



Meeting Minutes of the NWRESD Board of Directors

October 9, 2024 | 6:00 pm | In-Person
OMIC Training Center at PCC Columbia County

GENERAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Tymchuk called the general session to order at 6:06 pm.

ROLL CALL - **Board:** Becky Tymchuk, Chris Riley, Maureen Wolf, Paul Jarrell, Dorian Russell, Michelle Graham

VIRTUAL: Ernest Stephens, Miriam Meneses-Rios **EXCUSED:** Doug Dougherty,

Attending Staff: Dan Goldman, Debbie Simons, Stuart Long, Valerie White, Jordan Ely, Kelsey Soltysiak, Cathy Jensen, John Peplinski, SZ Liwaru, Stacy Rager, Megan McCarter, Caitlan Freese **Guests:** Tony Erickson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT- Chair Tymchuk led the board in the pledge of allegiance and provided the land acknowledgement.

ELECTED BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE - Superintendent Goldman administered the oath of office to the board's newest Zone 4 director, Michelle Graham.

AGENDA REVIEW/REVISION - None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Superintendent Goldman expanded on topics in his report, included in the board packet.

RECOGNITION AND GOOD NEWS - Kelsey Soltysiak, Communications Director, introduced Tony Erickson, our most recent board retiree, showing appreciation for the 8 years he served on our board. Tony thanked the board and shared the wisdom to support and build relationships with one another. Director Stephens and Superintendent Goldman shared memories with and about Tony.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT AGENDA - Chair Tymchuk entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Russell and approved unanimously.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION - **Meadowlark Academy SEL Program Update** - Executive Director of SpEd, Cathleen Jensen, briefly shared historic information about all NWRESD SEL programs before sharing slides with the board regarding the process of opening Meadowlark Academy, NWRESD's newest SEL location and other classrooms at an adjacent building. Vice Chair Wolf, Director Jarrell and Chair Tymchuk asked clarifying questions.

Career Connected Learning - Executive Director of Instruction, John Peplinski, introduced Career & College Readiness Coach, Jaimie Brady and Director of NW STEM Hub, Chris Hesselbein. Jaimie & Chris introduced the Career Connected Learning program and how its programs support students in our region. Vice Chair Wolf & Chair Tymchuk asked clarifying questions Superintendent Goldman clarified funding information. Director Stephens expressed interest in supporting these programs with resources.

First Read Policies - CHRO, Debbie Simons, clarified the process of updating NWRESD policies for the board. She then introduced Policies CB, BBF, BBFC and KG in turn and explained noted changes. Chair Tymchuk and Director Stephens asked clarifying questions.

Administrative Reports - Superintendent Goldman reviewed and Chair Tymchuk invited questions from board members regarding administrative reports as presented in the board packet.

ACTION ITEMS - **Approve September 2024 Financial Report**- CFO, Jordan Ely, clarified some language in his report for the board. He then reviewed the September 2024 Financial Report as presented in the board packet. Chair Tymchuk entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve the September 2024 Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stephens and approved unanimously.

Approve Applications for EI/ECSE & RIS Grants- CFO, Jordan Ely, introduced grant applications for EI/ECSE & RIS grants from ODE. CFO Ely reviewed the application process and application and funding timelines. Superintendent Goldman, Directors Stephens, Riley & Russell made statements and asked clarifying questions. Chair Tymchuk entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve the applications for EI/ECSE & RIS grants with ODE as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Russell and approved unanimously.

Approve Resolution 25-002: Native American Heritage Month- Senior Director of Equity & Family Partnerships, SZ Liwaru, introduced and read Resolution 25-002: Native American Heritage Month before the board. Chair Tymchuk entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve Resolution 25-002: Native American Heritage Month as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wolf and approved unanimously.

Approve BEPAC Advisory Committee Member- Senior Director of Equity & Family Partnerships, SZ Liwaru and CHRO, Debbie Simons introduced their BEPAC Advisory Committee member recommendation to the board. Chair Tymchuk entertained a motion by Director Riley to approve the BEPAC Advisory Committee member, Dr. Shelly Reggiani, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Russell and approved unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - Director Stephens shared information about where to find the first report of Oregon's Joint Task Force for Statewide Educator Salaries and noted the status of ODE's Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee and the upcoming topic focus of that group. Director Riley shared the March 2025 date of the next NWRESD Foundation Gala. Chair Tymchuk & Director Riley shared information about Children's Institute visiting one of our region's elementary schools the previous week.

ADJOURN - Chair Tymchuk adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.