

NORTH SANPETE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
September 17, 2024

Minutes for the Board of Education meeting held September 17, 2024, began at 6:00 p.m. at the district office. President Richard Brotherson conducted the meeting and led the pledge. Shalmarie Morley offered the prayer. Board Members in attendance were President Richard Brotherson, Jeremy Madsen, Stacey Goble and Shalmarie Morley. Others in attendance were Assistant Superintendent Rena Orton, Business Administrator Tammy Jorgensen, Accountant Bryce Warby, Principals Christy Straatman, Jeff Ericksen, and Stacey Peterson, Secretary Melanie Lee, and Representatives Cindy Johansen and Chemayne Romero. Others in attendance were Chelsea Bailey, Nicole Lamb, Janessa Dyches and Alison Romero. Superintendent O'Dee Hansen participated remotely.

BOARD RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Madsen recognized the district nurses and all they do behind the scenes. They have a big workload, and it gets bigger every year.

Mrs. Goble recognized this year's Homecoming celebrations. She expressed thankfulness to the advisers for the great job and the extra work they put in to make the homecoming parade a success.

Mrs. Morley recognized teachers in general, but all our employees. Someone told her of a teacher that knew a student was struggling with measurements in class. This teacher went to a yard sale and purchased a tape measure that the student could use in class. Mrs. Morley knows this isn't an isolated incident, things like this go on all around us. We live in a great community.

Principal Straatman recognized the club advisers, who are our teachers, and all they do. She appreciates the effort that goes into these clubs – we have a wide variety for all students to find something to participate in. Teachers invest in these activities. One of our curriculum clubs is Latinos in Action. We have 66 students enrolled in this class, under the direction of Rhett Bird, who has grown this program. The students love him, and he loves them. We are building leaders in these students. One of their goals is to do a community service project in each town; student leadership members are doing the work and are working with mayors to find a project that they can do. These students are creating a positive culture at our school.

Principal Ericksen echoed that. South Sanpete doesn't have LIA in their schools and they are trying to get it up and running there. Mr. Butler has done an excellent job with these students at the middle school. Principal Ericksen also celebrated teachers at the middle school; there have been 20 positive referrals for teachers this year from students. He is grateful to teachers for making those connections happen. He also recognized that on September 11th the middle had a somber moment, where custodian

Jeff Pack, a veteran, shared a message over the intercom to the students. It was a heartfelt message that was shared by a veteran who works in our building. We need to create opportunities like this in public education that creates a good impact for our students.

Ms. Johansen celebrated students who are doing the best they can under the circumstances they live in.

Mrs. Romero celebrated students who make an effort; for some students it is really hard, and they do the best they can.

Mrs. Jorgensen celebrated our food service employees; their summer lunch program has caused a reaction from the community. Several people have come in and donated funds for students' meals, others have asked for their refund to be donated to those in need.

Toney Larson, former teacher at NSHS, wrote a letter and shared how fantastic NSSD is and how blessed students are. She misses the positive environment, excitement, excellent and skilled teachers, extra-curricular activities, and more. She misses everyone and reminded us how amazing we are.

Assistant Superintendent Orton celebrated all teachers and gave a huge shout out to Vanguard teachers. The PCBL team is a positive group. They are trying to make changes for the better.

Superintendent Hansen recognized JoAnn Mollinet at the bus garage. She runs a circus, meeting needs and requests. She balances lots and keeps everyone moving forward together with a positive attitude.

Mr. Brotherson recognized the bus garage; it is crazy with the logistics of what they do.

Principal Ericksen also celebrated Karen Seely, lunch supervisor, who has made herself available to check individual student's lunch status for fee waiver students.

SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Peterson gave the school report on Moroni Elementary.

Vision:

- Confident learners
- Quality Instruction
- Dual Language Acquisition

Mission:

- We will support every student's learning, promote community involvement, and celebrate achievement.

Focus:

- ELA Curriculum Implementation
- English Language Learners (ELL) and Students with Disabilities (SWD) through Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- School Safety and Student Wellbeing
- Family Engagement
- Morale

Literacy Goal: show an increase in the percentage of students in grades 1-6 that are at benchmark for accuracy by 4.5% from middle of the year 2023-24 to the middle of the year 2024-25.

SWD Goal: by May 2025, students with disabilities in third through sixth grade will demonstrate a 10% improvement in their average scores on end-of-year assessments, through the consistent use of evidence-based practices and instruction.

ELL Goal: By May 2025, English Language Learner (ELL) students will achieve a 15% increase in their average scores on end-of-year assessments through the consistent application of evidence-based practices, with a focus on differentiated instruction and language support strategies.

Research Based Strategies we will use: Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and effective PLD's and data monitoring.

Trustland and TSSA

Proposed Trustland Plan/Budget

Action Plan:

1. Hire/fund three full-time teaching assistants (two full-time and two half-time positions, \$71,000)
2. The teaching assistants will be specifically trained to provide Tier II/III interventions. These assistants will focus on targeted interventions in Reading and Math for grades K-6, providing the necessary support to students requiring additional help to reach grade-level proficiency.
3. Generation Genius: Purchase a site license to provide interactive and engaging Math and Science lessons aligned with state standards (\$1,650)
4. Mystery Science: Acquire a site license for hands-on, inquiry-based Science lessons to spark curiosity and critical thinking among students (\$1,400)
5. Fracts and Facts: Secure a site license to offer additional Math practice and reinforcement, ensuring students solidify foundational Math skills (\$1,400)
6. Teacher iPad replacement for devices that are out of date (\$1,500)
7. Teacher Apple TVs to replace outdated devices (\$1,500)

Proposed TSSA Expenditures/Budget

IXL 6 th grade (both Spanish and ELA) \$17 per student	\$ 1,000
5 th grade Science	\$ 700

Teacher Morale	\$ 3,650
Student Birthdays	\$ 850
Net Positive – Assembly and Lesson Plans	\$ 600
Reading A to Z	\$ 800
AmeriCorps	\$10,000
Language TA	\$ 4,000
AmeriCorps TA	\$ 6,500
After School Program (teachers/staff pay)	\$14,000
After School Snacks	\$ 1,500
Culture Night/Dance Festival/Red Ribbon Week/ Literacy Week/Other Family Events	\$ 3,000
Safety Grant Extra – Locks/hardware, Trauma Kits, First Aid Kits, Reunification Supplies, Window Coverings	\$ 1,700
Total	\$48,300

2023-2024 Attendance

- Each class had a goal of 90% attendance
- Class with the highest attendance received a funtivity
- All classes over 90% were put in for a drawing for a funtivity
- We had over 100 classes with over 90% attendance through the year

Outcome:

Better connections

Classmates encouraged each other to come to school

Teachers didn't have to reteach as many lessons

Overall attending in our school was 94%

2024-25 Resiliency Goal

- WhyTry
- We Can Do Hard Things
- School Assembly
- 5 Themes of Resiliency
 - Focus is on building skills rather than addressing deficits
 - Growth Mindset
 - Mattering
 - Self-compassion, self-advocacy
 - Mindful awareness
 - Self-regulation, problem-solving and goal-setting

Upcoming events and activities

- Career Day – this Friday
- Walk to School Day
- Year of the Girl / Moroni Gentleman
- Soccer Mentors - Fridays
- Parent Conferences
- Cultural Night – October 10th

- Paint Night
- Sight Buddies – Vision Screenings

CONSENT CALENDAR

The minutes for the August board meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Business Administrator Jorgensen presented:

1. Financial Reports.
2. August invoices that have been paid.
3. Library funds – new system – will be paid for over the next 5 years
4. Auditors will be here September 23rd
5. Irrigation versus culinary water –
 - a. Use culinary water for xeriscaping, new grass that uses less water
 - b. BYU professor could come down (we would have to pay) or we can go up there to see his presentation
 - c. New grass only comes in form of sod
 - d. Look to see if there is a grant we can apply for
 - e. Look at 5-year plan for xeriscaping

A motion was made by Mrs. Goble and seconded by Mrs. Morley to approve the consent calendar. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

RESIGNATIONS

Letters of resignation from Nancy Jenkins, Tayler Cook and Alesa Fullmer were presented to the board.

A motion was made by Mrs. Morley and seconded by Mr. Madsen to accept the letters of resignation. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Employees Hired:

Ximena Ramirez	Mt. Pleasant Elem	PreK Teacher Assistant
Adilyn Shepherd	Spring City Elem	SpEd Teacher Assistant
Jeff Grace	Transportation	Bus Driver
Natalie Stephensen	High School	SpEd Teacher Assistant
Diane Sorensen	Fairview Elem	Lunch Worker
Andrew Bailey	High School	Math Tutor
Landon Worley	High School	ESL Teacher Assistant
Tyrel Wood	Transportation	Bus Mechanic
Franc Mendicino	All Schools	Substitute
Melanie Stubbs	Transportation	Substitute Bus Driver
Halene McCandless	All Schools	Sub Teacher, Custodian, Foods
David Draper	Transportation	Sub Bus Mechanic
Kay Mecham	Transportation/Foods	Sub Bus Aide & Lunch Worker

Trent Larsen	NSMS/NSHS	Substitute Teacher
Danielle Wilson	Elementary Schools	Substitute
Curtis Blackham	High School	Volunteer Asst Football Coach
Waylon Atkinson	High School	Volunteer Asst Football Coach
Erick Lui	High School	Volunteer Asst Football Coach
Trevyn Cook	High School	Volunteer Asst Boys VBall Coach
Daniel Lewis	High School	Volunteer Asst Boys VBall Coach

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital projects were discussed.

FOOTBALL STADIUM SCOREBOARD

Project is complete except for the track repair. Scoreboard is up and running. Video scoreboard is working, and Carson Hadley was trained.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Teen Center

- building inspector came to inspect the plumbing
- waiting on the subcontractor to put cement in coaches bathroom
- framers will be here Tuesday
- things are moving along great

Change order

- wires were in the ceiling and had to be cut
 - there was no way to get around it - wires will be above ceiling now
- Goal of Completion date
 - Middle of November
 - Open House in January

OAC meetings changed to Thursdays

- Fairview Elementary meetings on site at 10:00 am
- Teen Center Meeting at the district office at 2:30 pm
 - Can arrange for Zoom meetings if board members want to attend

STUDENT ENROLLMENT / CLASS SIZES

- Student class sizes were discussed
 - We are close to what our October 1 counts will be for this school year
 - Overall, we are up about 50 students from last year

LEA SPECIFIC LICENSES

Teachers needing to be approved for LEA-Specific Licenses were presented to the board.

- Carly Jakins, BTS Teacher
- Benjamin Johnson, Computer Science Endorsement
- Clint Olmstead, Art and Music Endorsements
- Bryan Holder, Robotics Endorsement
- Adam Burningham, renew Art Endorsement
- Katie Hopkins, renew Spanish Endorsement

A motion was made by Mr. Madsen and seconded by Mrs. Goble to approve the LEA Specific Licenses. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

SCHOOL CHOICE

Student #1 is in 1st grade. Parents are opting out of the Dual Immersion program and would like student to attend Fountain Green Elementary. Transportation will be provided by parents. Superintendent Hansen and Principal Cox approve this request.

Students #2 and #3 are in 1st and 5th grade and have recently moved to Moroni. Mother works at Fountain Green Elementary, and parents would like students to continue attending Fountain Green Elementary and will provide transportation.

Superintendent Hansen and Principal Cox approve these requests.

Student #4 is in 3rd grade and lives in Wales and has been attending Spring City Elementary. Student doesn't fit in well so parents would like student to attend Mt. Pleasant Elementary and will provide transportation. Superintendent Hansen and Principal Stansfield approve this request.

Student #5 is in 9th grade and has moved from South Sanpete to live with grandparents in Spring City. Transportation will be provided by the district. Superintendent Hansen and Principal Straatman approve this request.

A motion was made by Mrs. Morley and seconded by Mrs. Goble to approve the above school choice requests. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

EARLY OUT DAYS

Early out days were discussed. Administrators are asking for early out days to be released at 10:30 a.m.

- Still do breakfast the last day of school
- Does it negatively impact anything?
 - Christmas break early-out day would impact food service
- Did we check with transportation?
 - there isn't a problem on the last day of school
- Attendance on the last day of school
 - Elementary schools – 60%
 - Middle school – 50%
 - High school – about 30 students

A motion was made by Mr. Madsen and seconded by Mrs. Morley to approve the early out at 10:30 a.m. for the last day of school. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

NSHS CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The high school clubs and activities were discussed. They have added a Weightlifting Club and a Western Swing Club this year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Goble and seconded by Mrs. Morley to approve the new clubs and activities. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Ben Cox is requesting out-of-state travel for 7 Journalism students and 2 chaperones to attend the National Journalism Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, around November 5-10 (not sure on exact dates yet - depends on flights). Students will miss 4 days of school. The costs will be covered by students and journalism funds from ad sales.

Drama is requesting overnight travel to attend the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City, October 3-5, 2024.

Band/Choir is requesting overnight travel to attend All-State in Taylorsville, October 10-12, 2024.

Girls Basketball is requesting overnight travel to attend the Basin Bash tournament in Roosevelt, November 22-23, 2024.

Boys Basketball is requesting overnight travel to attend the Bear River tournament in Bear River, December 5-7, 2024.

Girls Wrestling is requesting overnight travel to attend a tournament in Panguitch, December 6-7, 2024.

Boys Wrestling is requesting overnight travel to attend a tournament in Fillmore, December 6-7, 2024.

Girls Wrestling is requesting overnight travel to attend a tournament in Enterprise, December 13-14, 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Madsen and seconded by Mrs. Morley to approve the travel requests. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

POLICIES

The Kindergarten Policy was presented to the board.

- 8 students district-wide attending half-day Kindergarten

A motion was made by Mrs. Morley and seconded by Mrs. Goble to approve the Kindergarten Policy in first read.

USBA FALL REGIONAL MEETING

The USBA Fall Regional Meeting will be held October 8, 2024, at Cinder Creek in Nephi.

USBA CONFERENCE

The USBA Conference will be held at the Little America Hotel January 8-11, 2025.

NSBA CONFERENCE

The NSBA Conference was discussed.

MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

Principal Straatman discussed a program called “Elevate” which focuses on school improvement.

- Similar to accreditation
- Needs assessments
- Look at areas of strengths and weaknesses
- Focus on ELL students to provide more resources
- \$320,000 over three years
- Board member to be on the board
 - Stacey Goble will participate
 - Principal Straatman will let Stacey know when the 2 meetings are scheduled

Fundraiser October 12, 2024

- 9 am – 3 pm
- Lunch 11 am – 2 pm
 - \$10 plate
- Middle school parking lot
 - car show
 - band
 - silent auction
- Proceeds will go to Carey Ivory

Students and administrators met with Representative Troy Shelley.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Brotherson and seconded by Mrs. Goble to exit regular session and go into executive session to discuss the character or competency of an individual and negotiations. Voting went as follows:

Mrs. Goble aye

Mrs. Morley aye

Mr. Madsen aye

Mr. Brotherson aye

Meeting moved into executive session at 7:23 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Brotherson and seconded by Mrs. Morley to exit executive session and return to regular session. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Meeting moved back into regular session at 9:04 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Brotherson and seconded by to Mr. Madsen to adjourn. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.