

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, April 13, 2009**

PRESENT: J. Auer, J. Faucher V. Schlais, K. Schroeder, K. Steckbauer, and T. Wegner.

EXCUSED: J. Coppersmith.

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by T. Wegner, President. A quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 9, 2009

A motion was made by K. Schroeder and seconded by V. Schlais to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 9, 2009. Motion carried.

B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, March 23, 2009

Inquiry was made if the interest amount should be included in the motion regarding the bus lease. The exact interest amount will be included in the minutes and brought back to the next meeting for approval.

IV. REPORTS

Inquiry was made regarding 4-year old kindergarten community collaborative and the statement "absent the commitment of enough key partners, we will be unable to proceed." W. Fitzpatrick explained that if we don't have enough community support, the program cannot be implemented.

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A. Vouchers

R. Yerkey reviewed the expenditures as attached to the agenda. Following discussion, a motion was made by J. Auer and seconded by J. Faucher to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$3,718,770.25 as per list of April 7, 2009. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

T. Wegner noted receipts from the receipt register of April 7, 2009, in the amount of \$5,242,872.01.

VI. MONITORING REPORTS

A. Project Lead the Way

K. Gwidt gave a presentation regarding Project Lead the Way. This program provides an opportunity to introduce and enrich curriculums related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This will open up career pathways for students that wouldn't have otherwise been explored.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Teen Serve

Chris Martinson, Paul Larson, and Linda Ward were present and explained the Teen Serve New London. This program is supported by local individuals and churches to host a one-week workcamp in our area from June 27, 2010, through July 3, 2010. The workcamp will involve 350 – 450 teens and adult leaders who each pay a fee for the privilege of lending a helping hand to the residents of our community. This work will include interior and exterior painting, weatherization, drywall, and construction of steps and wheelchair ramps. The work crews will reside in our middle school and spend their days working with the elderly or others who cannot complete the work themselves.

B. Acceptance of the Statement of the Board of Canvassers on School Board Election

The board election results were canvassed following the election and since that, a Request for Recount has been filed. The recount will start at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15. The Statement of the Board of Canvassers on School Board Election will be presented to the Board once the recount has been completed.

C. Approval of Food Service Management Firm Contract with Taher, Inc., for the 2009-2010 School Year With Up to Four One-Year Renewals

It was moved by J. Faucher and seconded by K. Steckbauer to approve the food service management firm contract with Taher, Inc., for the 2009-10 school year with up to four one-year renewals. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

D. Approval of Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$1,750,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes to the First State Bank of New London

It was moved by J. Auer and seconded by J. Faucher to approve the Resolution awarding the sale of \$1,750,000 general obligation promissory notes to the First State Bank of New London. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

E. Approval of Contracts for Athletic Field Development Project

It was moved by V. Schlais and seconded by K. Schroeder to approve the contracts as presented and authorize Richard Yerkey and Bill Fitzpatrick to approve the electrical contract, when received, as long as the total for all bids does not exceed \$1,750,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

F. Approval of 2009-2010 Transportation Contract with Kobussen Buses, Ltd.

It was moved by K. Steckbauer and seconded by V. Schlais to approve the 2009-10 transportation contract with Kobussen Buses, Ltd., in the amount of \$94,300. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-1 (K. Schroeder-yes; K. Steckbauer-yes, J. Auer-no; J. Faucher-yes; V. Schlais-yes; T. Wegner-yes).

G. Joint Board Retreat

A joint board retreat has been scheduled on Wednesday, May 6, at Liberty Hall in Kimberly. The retreat will focus on Dr. Alan Odden's findings of dramatically improving student performance by reallocating current resources. Board members were asked to contact J. Willner by April 27 if they are interested in attending.

H. Approval of Partnering with Project Lead the Way

A motion was made by K. Schroeder and seconded by K. Steckbauer to approve partnering with Project Lead the Way. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by J. Auer seconded by K. Steckbauer to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed in the agenda at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:30 p.m.

A. Resignation of Personnel

1. Certified Staff

It was moved by J. Faucher and seconded by K. Schroeder to accept the notice of retirement:

Claire Spear
Elementary Teacher
Retiring effective 6/5/09

Motion carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Auer and seconded by J. Faucher to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Virginia Schlais, Clerk