

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, September 12, 2011**

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

The annual budget hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by K. Steckbauer, President. W. Fitzpatrick welcomed the community and reviewed the letter included in the budget presentation document.

J. Marquardt gave a review of the budget. The budget hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

II. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, August 8, 2011

A motion was made by V. Schlais and seconded by C. Neely to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, August 8, 2011. Motion carried with K. Schroeder abstaining.

B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, August 22, 2011

A motion was made by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Michels to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, August 22, 2011. Motion carried with C. Neely abstaining.

IV. REPORTS

W. Fitzpatrick reviewed the upcoming scheduled meetings:

- Mission Leadership Team on Tuesday, September 13.
- Policy-Making/Legislative Meeting on Monday, September 19.
- District Parent Advisory Council meeting on Monday, September 19.
- WASB regional meeting is Wednesday, September 21. Please contact J. Willner if you are interested in attending.
- Employee Benefits Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 28, at 4:00 p.m. at the District Office.

W. Fitzpatrick reviewed the start of school with regard to transportation. Communication is very important and several changes occurred this year and the communication piece was not handled as it should have been. W. Fitzpatrick publicly apologized for the lack of communication with regard to the transportation changes. A timeline was distributed as to how route changes will be reviewed and developed, as well as the communication to parents. The district is looking for efficiencies, but safety is always the first concern.

- J. Marquardt gave special thanks to Jessica Rice, School Psychologist, for the non-violent intervention training that she did for the bus drivers. It was very well-received.

- K. Gwidt gave special thanks to Bob Smith for the independent study Art Studio classes that he has organized.
- A. Christopherson explained that many of the GEDO #2 students scored at post-high school levels in all areas assessed which means they have extraordinary skills.
- E. Fleming gave a report on the High School activities.
- Each principal gave a brief start of school report.

V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS

J. Marquardt reviewed the expenditures as attached to the agenda. Following discussion, a motion was made by V. Schlais and seconded by J. Faucher to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,028,845.49 as per list of September 7, 2011. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

K. Steckbauer noted receipts from the receipt register of September 7, 2011, in the amount of \$3,207,979.51.

VI. MONITORING REPORTS

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Hearing to Approve Revised Policy/Procedure 185, Board Committees

It was moved by J. Faucher and seconded by J. Michels to approve the revised Policy/Procedure 185, Board Committees. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of 66:03 Cooperative Agreement with Menasha Joint School District for the Acceptance of Open Enrollment Student

A motion was made by J. Michels and seconded by C. Neely to approve the 66:03 Cooperative Agreement with Menasha Joint School District for the acceptance of an open enrollment student. Motion carried.

B. Review and Approve Local Education Agent (LEA) at IEP Teams

It was moved by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Michels to approve the Local Education Agent at IEP teams for 2011-12. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Grievance Procedure

W. Fitzpatrick reviewed the grievance procedure. The policy will be presented at the September 26 Special Board of Education meeting for approval.

D. Approval of 2011-12 Budget for all funds in the amount of \$29,971,888

It was moved by K. Schroeder and seconded by V. Schlais to approve the 2011-12 budget for all funds in the amount of \$29,971,888. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

E. Approval of 2011-12 Operational Tax Levy in the amount of \$7,107,946

It was moved by J. Faucher and seconded by J. Michels to approve the 2011-12 Operational Tax Levy in the amount of \$7,107,946 Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

F. Approval of 2011-12 Non-Referendum Debt Levy in the amount of \$251,656

It was moved by J. Faucher and seconded by K. Schroeder to approve the 2011-12 Non-Referendum Debt Levy in the amount of \$251,656. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

G. Approval of 2011-12 Referendum Debt Levy in the amount of \$2,188,731

It was moved by V. Schlais and seconded by C. Neely to approve the 2011-12 Referendum Debt Levy in the amount of \$2,188,731. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

H. Approval of 2011-12 Community Service Levy in the amount of \$190,000

It was moved by C. Neely and seconded by J. Faucher to approve the 2011-12 Community Service Levy in the amount of \$190,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

I. Approval of 2011-12 Prior Year Levy Chargeback Levy in the amount of \$12,358

It was moved by V. Schlais and seconded by K. Schroeder to approve the 2011-12 Prior Year Levy Chargeback Levy in the amount of \$12,358. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

J. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Section 67.12 (8)(a) Wisconsin Statutes for Temporary Operational Borrowing in An Amount Not to Exceed \$5,500,000

It was moved by J. Faucher and seconded by K. Schroeder to approve the Resolution Authorizing Section 67.12 (8)(a) Wisconsin Statutes for Temporary Operational Borrowing in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,500,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

K. Award Bid/s for \$5,500,000 Operational Borrowing

It was moved by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Faucher to approve the operational borrowing bids to Wolf River Community Bank in the amount of \$500,000 at .75% gross interest rate and to U.S. Bank National in the amount of \$5,000,000 at .87% gross interest rate. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by V. Schlais and seconded by K. Schroeder to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed in the agenda at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

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

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:13 p.m.

A motion was made by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Michels to approve a one-year waiver of Section B, 1, b of Policy/Procedure 424 Participation of Private School And Home-Based Students In District Courses/Programs, which states, "Students who are residents of the School District of New

London but are attending another school district full-time under the State Open Enrollment Program are NOT eligible to participate” for a specific student due to extenuating circumstances. Motion carried.

A. Employment of Personnel

It was moved by C. Neely and seconded by J. Michels to approve the following:

Certified staff members:

Devon Polzar
General Music, Sugar Bush
BA, Step 1 (23%)

Support staff members:

Andrea Banaszynski
Special Needs Para, Parkview

Co-Curricular Contracts:

Anne Ferge
Student Council-Intermed School Advisor (Shared)
\$355 (Step 3, 1%)

Stephen Kovacs
Student Council-Intermed School Advisor (Shared)
\$332 (Step 1, 1%)

Clarissa Morien
Volleyball-Middle School coach
\$1330 (Step 1, 4%)

Robert Oudenhoven
Football-Freshman Coach
\$2327 (Step 1, 7%)

Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by K. Schroeder and seconded by V. Schlais to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Virginia Schlais, Clerk