-Nie High School Assistant High School Secretary

Motion to Approve

**M-Schultz/2<sup>nd</sup> Bayouth-Real to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Communications

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Oral Communication**

Public Input

Public Input

None at this time.

Student Input

Student Input

Garibaldi Grade School Presentation, Janmarie Nugent

Ms. Nugent shared her school update.

Neah-Kah-Nie High School 2025 Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Christy Hartford

Ms. Hartford introduced the 2025 Valedictorian, Anna Roddy and Salutatorian, Madi Scott. Ms. Hartford read the letter of presentation that she submitted to the board and introduced both young ladies.

Written  
Communications

### **Written Communications**

Ms. Tyrer mentioned the various written communications:

March 2025, Enrollment Report

March 7 Pirate Press

March 14 Pirate Press

March 21 Pirate Press

April Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Newsletter

April Nehalem Nugget

April Garibaldi Grade School Howler

## **REPORTS**

Reports  
Neah-Kah-Nie Student  
Health & Wellness  
Center Update

Neah-Kah-Nie Student Health & Wellness Center, Gail Nelson

Ms. Nelson provided an update on the health and wellness center. The hours of operation are

Tuesday/Thursday 8:30-3:00; Wednesday 8:30 - 4:30 for behavioral health and Thursday 8:00-12:00 also for behavioral health.

### **Patient visits**

July 2022-July 2023 - 598 encounters

July 2023-July 2024 – 617 encounters

July 2024 – February 2025 – 311 encounters

### **Other News:**

- ✓ Members of the health center participated in the high school annual health fair
- ✓ The medical director of the health center is Amber Hamilton FNP

- ✓ The Youth Advisory Committee is up and running
- ✓ There are changes coming to the opt-out in 2026. If the health center continues to allow the opt out, the center could lose its certification and that could affect funding from Oregon Health Authority. The board would like to know how much funding could be lost. Discussion occurred.

Dr. Schultz asked if there was a link to see what services are offered at the health center, Ms. Nelson stated that services are listed on the website.

Neah-Kah-Nie High School Science Curriculum Adoption, MaryLynn Marden

Neah-Kah-Nie High  
School Science  
Curriculum Adoption

Ms. Marden shared a presentation on the science curriculum that the high school would like to adopt. They chose to stay with McGraw-Hill Inspire Science. The curriculum aligns with courses being offered and the long-term projects of both students and staff. They have a rapport with the company. Inspire Science supports cross-curricular learning and uses hands on activities. The budget for this adoption is \$40,624.48 which, includes texts, online subscriptions for 8 years and ancillaries for each of the components under Inspire Science.

**M-Tyrer/2<sup>nd</sup> Schultz to approve the McGraw-Hill Inspire Science curriculum for the high school. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to Approve

Dr. Reed mentioned that with the two science curriculums we have approved over \$100,000 worth of curriculum and we haven't even gotten to Math.

2025-2027 Integrated Guidance Presentation, Dr. Reed

2025-2027 Integrated  
Guidance

Dr. Reed presented the 2025-2027 Integrated Guidance (IG) application. He stated that we receive about \$1 million dollars from the grant. When this process began there was a big emphasis on meeting with our communities and families. We have funded a lot of positions through IG, such as:

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| ➤ MS & HS Counselors                  | ➤ HS Interventionist                     |
| ➤ CTE Teacher & Supplies              | ➤ Future Natural Resource Leaders (FNRL) |
| ➤ Family Resource Coordinators        | ➤ MS RTIi Coach                          |
| ➤ Elementary Instructional Assistants | ➤ Elementary Literacy Coach              |
| ➤ Professional Development            | ➤ Tutoring                               |

Our strategic plan priorities are aligned with IG. He shared the planning process during the development of the IG, our focal group students; there are 15, which equals the majoring of our students.

He shared that our intended outcomes are to:

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| ➤ Improve 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade reading and literacy for all student groups         | ➤ Increase the number of students attending school regularly at each school |
| ➤ Improve 9 <sup>th</sup> grade on-track supports for incoming and current students | ➤ Increase the number of students who graduate and complete high school     |
| ➤ Improve student well-being                                                        | ➤ Increase community and family engagement                                  |
| ➤ Enhance support for staff                                                         |                                                                             |

Dr. Reed stated that there is a big push for accountability at the state level. Tax payers want to see performance from public schools. The Longitudinal Performance Growth Targets (LPGT's) are not available at this time. Once he has the LGPTs he will come back to the board and present them and request approval from the board. We have already met our previous targets. Over two years we could receive \$2,275,858 for the 25-27 biennium. The next step is to submit our plan to Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

Dr. Reed asked for public comment at 7:40 PM

Open Public Hearing

Dr. Schultz asked if this is funded from federal or state funds. Dr. Reed stated it is funded by the state. Dr. Schultz also asked if this is the reupping of the plan? Dr. Reed agreed that it is.

Close Public Hearing

Hearing no more public comment the comment period closed at 7:42 PM

Motion to Approve

**M-Aeder/2<sup>nd</sup> Wantland to approve the Integrated Guidance Plan for the 2025-2027 biennium. Motion carried unanimously.**

Unfinished Business

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

## NEW BUSINESS

New Business  
Discussion on  
Interdistrict Transfer  
Process

Discussion Interdistrict Transfer Process

Dr. Reed stated that at the February 10, 2025, board meeting the board set the limits on the number of students they will allow in and release under the interdistrict transfer process. He explained the reason for reconsidering this item is due to the fact that the district does not receive state school funds. The district is funded by property taxes and timber revenue, and timber is down and has been for the past few years. It is not expected to increase, but rather continue to decline as the Habitat Conservation Plan is fully implemented. He explained we cannot continue to increase our enrollment when our resources continue to decline. A neighboring district has been closed at the elementary level but allows students in at the high school level. Discussion occurred.

Ms. Aeder asked if students are already granted enrollment will they have to go back to their previous district. Dr. Reed stated that if students have already been granted an interdistrict transfer, those students are allowed to stay. Ms. Aeder stated that, in light of where we are financially, she would support closing the district to the interdistrict transfers.

Ms. Tyrer stated that we address this each year.

Ms. Scalabrin stated that knowing that we are deficit spending, and asking our voters to support our district with a levy, it seems prudent to not allow any interdistrict transfers.

Dr. Schultz stated that times are tough, it might be time to think locally and act locally. We need to be protective, especially when we go out to the community asking for additional funds.

Ms. Tyrer stated that we have a good reputation in the community for being fiscally conservative.

Ms. Bayouth-Real shared that this is not a decision she likes making but this is our reality. Knowing that we can revisit it each year helps. We are not kicking anyone out, but not open to allow more students in at this time.

Mr. Wantland stated that he is fine not allowing any interdistrict transfers for next year. We have the ability to consider emergency situations. He stated that people can move into our district. Ms. Bayouth-Real agreed with the hardship situations if it is around safety, such as domestic violence.

Motion to Approve

**M-Tyrer/2<sup>nd</sup> Scalabrin to amend and replace the interdistrict transfer number as established on February 10, 2025, to allow zero students to transfer into the Neah-Kah-Nie School District and to allow five students to transfer out of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District during the 2025-2026 school year. Yes – Scalabrin, Tyrer, Wantland, Schultz, Bayouth-Real. Ms. Aeder abstained. Motion carried.**

## FISCAL

### Payment of Bills

No Board member raised an issue with the March check register.

Fiscal  
Payment of Bills

Fiscal Summary Sheet, Kari Fleisher

Fiscal Summary Sheet

Ms. Fleisher shared that the March property tax payment came in as expected.

Suggestions and  
Comments  
Superintendent

## SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS

### Superintendent

Dr. Reed stated that the board is really special, seeing everyone out, uniting behind the district has been great to see. He thanked Mr. Wantland for how he has advocated for students.

### Board

Board

Ms. Tyrer stated that most board members have completed their SEI filing.

Ms. Bayouth-Real stated that tonight is a hard night, she ran for this seat knowing that there would be hard nights. She shared that the Kinders and 1<sup>st</sup> graders at Nehalem have started their swim instruction, they have not quite learned how to look back and hold on to the side of the pool. They let go and float around like astronauts. She shared that it is nice to work with people who are in it for the right reasons.

Dr. Schultz shared that it is a hard night. It is the first time he voted on something that he really did not feel good about. He has been going to the community meetings and seeing that the support for the levy is really great. He loved the way Dr. Reed has personalized his presentation for the different communities.

Ms. Aeder was thankful for the meal. She explained why she abstained from the vote on the interdistrict transfer process. She shared that many years ago her daughter was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and attended Garibaldi Grade School. Garibaldi had too many students, so they asked for volunteers to go to Nehalem. They volunteered as well as several other families. They were faced with how long it would last. Then enrollment shifted again which was challenging and emotional for the families involved. She shared that she is grateful to work with such an awesome board.

Mr. Wantland stated that asking the public for money is always tough, it is an investment and not a cost. There are other schools in the state that charge tuition to come to their schools. He agrees that we should not be paying for things that we do not need to be paying for right now. However, now is not the time to start cutting staff or programs. We have the ability to get through whatever we are going through. He encouraged people to vote and ask questions.

Ms. Scalabrin shared that she is thankful for the key chain that has been her fidget tonight as we have these difficult decisions to make. She thanked Dr. Reed for getting the levy information out to the public. It is so important. The amount of time and energy he has spent getting the word out has not gone unnoticed.

Ms. Tyrer agreed with what Ms. Scalabrin stated. She has seen Dr. Reed's presentations from the first one to now. She thanked the board for their input on her letter to the editor, which she will be submitting tomorrow.

## ADJOURN

Adjourn

Hearing nothing more to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM

**NEXT MEETING**

April 28, 2025, First Budget Committee Meeting 6:00 PM

May 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting