
**SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026
NHS NORTH BOARD ROOM**

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held at NHS North on Monday, March 9, 2026. Ms. Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm.

Present: Ms. Giglio, Ms. Prinn, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Salvi, Ms. Lamphier, Ms. Raymond, and Ms. Bishop

Also Present: Mr. Poska, Dr. Scarpati

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Student Representative Saanvi Praturu (South)

1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

Ms. Bishop moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend approval of the fiscal year 2027 School District budget in the amount of \$144,481,666 without benefits, which is a 6% increase from fiscal year 2026 to the Board of Alderman.

Motion passes 8-0.

Ms. Raymond requested that administration include Board of Alderman meetings regarding the budget in our Friday emails.

2. Open Enrollment

- Ms. Scarpati explained the new state legislation that clarified open enrollment language.
- The initial proposal presented in February is revisited, seeking a vote to designate Nashua High School North and South as open enrollment schools.
- The proposal includes enrollment limitations allowing all resident students to attend and non-resident students to make up no more than 0.25% of the total enrollment up to 25 students.

Ms. Bishop moved, seconded by Regan Lamphier, to vote to designate Nashua High School north and Nashua High School south as open enrollment schools, pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 194 dash D with an enrollment limitation continuing to allow all 100% of its eligible resident students to attend and to allow admitted nonresident students to make up no more than 0.25% up to 25 students of the total enrollment in the Nashua School District, and further to limit the number of its resident students who may attend open enrollment schools located outside the district, 0.25%, up to 25 students.

- Ms. Raymond suggested a smaller number of students to leave and a larger number to enter, citing financial constraints.
- Ms. Lamphier questioned matching numbers for in and out, noting that other districts are doing the same.
- Ms. Scarpati confirms that different numbers can be used for in and out students.
- The board discussed the potential financial impact of allowing 25 students in and out, with concerns about the district's ability to afford it.
- Ms. Giglio agreed with Ms. Raymond's recommendation to limit the number out.
- Ms. Raymond raised concerns about the financial impact on the district if special education students come in.

- Ms. Scarpati explained that special education students would still be eligible for services, but their needs might need to be reevaluated.
- Ms. Lamphier expressed discomfort with accepting only students in general education, emphasizing the district's existing strong programs.

Ms. Bishop amends the motion to reflect 5 students out and 20 students in, with a clarification that it applies only to high schools.

Ms. Bishop moved, seconded by Regan Lamphier, to vote to designate Nashua High School north and Nashua High School south as open enrollment schools, pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 194-D with an enrollment limitation continuing to allow all 100% of its eligible resident students to attend and to allow admitted nonresident students to make up no more than 0.2% up to 20 students of the total enrollment in the Nashua School District, and further to limit the number of its resident students who may attend open enrollment schools located outside the district, 0.05%, up to 5 students.

Motion passes 8-0.

Ms. Giglio moved, seconded by Ms. Prinn, to adjourn. So voted by roll call at 8:11 pm.

Submitted by Tara Kinsella