

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Monday, January 11, 2010**

**PRESENT:** J. Auer, J. Coppersmith, J. Gorges, C. Neely, and K. Steckbauer.  
**EXCUSED:** K. Schroeder and T. Wegner.

**I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)**

**II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by J. Auer, Clerk. A quorum was established.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 14, 2009**

A motion was made by J. Gorges and seconded by K. Steckbauer to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 14, 2009. Motion carried.

**IV. REPORTS**

W. Fitzpatrick reported on the following:

- January 18 Policy/Legislative Committee Meeting at 3:30 p.m.
- January 18 Parent Advisory Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- January 25 Board/Administrator Retreat from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.—no evening meeting
- January 20-22 WASB State Convention in Milwaukee
- H1N1 school clinics are scheduled for this week; public is welcome
- Memorandum of Understanding was signed and submitted to the State of Wisconsin for Race to the Top funding

K. Gwidt reported that we are the recipients of a grant from the Kern Family Foundation to help support Project Lead the Way.

T. Franzmeier reported on the High School activities.

W. Fitzpatrick explained that he has engaged Mrs. Colleen Berry-Seaholm's *Contemporary Affairs* class in the discussion regarding public education, as we can't economically sustain the model for education we have, and the current model does not meet the student needs of the future. Colleen Berry-Seaholm and students, Curtis Gilman and Brandon Fox, were present and explained that the class identified two areas in need of change—curriculum and method of delivery. Their findings included expanding computer classes, developing more on-line courses, and allowing students to use their personal computers. They expressed their appreciation for the technology referendum that was recently passed, and the district's continuing efforts to upgrade technology.

**V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS**

R. Yerkey reviewed the expenditures as attached to the agenda. Following discussion, a motion was made by J. Coppersmith and seconded by J. Gorges to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,375,047.48 as per list of January 5, 2010. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0.

J. Auer noted receipts from the receipt register of January 5, 2010, in the amount of \$251,957.83.

**VI. MONITORING REPORTS**

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. General Information Regarding Legal Issues for Boards of Education**

Attorney Tony Renning was present and reviewed some legal issues facing Boards of Education. He reviewed the open meetings law, use of e-mail, and the notification of Closed Session items on the agenda.

**B. Review and Approval of the 2010-11 School Calendar**

It was moved by K. Steckbauer and seconded by J. Coppersmith to approve the 2010-11 school calendar with the understanding that August 31 can be considered for a possible furlough as we negotiate. Motion carried.

**C. Authorize a Resolution Approving a Five-Year Lease Purchase Agreement in the Amount of \$118,858.00 with Chase Equipment Finance, Inc., at an Annual Rate of 3.35%**

It was moved by C. Neely and seconded by J. Gorges to authorize a resolution approving a five-year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$118,858.00 with Chase Equipment Finance, Inc., at an annual rate of 3.35%. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0.

**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by J. Coppersmith seconded by K. Steckbauer to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed in the agenda at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0.

It was moved by K. Steckbauer and seconded by C. Neely to approve the Stipulated Expulsion proceeding. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4-1 (K. Steckbauer-yes, J. Coppersmith-yes, J. Auer-yes, J. Gorges-no, C. Neely-yes,).

**X. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:57 p.m.

**A. Employment of Personnel**

1. Co-Curricular Contract

It was moved by J. Gorges and seconded by J. Coppersmith to approve the following co-curricular contracts:

Nathan Krueger  
Wrestling-Middle School Coach  
\$1479 (Step 5, 4%)

Lisa Breaker  
N-Club Advisor  
\$587 (Step 7, 1.5%)

Motion carried.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by J. Coppersmith and seconded by C. Neely to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.  
Motion carried.

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James Auer, Clerk