

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, September 14, 2009**

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

EXCUSED: J. Gorges.

The annual budget hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by T. Wegner, President. R. Yerkey gave a brief review of the budget. No questions were raised. A motion was made by J. Auer and seconded by K. Schroeder to close the budget hearing at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried.

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

Maria Turner, E8448 Ebert Road, New London, was present and expressed both disbelief and disappointment regarding not showing the presidential speech live. She is wondering why the district would even question the merits of showing a speech from the president. She expressed disappointment at the district's bow to political pressures. She asked the district to set a policy on how presidential speeches will be handled in the future. Allow the opt-out if parents so choose. A policy is necessary to make sure no political sides are taken.

W. Fitzpatrick stated he agreed with her statements. However, notice of the speech was given at the last minute prior to Labor Day weekend, and the district was unsure of what the speech entailed and for what grade levels it was appropriate for. It was also to be held during the school lunch hour which is difficult to change with only a couple day's notice. For those reasons, the district decided to show it the next day.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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, August 10, 2009

A motion was made by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Coppersmith to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, August 10, 2009. Motion carried with K. Steckbauer abstaining.

B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, August 24, 2009

A motion was made by J. Auer and seconded by K. Steckbauer to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, August 24, 2009. Motion carried with J. Coppersmith abstaining.

IV. REPORTS

W. Fitzpatrick reported on the following:

- Legislative breakfast on Friday, September 18.
- WASB Regional meeting on October 8.
- A document including special board meeting topics/dates was distributed for Board review.

- Our proposed presentation, 1+1=3, to the School Board Convention in January has been approved. Please contact J. Willner as soon as possible if you wish to attend the convention so hotel rooms can be reserved.
- PAC meeting on September 21 is going to be held at Parkview.

T. Franzmeier reported on the High School activities.

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 C. Neely to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,750,276.92 as per list of September 9, 2009. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

T. Wegner noted receipts from the receipt register of September 9, 2009, in the amount of \$2,944,220.12.

VI. MONITORING REPORTS

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

It was moved by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Coppersmith to approve the Local Education Agent at IEP teams for 2009-10. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Revised Budget Transfers for 2008-09

It was moved by J. Auer and seconded by K. Schroeder to approve the budget transfers for 2008-09 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

C. Approval of 2009-10 Budget for All Funds--\$33,523,728

It was moved by J. Auer and seconded by K. Steckbauer to approve the 2009-10 Budget for All Funds of \$33,523,728. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

D. Approval of 2009-10 Operational Tax Levy--\$7,105,585

It was moved by K. Schroeder and seconded by K. Steckbauer to approve the 2009-10 Operational Tax Levy of \$7,105,585. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

E. Approval of 2009-10 Non-Referendum Debt Levy--\$220,644

It was moved by K. Steckbauer and seconded by K. Schroeder to approve the 2009-10 Non-Referendum Debt Levy of \$220,644. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

F. Approval of 2009-10 Referendum Debt Levy--\$2,011,575

It was moved by J. Coppersmith and seconded by C. Neely to approve the 2009-10 Referendum Debt Levy of \$2,011,575. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

G. Approval of 2009-10 Community Service Levy--\$271,050

It was moved by J. Coppersmith and seconded by K. Schroeder to approve the 2009-10 Community Service Levy of \$271,050. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

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

It was moved by J. Auer and seconded by K. Schroeder to approve the resolution authorizing \$5,000,000 operational borrowing under Section 67.12(8)(a) Wisconsin Statutes with U.S. Bank National Association. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

I. Award Bid(s) for \$5,000,000 Operational Borrowing

It was moved by J. Auer and seconded by K. Steckbauer to approve the operational borrowing bid in the amount of \$5,000,000 with a total interest cost of \$67,100.00 with U.S. Bank National Association. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by J. Auer seconded by J. Coppersmith 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.

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:38 p.m.

A. Employment of Personnel

1. Certified Staff

It was moved by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Coppersmith to approve the following certified staff member:

Fatima Ahmed
Bilingual, Elementary
\$34,781 (Actual contract \$34,222.76 based on 184 days)
BA+12, Step 2

2. Co-Curricular Staff

It was moved by J. Auer and seconded by K. Schroeder to approve the following co-curricular contracts:

Lindsey Katerzynske
Volleyball-Middle School Coach
\$1293 (Step 1, 4%)

Connie Morton
Student Council-LN Elementary School
\$336 (Step 2, 1%)

Motion carried.

A motion was made by J. Auer and seconded by K. Steckbauer to approve the Bus Driver rate adjustments as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Coppersmith to approve the Bilingual Tutor compensation as presented. Motion carried with J. Auer and T. Wegner abstaining.

A motion was made by K. Steckbauer and seconded by K. Schroeder to approve the Alternative Education Evening Coordinator compensation as presented. Motion carried with J. Auer and T. Wegner abstaining.

A motion was made by J. Coppersmith and seconded by J. Auer to approve the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent compensation as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by K. Schroeder and seconded by C. Neely to approve the compensation for System Engineer as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by J. Auer and seconded by J. Coppersmith to adjust the Middle School Assistant Principal to 220 days effective date of July 1, 2009. Motion carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Auer and seconded by K. Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

James Auer, Clerk