

Work Session
Thursday, October 8, 2020 6:00 PM

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Agenda

1. **Call Work Session to Order**
Presenter: John Nelson, Chair
2. **Review / Revision of the Agenda**
3. **District Mission / Vision Statement**
4. **Discussion Items:**
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 - **Action Item:** Accept Board Member resignation and declare the vacancy.
5. **Board Policy Review / Discussion:**
6. **Adjourn the Work Session**

**North Wasco County
School District 21**

Code: **BBC**
Adopted: 6/27/96
Revised/Readopted: 1/14/04; 10/22/15
Orig. Code(s): BBC

Board Member Resignation

The Board believes that any citizen who files and seeks election or appointment to the Board should do so with full knowledge of and appreciation for the investment in time, effort and dedication expected of all Board members, and that the citizen's intent to serve reflects intention to serve a full term of office.

When a member decides to terminate service, the Board requests earliest possible notification of intent to resign so the Board may plan for the continuity of Board business. A verbal resignation made to the Board chair will be considered official unless a written statement to the contrary is made within three business days.

The Board will announce the resignation and declare the vacancy at its next regular meeting.

The Board will determine the procedures to be used in filling the vacancy. The Board may begin a replacement process and select a successor prior to the effective date of resignation; however, the actual appointment shall not be made before the resignation date.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 236.320](#)
[ORS 236.325](#)
[ORS 332.030](#)

Cross Reference(s):

BBE - Vacancies on the Board

**North Wasco County
School District 21**

Code: **BBE**
Adopted: 10/22/15

Vacancies on the Board

Vacancies will be filled through Board appointment. The Board appointee must be a legally registered voter and a resident within the district for one year immediately preceding the appointment and a resident of the zone from which the vacancy has occurred. If the vacancy occurs in a zone, the Board shall advertise for a 20-day period to find an eligible resident from the same zone. If an eligible zone resident cannot be found, the Board shall appoint one of the eligible residents from the district.

Board elections are held every odd-numbered year which for the purposes of this policy are termed “election” years. The appointee:

1. Will serve until June 30 following the next “election,” at which time the individual elected in May of that year will fill the remaining portion of an unexpired term or serve a full four-year term; or
2. Will serve until June 30 of a subsequent “election” year if the vacancy occurs after the filing date in an “election” year.

A Board member so elected as a replacement will serve the remaining year(s) of the term of office of the Board member being replaced.

Upon appointment by the Board, the newly appointed Board member(s) will be sworn and seated immediately.

If the offices of a majority of Board members are vacant at the same time, the directors of the Columbia Gorge Education Service District shall appoint persons to fill the vacancies from qualified district voters.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 249.865 to -249.877](#)
[ORS 255.245](#)

[ORS 255.335](#)
[ORS 332.030](#)

[ORS 332.122](#)
[ORS 332.124](#)

Cross Reference(s):

BBC - Board Member Resignation
BBD - Board Member Removal from Office

North Wasco County School District 21

Code: FF
Adopted: **(New Policy)**
Revised/Readopted:

Naming Schools, Programs and Properties

The naming of all schools, programs and school district properties, including but not limited to school buildings, areas within school buildings, athletic fields and nonschool facilities, is the responsibility of the Board.

The Board recognizes the importance of soliciting student, staff, parent and community input in the selection of names. Name nominations may be presented by individuals, by petition, by chosen committees, or by other representative groups. The superintendent or designee will appoint an advisory committee to consider alternatives and make a recommendation to the superintendent about which names to recommend to the Board. While every effort will be made to respect student, staff, parent and community preferences, the Board retains the final authority over selection of names for schools, programs and facilities.

Criteria for Names

In considering appropriate names for any school, program or facility, it is the responsibility of the Board to ensure that the name has broad acceptance in a multicultural society and properly reflects the type and mission of the school, program or facility, as determined by the Board.

When evaluating school, program or facility names, the following general criteria shall be followed:
Names submitted for consideration may:

1. Be known and significant to the community, students and staff; or
2. Relate to local neighborhoods, to relevant geographic areas, to places of historical, geographical, geologic or cultural significance, to indigenous and characteristic flora or fauna; or
3. Be persons or groups of persons, preferably deceased at least three years, who have demonstrated international, national, state or local leadership in the fields of education, arts and sciences, or public service; or
4. Be thematic to reflect the character of the community culture and history; or
5. Reflect features of the facility or its program type and mission.
6. All considerations must reflect the Boards commitment to eliminating systemic discrimination and its impact on student learning and educational activities.

Names submitted for consideration shall not:

1. Duplicate or nearly duplicate the names of other schools, programs or facilities in the district or surrounding districts;

2. Reflect the names of specific cities with the exception of “The Dalles”;
3. Be a person, location, theme or character whose primary identification is of a religious nature;
4. Include the word “neighborhood” in a school name unless the school has defined attendance boundaries; or
5. Include the word “school” in a program name if it does not meet the definition of a school as a complete educational program with a separate organizational structure, teaching staff, budget, etc.

Special Recognition of Specific Persons

The Board acknowledges that communities served by schools, programs and district facilities periodically desire to recognize individuals for long and honorable service. Schools, programs and facilities may be named for former school district employees, students or community members who have made specific contributions to education within the district. In general, schools, programs and facilities will be named only for individuals who have been deceased for at least three years. In no case will a school, program or facility be named for a current staff member or student or an elected official currently in office.

Gifts

In exceptional circumstances, consideration may be given to naming a new school or non-school-facility or a portion of an existing school or non-school-facility for a significant gift as determined by the Board. Naming schools and nonschool facilities in this instance shall be consistent with all Board policies and shall appropriately reflect the donor’s financial support as well as the donor commitment to the district’s mission and the objectives of the school system.

Charter Schools

Agreements signed between Public Charter Schools and the School District will contain the requirement that the word ‘Community’ be included as part of the Charter School name. Charter schools do not have defined attendance boundaries and, thus, shall not have the title ‘neighborhood’ as part of their name.

Renaming or Amending of Current Names

The Board recognizes that renaming existing schools, programs or facilities or amending existing names by adding or deleting words or phrases is a serious, considered decision and should not be made arbitrarily, frivolously or in haste. Because the impact of renaming or amending the name of an existing school, program or facility is substantial in terms of potential public confusion and administrative and fiscal costs, the burden is upon the party or parties proposing the name change to present persuasive evidence that the benefits of renaming or amending the name outweigh community and district impacts.

The name change must be supported by the school community and the community and must be accompanied by a fiscal impact statement and a proposed method of covering the expense of the name change. The Board has the ultimate authority to determine if a credible showing for changing a name is made.

Relocated Schools and Programs

School and program names are independent from existing facility names. When a school or program is relocated to occupy an existing facility, the school or program and the facility that houses it will both retain their existing names unless a renaming process is completed.

Implementation

The Board of Education has the ultimate authority to determine if the criteria in this policy have been satisfied. The Board authorizes the superintendent to develop procedures that provide for implementation of this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

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North Wasco County School District 21

Code: BCE/BCF
Adopted: **(New Policy)**
Revised/Readopted:

Board Committees

In an ongoing effort to increase communication with the public and to provide for community involvement, the Board may appoint advisory committees which include community members to consider matters of districtwide importance.

The Board may appoint special committees of citizens, staff and/or Board members for specific purposes to serve until their assignment is completed. This can include the entire Board meeting as a committee-of-the-whole; standing sub committees; ad hoc committees and advisory committees. Committee assignments for standing sub committees will be made at the Board's organizational meeting.

Except as specifically provided by the Board, advisory committees will cease to function when their reports have been received by the Board or when the purposes for which they were established have been accomplished.

General Guidance

Committee recommendations will be made directly to the Board. Recommendations from such committees will be given careful consideration by the Board, but such recommendations will not relieve the Board of its legal responsibility to make final decisions about such matters. Committee recommendations and reports will become an official part of Board minutes.

All meetings of Board committees shall follow all public meeting laws. The press may attend and report proceedings. Visitors shall sit apart from the committee members and shall speak only when invited to do so by the committee chair. Committee meetings may be called by the Board chair or the committee chair.

The composition of committees to the Board will be broadly representative and will take into consideration the specific tasks assigned to the committee. The process for the appointment of community members to an advisory committee will be determined by the Board. When requested by the Board, appointment of staff members, when appropriate, will be made by the superintendent.

The Board will adopt guidelines for each committee as appropriate, which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The committee's written charge which shall include, but not be limited to, a statement of purpose and responsibility;
2. The resources the Board will provide;
3. The length of time the committee is asked to serve and the approximate date(s) on which the Board wishes to receive a committee report(s).

Committee of the Whole

The Board meets as one body for the purpose of conducting work sessions to provide its members with opportunities for planning and thoughtful discussion. This is a non-voting meeting.

Standing Subcommittees

This Board-directed committee exists in perpetuity to advise the Board on important governance matters. These are long term committees which assist the Board in doing policy work efficiently and effectively; provides opportunity to conduct more thorough research and consideration of information prior to decision making; provides an opportunity to dialog with invited staff and community members on specific topics as directed by the Board. A staff member will be assigned to support the committee.

Ad Hoc Committees

This Board member only committee exists for a specific project, and is of limited duration. It is used to research and report on recommendations on a narrow set of issues/topics. This committee may interface with district staff but will not typically interface with the public.

Advisory Committees

These advisory committees act as a sounding board for community opinion and provide an opportunity to gain community wide understanding and support on matters of districtwide importance and make recommendations to the Board. The Board appoints this committee but is not a member of this committee. Board members shall act as a resource consultant and/or as an observer and do not speak on behalf of the Board.

Liaison to Nondistrict and District Committees

Individual Board members are assigned as a representative of the Board to another external body, group, organization or other entity. Board members may be asked to attend internal administrative/operational meetings as an observer to gain individual understanding of operations and systems. Board members shall act as resource consultant and/or observer. They do not speak on behalf of the Board.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.610](#) - 192.690

[ORS 332.045](#)

[ORS 332.105](#)