

NASHUA SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 13E
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
February 8, 2022
6:00PM

Call Meeting to Order: Chairperson Sharon Meredith

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Tim Bellon, Michele Fromdahl, Matt Garsjo, Sheila Miller, Sharon Merideth

Others: James Russell, Marisa Collins, Susan Hoyer, Travis Nielsen, Zane Sibley, Anthony Bengochea, Kyle Gorman

Correspondence: James Russell discussed an email from VCHD concerning COVID-19 reporting. The email mentioned MCA citations and DPHHS requirements in which individuals that know of a positive case must report it to the VCHD. The school has been notifying staff through email and community members through the Facebook page and website about known cases and will continue to follow through with reporting protocol.

Public Comment:

This portion of the meeting is designed as a time for input/questions from the public on items that are not on the agenda. This does NOT include discussion about individual students, staff, or faculty. The Board cannot and will not violate an individual's right to privacy.

Zane Sibley submitted a Volunteer application to help with Varsity Girls basketball. He's very interested in helping out pending fingerprints and background check and to get his foot in the door for other coaching positions.

Board Approval of:

- Board Minutes – January 11, 2022: Motion - Sheila 2nd- Matt Vote: 5-0
- Claims/payroll/student accounts: Motion - Tim 2nd- Michele Vote: 5-0
- Void payroll warrant #9787 (print error): Motion-Michele 2nd-Sheila Vote: 5-0

Superintendents Report:

James Russell reported that midterm is on the 14th and reports will be sent out. The local and county spelling bees both recently took place at Nashua School. Student Council has started a coffee/cocoa fundraiser that is going well. The last home basketball games are on February 11th and 12th, and district tournaments the following week in Wolf Point with a pep bus for students. Mr. Russell and Marisa met with Jeff Cole to discuss health insurance plans and he will get back to us mid-March with bids. Spring student count was at 101. Upcoming events include February 15th pep rally for district basketball and team potluck, NEA concert on the 16th, no school on 17th, music festival for Junior high on the 22nd, then divisional basketball to follow in March. Staff evaluations will be completed at the end of February/beginning of March, along with discussion of contracts and next year's class schedule.

Old Business

- Playground Equipment Project
James Russell received an email response that installing fewer structures would have a lower installation cost. Sheila asked about using ESSER or COVID funds for a cruiser instead. Sue Hoyer mentioned a 4-5 basketball court. James stated that ESSER funds are to be used for prevention and to combat learning loss, but

he would submit a request about using funds for a cruiser. The cruiser ventilation system may fall under the ESSER requirements. The discussion was tabled until next month for a 1 structure installation quote, a 2 structure installation quote and response about cruiser.

New Business- Discussion/Action

- Staff
 - Math Position – Sarah Denning, current Junior High Math/English teacher, submitted a letter of interest in taking over the High School Math position. She is working on her Master’s degree and can obtain a Class 5 provisional license. James Russell recommended hiring her for the 2022-23 school year.
Motion – Matt 2nd - Michele Vote: 5-0
 - Sub List
 - Brad Mickelson – James recommended hiring Brad, pending return of the background check that has been submitted.
Motion - Sheila 2nd - Tim Vote: 5-0
- Trustee Call for Election (May 3, 2022)
Michele’s position is up for election in May. James called for an election.
Motion - Sheila 2nd - Matt Vote: 5-0
- Coaching Hires
 - HS Head Track – James recommended hiring Sarah Denning as the HS Head track coach.
Motion - Sheila 2nd - Sheila Vote: 5-0
 - HS Asst. Track – there are no applicants at this time.
 - JH Head Track – James recommended hiring Julia Kirkland as the JH Head track coach.
Motion - Matt 2nd - Michele Vote: 5-0

A discussion about how to legally advertise extracurricular positions came up according to a 2016 board meeting requirement. The positions must be opened up every year after the season. The 2022-23 extracurricular positions, advisors, etc. will be opened in March through internal, website, Facebook, and mailings. The positions will be hired in May, with the exception of track, which will be hired in August.

- Playground Fence Project
James has submitted requests for a new quote since July 2021 with no response. Sharon mentioned if there’s no quote by March to put a public post out for bid. Tabled until March.
- 2022-23 School Calendar
The calendar will be similar to 21-22 calendar, with time for staff to make adjustments after PIR before first day. Open House/BBQ on 8/16. DL days were placed before holidays/tournaments where we would normally have half days.
Motion - Sheila 2nd - Matt Vote: 5-0
- Strom Audit Report
Shari and Marisa are working on corrections/adjustments and James sent a bid for another 3-year contract for Strom audits.

Motion - Tim 2nd - Sheila Vote; 5-0

- Indian Policies and Procedures (Yearly Review)

James discussed this document which is part of Impact Aid, a direct source of funding for the school for enrichment and education purposes.

Motion - Sheila 2nd - Tim Vote: 5-0

- Discussion of Eligibility Requirements

The possibility of increasing the current GPA requirements from 2.0 to 2.2 was discussed and coaches shared their input. This topic was tabled until feedback from students, staff, community members and looking into other schools' policies is taken into consideration.

- Out of District Student Application

Student did well on intake STAR testing, no negative behavior reports, and James recommends accepting him as a student.

Motion - Sheila 2nd - Matt Vote: 5-0

Reports

- Booster - None
- NEA Comments - None

Future Agenda Items- Staff Hires

Adjournment: 7:36 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 8, 2022