

New England Public School proceedings

New England Public School District #9 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the New England Public School Board was called to order by President Chris Reindel at 6:01 p.m., on March 11, 2026. Board members present: Chris Reindel, Scott Bieber, Amanda Seymour, Brooke Waltner and Shawn Wolf. Board Members absent: none. Also present: Superintendent Scott Jung, Principal Sydney Ratliff, Dean of Students/AD Alex Quintane, Business Manager Tamara Volk, Steve Kass and Amy Kass.

Amanda moved to approve the agenda. Shawn seconded the motion. Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Brooke moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2026, board meeting. Amanda seconded the motion. Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Brooke moved to approve board bills as presented. Scott seconded the motion. Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Activity fund 9787 – 9852 9,673.01, Payroll #12003 – 12010 DD 15700 – 15734 130,140.42, #12011-12021 DD15735-15781 22,720.21, GF #46081 AJ Oilfield 1,373.74, 46082 CREA 8,116.11, 46083 City Air 349.07, 46084 City of New England 1,234.20, 46085 Consolidated 457.05, 46086 D&E 42.66, 46087 Dakota Dust-tex 352.44, 46088DW-CRC 20.00, 46089 FP Mailing 170.07, 46090 GS Publishing 332.28, 46091 Jostens 269.11, 46092 Adrien Kathrein 950.00, 46093 Keane Hanson Plumbing 725.00, 46094 Linde 141.80, 46095 Marco 2,351.95, 46096 Menards 554.25, 46097 Menards 185.82, 46098 MDU 8,993.81, 46099NDCEL 275.00, 46100 New England Community Store 275.01, 46101 ND Safety Council 489.08, 46102 Pearce & Durick 71.25, 46103 Preble 280.00, 46104 Alexander Quintane 719.53, 46105 Smart Computers 27,357.01, 46106 South Heart Public School 105.00, 46107 South Heart Public School 120.00, 46108 Topline 50.69, 46109 Total Safety 705.00, 46110 VISA 858.78, 46111 VISA 395.91, 46112 Tamara Volk 213.15, 46113 WRSS 23,918.287, 46114 WRSS 11,231.65, 46115 Wolf Body 1,290.30, 46116 AFLAC 118.13, 46117 BSN Sports 13,991.38, 46118 Consolidated 467.18, 46119 Core Facility Solutions 44,706.21, 46120 Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch 6,210.00, 46121 Edutech 20.00, 46122 Michaela Fischer 53.33, 46123 Fitterer Oil 632.86, 46124 Forte 381.85, 46125 Forum Communications 38.00, 46126 HUB

5,818.00, 46127 HUB 5,436.80, 46128 Benjamin Krebs 95.75, 46129 Henry LaBore 250.00, 46130 Linde 660.26, 46131 NDCDE 9,847.00, 46132 NEPS 40.00, 46133 NDAG 40.00, 46134 NDAG 40.00, 46135 NDAG 40.00, 46136 Pioneer Drama 279.00, 46137 Alexander Quintane 344.38, 46138 Rath & Mehrer 13,000.00, 46139 Training Room 1,256.18, 46140 VISA 484.82, 46141 VISA 770.00, HL 7185 D&E 174.42, 7186 DPI 1,133.86, 7187 Glines Electric 98.96, 7188 Pepsi 2,018.05, 7189 Sysco 2,420.99, 7190 US Foodservice 4,952.04, 7191 US Foodservice 5,253.90, 7192 US Foodservice 2,543.35, 7193 VISA 1,247.75.

Public Participation: None
REPORTS:

1. Business Manager Report
a. Revenue report, expenditure report and balance sheets were presented.

b. DPI March payment
c. Final Audit Report for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 audits. Chris read a letter from Rath & Mehrer to the board.

2. Superintendent Report
a. Enrollment Report
i. Enrollment one new student currently at 242.

ii. Personnel report
1. Applicant for the FACS teacher position was offered a contract.

2. Resignations under new business.

3. Discussion on engineering firm. Quote came in at \$31,000.00, and the building committee will meet and bring recommendations to the board.

4. Technology quote
5. Edutech is offering new services, and the technology committee will look into this.

3. Principal Report
a. Infinite Campus will be live April 10, 2026

b. Professional Development Training on 5/1/2026

c. Teacher Evaluations are being completed and will be done by April 15, 2026.

d. Met with teachers regarding curriculum for next year.

e. ACT will be taken on March 25

f. Senior Trip March 13-15, 2026

i. Chris Reindel voiced his concerns regarding the trip.

g. Early out March 18, 2026 doing NDA training.

h. State testing April 14, April 16, April 21 and April 22.

i. Math Meet will be held in New England on April 15, 2026

j. STEM night on April 22

k. Prom will be held on April 25, Ms. Voth is the advisor.

4. Dean of Students/Athletic/Activities Director Report

a. Final game schedules are updated for spring sports.

b. Contracts for Head Track Dr. Ratliff, Assistant Track Brent Belland and Terrance Cantwell.

c. Contract for Assistant Softball coach Kena Kuhn.

d. Dual sport has form has been updated along with the

athletic handbook.

e. Detention calendar is created to track behaviors and keep kids accountable.

f. NDCEL sent out information on attendance.

g. Students over 15 absences are being referred to CHINS.

h. Thanks to all the events workers for the help during winter sports and thanked the teachers for great parent-teacher conference days.

5. Transportation - No Report

6. Budget and Finance - No Report

7. Negotiations - No Report

8. Curriculum and Policy - No Report

9. Building and Grounds - No Report

10. Co-op Committee – No Report

11. Technology Committee – No Report

12. WERC – No Report

13. RACTC

a. Brooke attended the meeting. Heavy Equipment simulator maintenance and support. Adult CNA class is postponed and will possibly let students attend.

b. Discussion WBL internship will help students get better internships and paying jobs.

c. Membership fees increased \$500.

d. Business manager will be shared with WERC.

14. SWCTC

a. Class list and tentative schedule set.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Superintendent Evaluation

i. Chris moved to strike the comments in the superintendent evaluation that are based on hearsay or unverified information. Brooke seconded the motion. Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ii. Superintendent Jung addressed the board regarding concerns. He asked that the board refer those with concerns to him for clarification and to follow the chain of command. Thanked the board for the overall evaluation. He appreciates all the comments and will continue to strive to meet expectations of the board.

a. Goal and Vision Setting

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seconded the motion. Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye. Motion carried 5-0

b. Amanda moved to approve the open enrollment application for an 8th grade student with Dickinson Public School for the 2026/2027 school year. Scott seconded the motion. Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Amanda moved to approve the open enrollment application for a 1st grade student with Dickinson Public School for the 2026/2027 school year. Shawn seconded the motion. Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye. Motion carried 5-0

d. Scott moved to approve the open enrollment application for a Kindergarten student with Dickinson Public School for the 2026/2027 school year. Shawn seconded the motion. Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye. Motion carried 5-0

e. Scott moved to deny the open enrollment application for a 8th grade student with Dickinson Public School for the 2026/2027 school year. Amanda seconded the motion. Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye. Motion carried 5-0

f. Amanda moved to approve the open enrollment application for a Kindergarten student with Mott/Regent Public School for the 2026/2027 school year. Brooke seconded the motion. Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye, Amanda aye. Motion carried 5-0

g. Scott moved to approve the open enrollment application for a 7th grade student with Dickinson Public School for the 2026/2027 school year. Brooke seconded the motion. Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye. Motion carried 5-0

h. Shawn moved to approve the open enrollment application for a 6th grade student with Mott/Regent Public School for the 2026/2027 school year. Amanda seconded the motion. Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye. Motion carried 5-0

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j. Amanda moved to approve the open enrollment application for a 10th grade student with Dickinson Public School for the 2026/2027 school year. Brooke seconded the motion. Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye. Motion carried 5-0

k. Scott moved to approve the open enrollment application for a 2nd grade student with Dickinson Public School for the 2026/2027 school year. Brooke seconded the motion. Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye. Motion carried 5-0

l. Shawn moved to approve the open enrollment application for a Kindergarten student with Dickinson Public School for the 2026/2027 school year. Brooke seconded the motion. Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye. Motion carried 5-0

m. The board thanked Rebecca for her service at the school.

n. Amanda moved to accept the letter of resignation from Frank Jorda effective March 20, 2026. Brooke seconded the motion. Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye. Motion carried 5-0

o. The board thanked Frank for his time spent at the school.

p. Brooke moved to accept

the resignation of Bruce Bender as the 4/5/6 Boys Basketball coach effective immediately. Amanda seconded the motion. Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The board thanked Bruce for coming out of retirement to help with the program.

d. Brooke moved to accept the resignations of Scott Jung, Riley Mattson and Bruce Bender as boys basketball coaches effectively immediately. Scott seconded the motion. Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The board thanked the coaches for their time with the team.

4. 2026-2027 Teacher Contracts

a. Scott moved to approve the 2026/2027 teacher contracts as presented: Anna Beer 46,329.60, Alaina Dietz 49,072.80, Troy Dietz 46,329.60, Jessica Gussey 61,826.00, Cheyenne Hanson 62,925.96, Erin Hauglid 60,057.30, Laura Heupel 52,789.48, Daryl Jung 30,503.46, Gary Jung 20,035.34, Tara Keith 47,235.02, Abby Kessel 46,707.15, Casey Kessel 63,845.08, Anton Krebs 46,707.15, Benjamin Krebs 63,315.50, Jill Krenz 55,997.45, Brandi Marum 61,783.78, Melissa Moseley 45,600.00, Elaine Smith 56,900.82, Isabel Steckler 46,707.15, Joshua Uppgren 46,939.20. Shawn seconded the motion. Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye. Motion carried 5-0

5. Superintendent's recommendation to contemplate the discharge of teacher Jordan Kass from her 2025-20226 contract.

a. Chris moved that a special meeting of the board be held at a time and place to be set by the administrative law judge, at which time the board will discuss and act upon the contemplated discharge of Jordan Kass from her 2025-2026 contract for insubordination, conduct unbecoming her position, and/or failure to perform contracted duties without justification, and that the school district provide written notice of this action to Jordan Kass. Scott seconded the motion. Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye. Motion passed 4-1

a. Executive Session pursuant to NDCC Sections 15.1-15-10 and 44-04-19.2 to address the matter of suspension of Jordan Kass while discharge for cause is pursued

i. The next item on the agenda will involve legal counsel, Meredith Vukelic, who we have been consulting with. Meredith is on the phone with us now. For this item, I am asking the recommendation to contemplate the discharge for cause of teacher Jordan Kass from her 2025-2026 contract for: 1 – Insubordination, 2 – Conduct unbecoming her position and or 3 – Failure to perform contractual duties without justification. This item may be discussed in an executive session only when an open meeting would have an adverse fiscal effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the board. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is NDCC Section 15.1-15-10 and 44-04-19.2. The topic or purpose of this executive session is legal counsel.

At this time, a motion would be in order to discuss the next item in an executive session rather than in an open meeting. Is there such a motion?

Scott moved to go into executive session at 7:37 p.m. Brooke seconded the motion. Chris aye, Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The executive session was attended by Chris Reindel, Scott Bieber, Amanda Seymour, Brooke Waltner Shawn Wolf, and Business Manager Tamara Volk.

The Executive session will be recorded. All members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instructions to our negotiators.

We will now ask the members of the public who are attending the meeting to leave the room. We anticipate adjourning the executive session and reconvening the open portion of the meeting at approximately 8 p.m.

Scott moved to adjourn the executive session. Brooke seconded the motion. Scott aye, Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The minutes will show that the executive session was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. The public has been invited to return to the meeting room, and we are now back in open session.

i. Scott moved to offer Dr Ratliff \$82,000.00 contract for the 26/27 school year, 10 sick days and 7 vacation days. Amanda seconded the motion. Brooke aye, Shawn aye, Amanda aye, Chris aye, Scott aye. Motion carried 5-0.

ii. Scott moved to offer Superintendent Jung 1.6% increase for a total salary of \$119,075.00 for the 26/