

Regular School Board Meeting, June 22, 2026

The Board of Independent School District 308 met on Monday, June 22, 2026, in the Media Center and via Zoom. Chair Dave McGee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Ben Hass, Andy Lindow, Karrin Lindow, and Dave McGee. Joining the meeting via Zoom were Jen McNamee from Sitka, Alaska and Aimee Plumley.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Ben Hass to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Karrin Lindow, second by Ben Hass to approve the financial reports as presented by Tom Haldeman, Accounts Payable Clerk, with a cash balance at the end of May of \$2,148,281.92. The Payment Register and payment of claims were approved in the amount of \$264,873.35. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Dave McGee to approve the following consent agenda items: donations as follows -

Itasca-Mantrap Operation Round Up

5 th Grade Flexible Seating - Mrs. Rittgers	\$ 500.00
Summer Reading Books	300.00

Torkelson Well Drilling

Community Education - Baseball	800.00
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Yoji Shimzu

Robotics	500.00
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for a total of \$2,10.00; minutes of the special school board meeting held May 12, 2026; minutes of the regular school board meeting held May 26, 2026; call for milk/bread bids and fuel quote for the 2026-2027 school year; annual lease agreement renewal between Nevis School District and Walker-Hackensack-Akeley School District for the Up North Learning Center in the amount of \$85,000.00; Memorandum of Understanding between MAHUBE-OTWA and Nevis School District/PAWN for the annual renewal of head start services; Memorandum of Understanding between the Nevis School District and Nevis AFSCME Local 2768 / Nevis Federation of Teachers Local 2211 to partner with a teacher apprenticeship program sponsored by Teacher Apprenticeship Minnesota; agreement between Nevis School District and PMA Securities for the issuance of \$17,575.00 general obligation school building bonds and \$8,200.00.00 general obligation facilities maintenance bonds for a referendum and facilities maintenance projects; resignation of Marvin Vredenburg as substitute school bus driver effective June 4, 2026; agreement between Freshwater Education District #6004 and PAWN District Members, which includes the Nevis School District, providing one and one-half (1.5) full time equivalent Program Specialists with assignment scheduled modified by mutual agreement and Director of Special Education services to the PAWN districts for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; resolution reauthorizing Ranae Seykora as the Identified Official with

Authority (IOwA) beginning July 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Karrin Lindow to accept the resignation of Shawn Klimek as Interim Principal and Dean of Students, effective June 30, 2026. On a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Karrin Lindow, second by Ben Hass to approve the contract with Shawn Klimek as PreK-Grade 6 Principal effective July 1, 2026. On a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Dave McGee, second by Karrin Lindow to authorize Superintendent Seykora to submit all required information to the Commissioner of Education to request Review and Comment for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities. The project would be financed through the issuance of School Building bonds, presented to voters November 3, 2026, with three ballot questions totaling \$17,575,000. On a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ben Hass, second by Andy Lindow to adopt the resolution relating to the issuance of general obligation school building bonds and calling a special election on Tuesday, November 26, for the purpose of voting on the following questions:

Question 1 - "Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 308 (Nevis Public School), Minnesota be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,100,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, the construction and equipping of career and technical education (CTE) spaces; the construction and equipping of new classrooms; the repurposing and remodeling of existing classrooms and spaces for educational needs; renovations and updates to the safe and secure entrances and office area; the renovation and equipping of the existing kitchen, cafeteria, and restrooms; and addressing deferred maintenance including but not limited to playgrounds, technology and security cameras and building access?

Question 2 - "If School district Question 1 is approved, shall the school board of Independent School District No. 308 (Nevis Public School), Minnesota be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,050,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, the construction and equipping of a multi-purpose physical education space, fitness area, restrooms and additional parking?

Question 3 - "If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the school board of Independent School District No. 308 (Nevis Public School), Minnesota be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$425,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and

betterment of school sites and facilities including, but not limited to, the construction and equipping of a bus maintenance building? On a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Karrin Lindow, second by Ben Hass to approve a resolution adopting the long-term facilities maintenance plan for fiscal year 2028; stating the intent to proceed with and authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation facilities maintenance bonds not to exceed \$8,070,000 in order to finance various projects including, but not limited to, indoor air quality, health and safety, and roofing projects at district facilities, and related financing costs. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Andy Lindow, second by Karrin Lindow to adopt the resolution relating to the election of school board members and calling the school district general election to be held in conjunction with the State general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing three school board members for four-year terms. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes. Motion carried unanimously. School board members whose terms are expiring include Andy Lindow, Jen McNamee, and Aimee Plumley.

Motion by Dave McGee, second by Andy Lindow to approve the proposed Achievement and Integration Plan as presented. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes. Motion carried unanimously. The purpose of this plan is to partner racially isolated districts with adjoining districts on student integration strategies. Nevis will be partnering with W-H-A and Northland school districts to increase opportunity, reduce reading proficiency gaps and student absences, and enable 11th grade students to participate in Pre-ACT prep courses. Participation in this program will generate \$41,000 for the District.

Motion by Karrin Lindow, second by Ben Hass to approve the preliminary FY27 annual budget with revenue in the amount of \$10,259,693 and expenditures in the amount of \$10,258,950. On a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

School Board member reports included Ben Hass and Aimee Plumley were on the elementary principal interview committee and Karrin Lindow attended the City of Nevis Sites 'n Bites event with Superintendent Seykora to make available referendum information to the community. Andy Lindow provided information regarding the annual Pam Lindow Scholarship golf fundraiser scheduled for July 31 at Tianna Golf Course. And, Jen McNamee extended congratulations to State track participants - Ethan Buckholtz (high jump), Azariah Ogundeji (100m, 200m, long jump, 4x200m relay), Mya Durgin, Karli Frisch, and Mackenzie Lindow (4x200m relay). Board Chair McGee extended condolences to the family of Tammy Zallar, kitchen employee for the district, who recently passed away.

Elementary principal, Shawn Klimek's report included summer school just finished its first two weeks for students in grades 1-4 who participated in Title I and ADSIS programs during the school year. Extended School Year is taking place throughout the summer for some of our special education students. The elementary sensory room is being moved from the high school wing to the elementary side of the building. A posting is out for a long-term substitute for 5th grade for the fall of 2026. The literacy plan was submitted to the state June 2. Plans need to be finalized for the fall staff in-service and the 2026-2027 elementary schedule created.

Superintendent Seykora reported there will be a question from the State of Minnesota on the November 3 general election ballot regarding the Permanent School Fund. The Permanent School Fund is a constitutional trust fund that was established in 1858. Funds are generated through iron mining, timber, and land sales. The fund's principal has reached \$2.3 billion with bipartisan support of an amendment to change the distribution formula which increases funding for Minnesota public and charter schools. A change to the constitutional trust must be voter approved. The specific ballot language is as follows:

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to increase the funding going to all school districts from the Permanent School Fund, which is a fund that supports school districts without raising individual income or property taxes, effective July 1, 2027?"

As a district, we have factual information available and encourage everyone to participate in voting. A yes vote will increase school funding without increasing property taxes. If the question is left blank on the ballot, it will count as a no vote.

Motion by Karrin Lindow, second by Ben Hass to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Plumley, Clerk