

NASHUA SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 13E
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, June 17, 2025
6:00PM

Call Meeting to Order- Chairperson Patti Sibley

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Sheila Miller (6:07pm), Mark Bengochea, Kent Novak, Patti Sibley, Kayla Thievin (absent)

Other: Sue Hoyer, Marisa Collins, Jon Bengochea, Kayla Rorvik, Noel Beadle

Correspondence

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.

Board Approval of

- **Board Minutes:**

- May 13, 2025 Reorganization Meeting
- May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Mark

2nd: Kent

Vote: 3-0

- **Claims/payroll/student accounts** (Claims #25755-25786 for a total of \$25,071.66)

Motion to approve: Mark

2nd: Kent

Vote: 3-0

Superintendent's Report

- The last week of school was busy with end of year activities and one last fire drill.
- The repairs to the interior of the cabin are nearing completion and will be ready for Mr. Weisenborn when he arrives in July.
- Sue met with Julie Fiske who is providing our IEP Case Management services for 25-26 school year. She plans to be on-site the first days of school to get acquainted with students and staff.
- We are hosting a one-day volleyball camp on July 2nd. Devin Dynan (Johnston), Nashua class of 2000 is the camp coach. She is entering her third year as the head volleyball coach for Bozeman High School and has led her team to state championship game the last two years. She is assisted by her daughter Morgan who was a varsity starter for Bozeman High the last 3 years. Morgan graduated this year and is attending SIUE in Illinois continuing her volleyball career at the D1 level.
- Sue provided the report from the Accreditation update. She worked hard on all areas of the report and has moved Nashua School from its prior Advice rating (which required a Corrective Action Plan) to now a Regular Accreditation status! This outcome reflects the focused efforts of our staff and our shared commitment to continuous improvement. The process is now on a three-year cycle, and Nashua is scheduled to undergo the review process again during the upcoming school year.

Old Business

New Business- Discussion/Action

- **MSGIA Insurance Proposal Presentation**

Jon Bengochea, our agent from United Insurance, presented the proposal from MSGIA for property and liability coverage since EMC will no longer cover the school. This is a 3-year commitment, then annual renewals after that. MSGIA coverage includes teacherages so we can cancel our current carrier. The Board would also like to remove the coverage on the football field concession booth.

Motion to approve MSGIA proposal: Sheila

2nd: Mark

Vote: 4-0

- **COPS Grant**

Sue has been working with T.E.S.T. on a new camera system. A COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant is available to help pay for this system. The maximum award is \$500,000 with an applicant 25% match. Deadline is 6/25/25. Sue has received letters of support from local law enforcement and other area officials to submit with the application. The physical and cyber threat risk assessment reports we have recently had done will put us in a better place to be awarded the grant.

Motion to approve the intent to apply: Sheila 2nd: Mark Vote: 4-0

- **MTSBA Membership**

Invoice renewals were received for the Public School Board of Trustees, Policy Services Maintenance, Indian School Board Caucus, and Labor Relations Maintenance.

Motion to approve Board and Policy Services memberships: Sheila 2nd: Kent
Vote: 2-2 (Kent & Mark - nay) The Board would like to research to see what each membership offers and schedule a special meeting to further discuss.

- **Montana Rural Education Association**

TABLE along with MTSBA memberships above.

- **2025-26 Out of District Student Applications**

21 total students, 2 new students. Sue recommends all listed students.

Motion to accept students: Sheila 2nd: Mark Vote: 4-0

- **Staff Resignations**

- Junior High Teacher - Connie Lambert
- Custodian – Adam Turner

Motion to accept resignations: Sheila 2nd: Mark Vote: 4-0

- **Recommendations for Hire/Transfer**

- Junior High Teacher – Kassidi Knuchel (from 3rd grade)
- Elementary Teacher – Sandy Hentges
- Custodian - Nate Adams

Motion to approve/hire (pending successful background checks): Sheila 2nd: Mark
Vote: 4-0

- **Assistant Volleyball Coach**

Casey Edwards submitted a letter of interest for HS Assistant Volleyball.

Motion to hire: Mark 2nd: Sheila Vote: 4-0

- **Phone Stipends**

Sue proposed receiving a stipend since she uses her personal phone for work related duties. We have two other staff members receiving phone stipends and it is requested to make all stipend amounts the same, which would be \$43.

Motion to approve stipend and \$ change: Sheila 2nd: Kent Vote: 4-0

- **Classified Staff Wages**

Motion to approve \$2 raise for classified staff, bus drivers, activity drivers, subs in FY26: Kent
2nd: Mark Vote: 4-0

- **Returning Staff Bonus**

Motion to approve \$2000 for staff returning in FY26: Kent 2nd: Mark Vote: 4-0

- **Claims Authorization through June 30**

The Board authorizes Marisa to pay all claims that come in prior to end of fiscal year on June 30.

Motion to approve: Sheila

2nd: Kent

Vote: 4-0

- **Roof/Building Projects**

Check availability with Thiel Bros for roof coating, allocate \$110,000 for materials from general fund, \$36,000 from building fund.

Motion to approve: Sheila

2nd: Kent

Vote: 4-0

Reports

- Booster Club
- NEA Comments – will schedule next negotiations with Board.
- Board Committees

Future Agenda Items: special meeting 6/24/25 – MTSBA and MREA membership

Adjournment: 8:47

Next Meeting: July 8, 2025