

Nashua School Board Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, August 14, 2018  
Nashua School Library  
6:00 PM

1. Call to order and Pledge: Board Chair Mark Bengochea called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Sharon Merideth, Mark Bengochea, Joel Novak, Tim Bellon.  
Absent: Michele Fromdahl  
Other: James Russell, Amanda Engstrom.
3. Changes or Additions to Established Agenda – None.
4. Correspondence – None.
5. Public Comment – Agenda item: public comment about bus route changes was moved to this portion of the meeting. Parents from the Ft. Peck community came to voice their concerns regarding the recent change of Nashua District not allowing the Glasgow District to enter the town of Ft. Peck to pick up students. Some of the questions and concerns that were asked by the community members are: What is the reason for the change? Safety issues for students? How did the county transportation meeting go? Is the bus route negotiable? Board Chair Mark Bengochea stated he would like for the students that belong in the Nashua School District to stay in our district. The new changes to bus routes were approved unanimously by the Valley County transportation committee at their meeting held on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The letter informing the Glasgow School District was composed and mailed in May before school was out last year. There is no safety issue as far as extreme weather or highway location to the Nashua school students. The Ft. Peck bus route that Nashua operates will pick up every student and drop them off at his/her doorstep. No child will have to stand out in cold weather or next to a highway. Another Nashua community member pointed out that the letter to the Glasgow District was to inform them of the change and not to hurt any parent or student.
6. Board Approval of:
  - a. Approval of Minutes: 7-10-18 Regular Meeting.  
Motion by Tim to approve the meeting minutes as written.  
Second by Sharon. Vote: 4 - 0 Passed
  - b. Approval of claims/payroll/student activity accounts/transfers.  
Motion by Joel to approve claims.  
Second by Tim. Vote: 4 – 0 Passed
7. Superintendent’s Report –
  - a. The sign “Home of the Porcupines” has been installed on the front of the school. Thank you to PTO and DB Design for putting this together.
  - b. Back-To-School BBQ will be Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.
  - c. Jr high volleyball and football started on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Mr. Russell has completed three out of the four classes in order to obtain Supt. Endorsement.
8. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Out of District Applications**  
Kayla has mailed all of the out-of-district applications out to be signed and returned to Nashua.
  - b. **Staff Hires**  
Mr. Russell looks forward to working with all of the staff at the school this year. All of the positions are filled pending board approval.

**c. VB Coach Search**

After advertising for the open volleyball coach position and no applicants, we were not able to find a coach nor were there going to be enough players. Volleyball has been cancelled for the season. This was not the desire but there were not enough numbers to support a high school team.

**d. Football Stipend**

At the July meeting the Nashua board approved to pay the football stipend for Mr. Bourn as the assistant coach. After further research the board has decided to rescind their decision.

Motion by Sharon to rescind the offer to pay Mr. Bourn the assistant coach stipend for the Glasgow school district for the 2018-19 SY.

Second by Joel

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

**9. New Business:**

**a. Great Scott’s Cleaning Contract**

The contract has been finalized with Great Scott’s Cleaning. They are going to clean the elementary wing of the school for the 2018-19 SY.

Motion by Joel to accept the final contract with Great Scott’s Cleaning Service from 8/20/18 – 5/31/18.

Second by Sharon

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

**b. Handbook Changes**

Included in the packet was proposed new language to the student handbook. The changes would affect policy on dress code and attendance.

Motion by Joel to table the proposed new language to the student handbook and revisit next spring before school is out.

Second by Sharon

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

**c. Bus Route Changes**

**• Student Transfer Request from Lustre School**

Lustre School submitted a request to the board asking permission to run a bus into the Nashua District for the 2018-19 SY. The route has been approved for the previous two years.

Motion by Sharon to not allow a Lustre school bus into the Nashua School District for the 2018-19 SY.

Second by Joel

Vote: 4 - 0 Passed

**• Public Comment about bus route changes**

This portion of the agenda was moved to the Public Comment section of the agenda.

**d. Teacher Hires**

Mr. Russell recommends hiring Kimberly McKinley as the grade 6-8 Math and English teacher. He has worked with her in the past in Bainville. She has her Master’s in Math and will work on getting her endorsement in English.

Motion by Joel to hire Mrs. McKinley as the Jr. High Math/English teacher contingent upon successful background check.

Second by Tim

Vote: 4- 0 Passed

Mr. Russel recommends hiring Sarah Russell as the Library/Teacher Aide. Ms. Janice Rorvik will be her supervisor as Sarah will be starting for her endorsement.

Motion by Joel to hire Mrs. Russell as the Library/Teacher Aide contingent upon successful background check.

Second by Sharon

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

**e. Housing and Facilities**

Housing committee is continuing the process to repair the teacher rentals. Two units located on Charles St. are in need of immediate attention. Mr. Russell asked the board for permission to ask for a bid if necessary to submit in the paper for the necessary repairs.

Motion by Tim to approve calling for bid if necessary to the Glasgow Courier and BS Buzz.

Second by Joel

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

**f. STIP – Short Term Investment Pool**

Mr. Russell recommended approval of the STIP resolution. Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP) is operated by the Montana Board of Investments for use by state and local government agencies. It allows for high liquidity of funds at market rates. The resolution will not change the way the school does business, just approves Amanda Engstrom as the authorized representative to handle the interest on investments.

Motion by Joel to approve Amanda Engstrom as the authorized representative for STIP.

Second by Tim

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

**g. Sub-Division Discussion**

Mr. Russell was contacted by developer George Arthur asking the school for a letter approval at a new sub-division located off of N. River Road, just South of Nashua, stating there is no objection. The sub-division consists of four residential home lots.

Motion by Joel to approve letter of no objection for the sub-division.

Second by Sharon

Vote: 4 – 0 Passed

**10. Committee Reports:**

- Booster Club – None.
- Parent Teacher Organization – Back to School BBQ will be held Thursday August 16th. Please come help and celebrate the new school year.
- NEA Report– None.
- Sports Co-op – None.

11. Future Agenda Items – None.

12. Next Board Meeting: Final Budget Meeting Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

13. Adjournment:

Motion by Tim to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Michele.

Vote: 4- 0 Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

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Chairman

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Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_