

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, April 25, 2011**

PRESENT: J. Faucher, J. Gorges, C. Neely, V. Schlais, K. Schroeder, and K. Steckbauer.

EXCUSED: J. Michels.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by W. Fitzpatrick. A quorum was established.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by C. Neely and seconded by J. Gorges to continue with the same officers. Motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Certified Staff Survey

W. Fitzpatrick reviewed a certified staff survey. Several revisions were suggested. Selected NLEA and staff members' input will be used to finalize the survey. The survey will be sent out in the next few weeks.

B. Budget Update

W. Fitzpatrick gave a budget update. Efforts to meet the \$2,000,000 shortfall continue to be a challenge. Nearly half will be absorbed by not replacing 11 of the 15 positions affected by retirement notices.

C. Approval of 2011-12 Transportation Contract with Kobussen Busses, Ltd.

J. Marquardt reviewed the transportation contract with Kobussen Busses, Ltd. It was moved by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Faucher to approve the 2011-12 Transportation Contract with Kobussen Busses, Ltd. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

D. Approval of Lease Purchase Agreement for Busses

J. Marquardt reviewed the lease purchase agreement for busses. It was moved by V. Schlais and seconded by J. Gorges to approve the Lease Purchase Agreement. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

E. Discussion of Banking RFP

J. Marquardt reviewed the banking Request for Proposal (RFP) and the criteria to be used in evaluating proposals. The RFP will be sent out in the next week.

F. State Tournament Finances

S. Eggart recognized the many donations from community businesses and individuals which helped to support the expenses of the Girls' Basketball State Championship run. Each was presented with a plaque by team members in recognition of their financial support.

The team championship plaque with team members identified will be received soon. Mrs. Margaret Lathrop who created the "State Champion Recognition Trophy Case" in memory of her late husband will be invited to the presentation event. She recently turned 100! What a nice birthday gift.

G. Athletic Director/Athletic Coordinator

S. Eggart gave an update on the role of the athletic coordinator and how that has worked very well for the 2010-11 school year. Mrs. Steiger was commended for her work.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Gorges to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed in the agenda at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

(Separate set of minutes for Closed Session expulsion proceedings.)

V. 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. Resignation of Personnel

It was moved by V. Schlais and seconded by C. Neely to approve the following resignations:

Certified Staff:

LuAnn Rupnow *(retiring at the end of the 2010-11 school year)*
Music Teacher, Middle School

Annette Hafner *(retiring after 1st semester of the 2011-12 school year—with stipulations)*
Learning Disabilities, High School

Support Staff:

Jean Kilde *(retiring at the end of the 2010-11 school year)*
Food Service, Middle School

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Gorges and seconded by K. Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Virginia Schlais, Clerk