

Nashua School Board Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 8, 2021  
Nashua School Library  
5:00pm

1. Call to Order and Pledge: Board Chair Sharon Merideth called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Sheila Miller, Michele Fromdahl, Sharon Merideth, Matt Garsjo, Tim Bellon.  
Other: James Russell, Amanda Engstrom.
3. Correspondence: None
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Board Approval of:
  - a. Minutes: 5/11/21 Regular Meeting and 5/18/21 Special Board Meeting.  
Motion by Tim to approve the 5/13/21 regular and 5/18/21 special meeting minutes as written.  
Second by Sheila Vote: 5 – 0 Passed
  - b. Claims/payroll/student activity accounts  
Motion by Michele to approve claims/payroll/student activities.  
Second by Matt Vote: 5 – 0 Passed
6. Superintendent's Report:
  - a. Summer cleaning crew has started.
  - b. Old, abandoned, and obsolete sale will be next week Monday – Thursday.
  - c. Looking at samples for new curtains on the stage.
  - d. Attended a superintendent's conference in Helena.
  - e. Looking to work remotely – will bring up at next month's meeting.
  - f. Sheila had asked how the greenhouse project was going. Mr. Russell and Sharon explained that things have been put on hold with Covid-19. Now that the market is up it will be very expensive moving forward but Sharon assured Sheila that the money is still there.
7. Old Business: None
8. **New Business:**
  - a. **Graduation Requirements:**

The state of Montana requires 20 credits to graduate High School. Currently at the Nashua School the requirement is 23 for regular graduation and 24 for graduating with Honors. Mr. Russell explained that with the challenges of filling teacher positions and making the schedule work it would be beneficial to have the school's graduating credits be lowered to 22. The students really need a study hall and it will give the schedule more leeway.

Motion by Sheila to lower the school's regular graduation credits from 23 to 22 while graduating with honors remains at 24.  
Second by Tim Vote: 5 – 0 Passed
  - b. **School Phone Mr. Russell:**

Since starting at the Nashua School Mr. Russell has used his personal cell phone for school business and is seeking to get a school cell phone.

Motion by Matt to have the school provide Mr. Russell with a school cell phone and be added to the school's monthly plan.  
Second by Sheila Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

c. **Staff Hire:**

Mr. Russell recommended hiring Jim Bocksnick \$14.52/hour to work at the school this summer until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Motion by Tim to hire Jim Bocksnick to work at the school until October 1, 2021.

Second by Michele

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

d. **MOU:**

Mr. Russell recommended the board approve the MOU between the school and Sarah Russell as the Technology Coordinator \$3,000 for the 2021-22 School Year.

Motion by Sheila to accept the MOU between the school and Sarah Russell.

Second by Tim

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

e. **2021-22 Class Schedule:**

Included in the packet was a 2021-22 class schedule and Mr. Russell recommended approving it.

Motion by Matt to approve the 2021-22 class schedule.

Second by Sheila

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

f. **Handbook Changes**

Changes to the handbook would include open campus at lunchtime where kids would be allowed to drive home or to another business. Mr. Russell stated that it would be very difficult to manage what kids would be allowed to leave and to make sure they stay in Nashua. Nothing would be able to stop them from going to Glasgow or surrounding areas during lunchtime. Michele suggested that we keep it only available to Honor Society kids and Seniors.

No motion was made. This item was tabled.

g. **Out of District Student Applications:**

A numbered list was provided to the board of out of district applications for the 2021-22 SY. Mr. Russell recommended having all numbers return except for number 21,26,30,31. Michele had asked whether it be an attendance issue versus a discipline issue?

Motion by Sheila to approve all numbers including 26 and 31 but to table 21 and 30.

Second by Michele

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

h. **Review of Strategic Re-Opening Plan:**

Mr. Russell provided the different publications the school has had to re-open the school during Covid-19.

i. **MTSBA Policy Updates**

MTSBA Policy Updates 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

3310	Student Discipline	3311	Firearms and Other Weapons
4315	Visitor and Spectator Conduct	4332	Conduct on School Property
5223	Personal Conduct		

Mr. Russell recommended the board approve policy updates per the MTSBA Policy Notes document and as outlined above with option 1 on Policy 3311 and option 1 line 7 on Policy 4332.

Motion by Michele approve the first reading of MTSBA policy updates.

Second by Sheila

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

j. **Summer Weight and Strength Coach:**

Mr. Russell recommended the board approve the MOU between the school and Julia Kirkland as the Weight and Strength Coach \$1,500 for the 2021-22 School Year. He said she works with the kids during the school year on weightlifting and that it would help them not lose what they have gained during that time. Sheila stated that the kids already have keys to the city gym.

Motion by Sheila to not approve the MOA between the school and Julie Kirkland.

Second by Tim

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

k. **Board Committees:**

This item was tabled.

9. Committee Reports:

- Booster Club – None.
- NEA Report– None.

10. Future Agenda Items: Board Committees, Open Campus, MTSBA Policy Updates 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Staff Hires: Coaches, Assistant Cook.

11. Next Board Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment: Sharon declared meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

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Chairman

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Clerk

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