

**Nyssa School Board Minutes
Nyssa, OR**

Date: June 8, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM - Regular Session

Location: Boardroom of Administration Building

Board Members Present: Pat Morinaka, Susan Ramos, Maribel Ramirez, Donny Ballou, Jazmine Ramirez, Dustin Martinsen

Board Members Absent: Nick Hartley

Staff Members Present: Superintendent Hawkins, Gina White, Crystal Rideau, Megan Glenn, Matt Murray, Matt Mauney, Jesse Melendez, Noemi Melendez, Andrea Arant, Tricia Book, Shane Pratt

Community Members Present: None

Members of the Press Present: None

Call to Order

Board Chair Pat Morinaka called the Regular Session to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Noemi Melendez.

Dustin Martinsen arrived at 6:01pm.

Adoption of Agenda

Board Chair Pat Morinaka called for any amendments to the agenda. No amendments; agenda adopted as presented.

Visiting Patrons

A) Summer Projects - Jesse Melendez

Maintenance Supervisor Jesse Melendez was present to give a facilities update on projects happening this summer.

- MS Parking lot - no drainage in the winter and creates slippery conditions. Will add drainage and asphalt. The project will run into August, please avoid the area.
- HS Science rooms - asbestos abatement started today with the floors. The project will run all summer up until school starts. Having some issues with getting windows from the manufacturer. Fournier's classroom cabinets will be replaced. If windows are not installed before school starts, class can still take place in the classrooms. Contractors are aware of the clause for running the project over deadline.

- Barrier arm installation - to keep traffic out of unauthorized areas, two at middle school and by bus garage. Will have FOB readers installed for staff and emergency vehicles to be able to pass through when necessary.
- Parking lot on Bower Ave. - allow for parking for softball with an installed ADA walkway.
- Track - will be resurfaced and restriped.
- HS Gym floor - resurfaced.
- Turf - Wright Brothers are scheduled to come out in July and work on turf and fix some spots that need redone.
- Thunderegg Days - meet with Chamber tomorrow, event will be held on campus July 9-11th.
- Elementary playground - redoing asphalt area with basketball hoops. Warranty work will be done on playground equipment in July.
- Elementary - installing carpet and redoing one hallway
- Virtual Classroom - creating four classrooms with partitions and electrical work.
- Bus Garage - lean-to plans received and ready to be picked up. Construction can occur when school is in session.
- HS Parking lot - will be restriped.
- HS Cafeteria - Pre BID meeting on the 18th for HVAC and roof.

The Board requested a master calendar of projects, timeframes, and closures.

B) Public Comment

There were no public comments at tonight's meeting.

Reports

A) Superintendent Report

Superintendent Hawkins reflected on the school year and work the students and staff put in. Academically we continue to make progress ensuring students graduate prepared for college, career, and life. Opportunities have expanded in Dual Language, career and technical education, advanced coursework. The District continues to invest in early literacy, MTSS, and high quality instruction.

Summer school opportunities began four days ago. Averaging 180 students daily focusing on academic intervention in language arts and math. An open house will be held June 25 @ 6pm to share what students have learned.

The District is continuing to expand with several facility projects this summer as reviewed by Maintenance Supervisor Jesse Melendez. Most importantly the District is building culture centered around students and our community. Next year the District will implement Oregon's new accountability measures, but the focus remains on every student experiencing meaningful growth, ability to graduate with opportunities, and prepared for success.

Accountability measures will be shared in July.

The district facilities planning committee will launch to help guide future investments in our schools. A message will go out on the 11th to the public.

B) Financial Report

1. Monthly Financial Report

Business Manager Crystal Rideau presented financials through the month of May. Revenue was \$3,140,450 with expenditures of \$2,479,678, bringing the cumulative balance to \$8,540,775. Later on in the agenda a supplemental budget will be presented for approval. The State School Fund was increased therefore increasing revenue. The last State School Fund was received in May. June will be the most expensive month of the year. MS Bond balance is \$439,616.38 after bringing in \$14,505.99 in taxes. Debt service payment of \$400,000 was made, leaving \$39,616.38 in the account. Food Service had fifteen days of service. Revenue was \$89,1364.32 with expenditures of \$1,040,544.56, leaving a deficit of \$149,180.24. A journal entry will be done in June for a transfer from the general fund to the food service account.

Consent Agenda

A) Approve minutes of the June 1, 2026 Work Session meeting and minutes of the May 11, 2026 Regular session meeting.

B) Approve Financial Reports as presented

C) Hire:

- 1. Josh De Anda - HS Head Boys Basketball Coach**
- 2. Mandi Russell - Virtual Special Education Teacher**
- 3. Whitney Starbuck - Instructional Assistant**
- 4. Robert "Bob" Phillips - HS Boys Assistant Basketball**
- 5. Mike Fuentes - HS Boys Assistant Basketball**
- 6. Yesenia Becerril - Office Manager (transfer from MEP)**
- 7. Kelsey Seals - HS Science Teacher**
- 8. Jose Sanchez - Alternative Education Teacher**
- 9. Aubrey Pimentel - MS Math Teacher**
- 10. Justin Lamson - MS Football**
- 11. Anna-Marie Chamberlain - CTE Teacher**

D) Resignation:

- 1. Craig Fournier - MS Tennis**
- 2. Jennifer Richardson - Transportation**
- 3. Samantha Condra - MS Multiple Subject Teacher**
- 4. Jacob Anderson - MS Science Teacher**

Board Chair Pat Morinaka called for a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Susan Ramos made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Dustin Martinsen. All in favor: Susan Ramos, Jazmine Ramirez, Maribel Ramirez, Donny Ballou, Pat Morinaka, Dustin Martinsen; absent from the vote: Nick Hartley. Motion passed.

New Business

A) Adopt Resolution 2027-01 the Budget for fiscal year 2026-27 in the total amount of \$61,459,954 (public comment, action item)

The proposed budget of \$61,459,954 for fiscal year 2026-27 was approved by the Budget committee to bring to the Board for final approval. The Board asked for any public comment; there were no public comments.

B) Adopt Resolution - includes the following (action items)

1. Resolution Adopting the Budget

Board Chair Pat Morinaka called for a motion to approve the fiscal year 2026-27 budget. Maribel Ramirez made a motion to approve fiscal year 2026-27 budget for the total of \$61,459,954; seconded by Donny Ballou. All in favor: Susan Ramos, Jazmine Ramirez, Maribel Ramirez, Donny Ballou, Pat Morinaka, Dustin Martinsen; absent from the vote: Nick Hartley. Motion passed.

2. Resolution Making Appropriations

Board Chair Pat Morinaka called for a motion for making appropriations. Susan Ramos made a motion; seconded by Maribel Ramirez. All in favor: Susan Ramos, Jazmine Ramirez, Maribel Ramirez, Donny Ballou, Pat Morinaka, Dustin Martinsen; absent from the vote: Nick Hartley. Motion passed.

3. Resolution Imposing the Tax

4. Resolution Categorizing the Tax

Board Chair Pat Morinaka called for a motion to approve imposing and categorizing the tax. Donny Ballou made a motion to impose and categorize the tax; seconded by Maribel Ramirez. All in favor: Susan Ramos, Jazmine Ramirez, Maribel Ramirez, Donny Ballou, Pat Morinaka; abstained: Dustin Martinsen. Absent from the vote: Nick Hartley. Motion passed.

C) Adopt GASB 54 - Resolution establishing policies for fund balances (action item)

GASB 54, the Board of Directors for Nyssa School District #26 hereby makes the following commitments of 2025-2026 ending fund balance and revenues for specific uses in 2026-2027.

1. The entire ending fund balance in Fund 275 - PERS Reserve Fund -- is committed to PERS.
2. The entire ending fund balance in Fund 290 - Bus Replacement Fund - is committed to bus replacement.
3. The entire ending fund balance in Fund 295 - Turf Replacement Fund - is committed to turf replacement.
4. The entire ending fund balance in Fund 310 - Debt Service – is committed to Bond Principal and Interest payments.

5. The entire ending fund balance in Fund 440 - Facilities Management Fund - is committed to improvement of district buildings and facilities.

The resolution includes language under section C: Assignments - Authority to classify portions of ending fund balance as Assigned is hereby granted to the Superintendent. Unclear if language is necessary.

Board Chair Pat Morinaka called for a motion to approve GASB54. Dustin Martinsen made a motion to approve GASB 54 resolution with striking section C; seconded by Susan Ramos. All in favor: Susan Ramos, Jazmine Ramirez, Maribel Ramirez, Donny Ballou, Pat Morinaka, Dustin Martinsen; absent from the vote: Nick Hartley. Motion passed.

D) Adopt Supplemental Budget Resolution 2026-02 and 2026-03 for fiscal year 2025-26 (action item)

Resolution 2026-02 is in regards to the District receiving additional funding that was not anticipated in the budget. Increased funds came from the State School Funds received due to increased enrollment. Resolution for supplemental budget resolution is to make an adjustment to the already adopted budget for fiscal year 2025-26. This would change the general fund by an increased \$1,908,755.

Resolution 2026-03 is in regards to the District receiving additional funding for SIA and other grants due to increased enrollment; summer learning grant of \$300,000 and SIA of \$480,000.

Board Chair Pat Mornaka called for a motion to approve resolution 2026-02. Dustin Martinsen made a motion to approve resolutions 2026-02; seconded by Susan Ramos. All in favor: Susan Ramos, Jazmine Ramirez, Maribel Ramirez, Donny Ballou, Pat Morinaka, Dustin Martinsen; absent from the vote: Nick Hartley. Motion passed.

Board Chair Pat Morinaka called for a motion to approve resolution 2026-03. Donny Ballou made a motion to approve resolution 2026-03; seconded by Dustin Martinsen. All in favor: Susan Ramos, Jazmine Ramirez, Maribel Ramirez, Donny Ballou, Pat Morinaka, Dustin Martinsen; absent from the vote: Nick Hartley. Motion passed.

E) PACE Renewal (action item)

Dellas Waldo reviewed the PACE renewal with the Board last Monday at the work session. Board Chair Pat Morinaka called for a motion to approve the PACE renewal. Susan Ramos made a motion to approve the PACE renewal; seconded by Dustin Martinsen. All in favor: Susan Ramos, Jazmine Ramirez, Maribel Ramirez, Donny Ballou, Pat Morinaka, Dustin Martinsen; absent from the vote: Nick Hartley. Motion passed.

F) Executive Session

Per ORS 192.660(2)(d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations, per ORS 192.660(2)(i) To review and evaluate the performance of the superintendent or any other public officer, employee or staff member, unless that person

requests an open hearing, and per ORS 192.660(2)(e) To conduct deliberations to negotiate real property transactions

Board Chair Pat Morinaka announced that the Board will be entering into Executive Session per Per ORS 192.660(2)(d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations, per ORS 192.660(2)(i) To review and evaluate the performance of the superintendent or any other public officer, employee or staff member, unless that person requests an open hearing, and per ORS 192.660(2)(e) To conduct deliberations to negotiate real property transactions.

Board Chair Pat Morinaka announced that the Board would be returning to open session in about thirty minutes. The Regular Session meeting was recessed at 6:55pm.

The Board returned to open session at 7:51pm and announced they would be calling for a motion.

1. Superintendent Evaluation

Board Chair Pat Morinaka called for a motion to approve Superintendent Hawkins evaluation. Dustin Martinsen made a motion to approve Superintendent Hawkins evaluation; seconded by Susan Ramos. All in favor: Susan Ramos, Jazmine Ramirez, Maribel Ramirez, Donny Ballou, Pat Morinaka, Dustin Martinsen; absent from the vote: Nick Hartley. Motion passed.

2. Superintendent Contract

Board Chair Pat Morinaka called for a motion to approve Superintendent Hawkins' contract as presented. Donny Ballou made a motion to approve Superintendent Hawkins contract as presented; seconded by Dustin Martinsen. All in favor: Susan Ramos, Jazmine Ramirez, Maribel Ramirez, Donny Ballou, Pat Morinaka, Dustin Martinsen; absent from the vote: Nick Hartley. Motion passed.

3. Real Estate

Board Chair Pat Morinaka announced that the Board would not be making a motion regarding real estate at this time.

Board Report

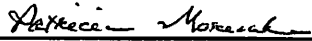
A) Work Session meeting July 6th at 6pm

Board Chair Pat Morinaka wanted to congratulate Superintendent Hawkins on being honored as educator of the year by the Chamber of Commerce.

The Board announced they will meet for a Work Session meeting on July 6th at 6pm. During this session they would like to discuss establishing goals for the district and the board.

Adjournment

Board Chair Pat Morinaka adjourned the Regular Session meeting at 7:56pm.



Chair/Vice Chair



Superintendent/Clerk