

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, October 13, 2008**

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

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.

III. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 8, 2008

A motion was made by K. Schroeder and seconded by V. Schlais to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 8, 2008. Motion carried.

B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, September 22, 2008

A motion was made by J. Faucher and seconded by K. Schroeder to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, September 22, 2008. Motion carried with J. Coppersmith abstaining.

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 K. Schroeder to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$6,947,375.67 as per list of October 7, 2008. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

T. Wegner noted receipts from the receipt register of October 7, 2008, in the amount of \$7,730,661.77.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

W. Fitzpatrick reported on the following:

- Technology referenda question will be on the November 4 ballot.
- Distributed historical membership count information. Declining enrollment has been happening at the elementary schools and various staffing adjustments have been made in response to the declining enrollment. In the next few years, the greatest decline will be at the Middle School and then it will move to the High School.

- Reviewed the class size reports. We will be trying to standardize the report in the future.

Chia Lor was present at the meeting and gave an update on school activities.

VII. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Annual Agriscience and F.F.A. Report

Jeff Meske was present and reported on the agriscience courses. Rachel Pethke and Amy Kiddy, F.F.A. officers, were present and reported on the annual F.F.A. activities.

B. E-Portfolio Update

Joe Pomrening and Bill Storck gave an update on the E-portfolio system. The district is looking to start this at the Middle School level and then the students will build the portfolio as they go through High School.

C. Bulldogs of Character Update

Scott Eggart was present and explained some of the activities linked to the Bulldogs of Character Program. He distributed the first Bulldogs of Character newsletter. Special thanks to Tiffany Linberg for preparing the newsletter. K. Steckbauer expressed concern that the cover would always spotlight an “athlete”; he felt it should encompass all activities, not just sports. Scott Eggart explained that when the Bulldogs of Character Program started, it involved only athletics and he is trying to transition the program into other activities as well.

D. Rigor, Relevance and Relationships Report

V. Schlais gave an overview of the Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships conference she attended.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposal from Snowmobile Club to Establish a Trail and Parking Area for Snowmobiles on High School Property

Some students were present and proposed establishing a snowmobile parking area on High School property. The students explained how they would establish the trail/parking area, how it would be maintained, and how to keep it safe. A map was distributed of where the parking area would be located. Jerry Bartman was also present and explained that the students are part of the Northport Snow Riders and have prepared this proposal themselves. The Northport Snow Riders want to back the students so they will take care of any costs to establish the area, i.e., fencing, signage, etc. After Board approval, they would then obtain permission to form a legal trail to the High School. Board members inquired if there was an established snowmobile club at the High School, and they indicated this has not yet been done.

It was the consensus of the Board that the students speak with Mr. Eggart to establish a snowmobile club at the High School. In the meantime, the Board would identify any issues related to establishing a snowmobile parking area, as well as obtain any history related to this. The Board will then address the issue at the October 27 Special Board of Education meeting and the November 10 Regular Board of Education meeting.

B. Approval of Requests for Early Graduation

It was moved by J. Auer and seconded by J. Faucher to approve the requests for early graduation, contingent upon each fulfilling all his/her graduation requirements and parent approval. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Youth Options Applications for Second Semester

It was moved by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Coppersmith to approve Youth Options applications for second semester as presented. Motion carried.

D. Approval of 2010 Spanish Club Trip to Costa Rica

Beth Nelson and Michelle Huebner were present and reviewed the 2010 Spanish Club trip to Costa Rica. They inquired if the 2009 and 2010 graduates would be allowed to attend the trip. They explained that the company also allows parents and siblings to attend. The Board reviewed the policy which only allows students who are registered in school to participate.

It was moved by J. Coppersmith and seconded by K. Schroeder to approve the 2010 Spanish Club trip to Costa Rica with a waiver of Policy Statement 352.1, Section B, 4, to allow the 2010 graduates to participate in the trip. Motion carried. As per the policy, no additional adults or siblings would be allowed to attend the trip unless the adults attend as chaperones and would fulfill all the chaperone requirements.

E. Approval of Amendments to Charter School Contract Between the School District of New London and the School of Enterprise Marketing

It was moved by V. Schlais and seconded by J. Faucher to approve the amendments to the Charter School Contract Between the School District of New London and the School of Enterprise Marketing. Motion carried.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by K. Steckbauer seconded by J. Auer to enter into closed session at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:04 p.m.

A. Employment of Personnel

1. Co-Curricular Contracts

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

Brian Affeldt
Basketball-Boys' JV Coach
\$2,263.00 (Step 1, 7%)

Brian Boushele
Wrestling-Middle School Coach
\$1,345.00 (Step 2, 4%)

Jay Daly
Basketball-Boys' 8th Grade Coach
\$1,422.00 (Step 4, 4%)

Katie DeNure
Student Council-Middle School Advisor
(shared)
\$323.00 (Step 1, 1%)

Paul Desrochers
Basketball-Girls' 7th Grade Coach
\$1,345.00 (Step 2, 4%)

Carlos Evans
Basketball-Boys' 8th Grade Coach
\$1,888.00 (Step 14, 4%)

Matthew Hintz
Basketball-Boys' Varsity Head Coach
\$3,529.00 (Step 2, 10.5%)

Kenneth Jagiello
Basketball-Boys' Freshman Coach
\$2,420.00 (Step 3, 7%)

Peter Jensema
Basketball-Girls' Freshman Coach
\$2,353.00 (Step 2, 7%)

Troy Krause
Basketball-Girls' Varsity Head Coach
\$4,179.00 (Step 8, 10.5%)

Nathan Krueger
Wrestling-Middle School Coach
\$1,422.00 (Step 4, 4%)

Kyle Lubinski
Basketball-Boys' 7th Grade Coach
\$1,422.00 (Step 4, 4%)

Anthony Porath
Basketball-Girls' 8th Grade Coach
\$1,888.00 (Step 14, 4%)

Bryon Prey
Wrestling-JV Coach
\$2,489.00 (Step 4, 7%)

Philip Sloma
Basketball-Boys' 7th Grade Coach
\$1,463.00 (Step 5, 4%)

Brian Stamper
Wrestling-Varsity Head Coach
\$4,179.00 (Step 8, 10.5%)

Marilyn Sullivan
Student Council-Middle School Advisor
(shared)
\$346.00 (Step 3, 1%)

Michael Waldvogel
Basketball-Girls' JV Coach
\$2,263.00 (Step 1, 7%)

Jeff Wockenfus
Basketball-Girls' 8th Grade Coach
\$1,422.00 (Step 4, 4%)

Brian Yerkey
Basketball-Girls' 7th Grade Coach
\$1,345.00 (Step 2, 4%)

Beth Nelson
Spanish Club – High School Advisor
*Contract to be issued after final report of
June 2010 trip*

Michelle Huebner
Spanish Club – High School Advisor
*Contract to be issued after final report of
June 2010 trip*

Motion carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Auer and seconded by J. Coppersmith to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.
Motion carried.

Virginia Schlais, Clerk