

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Monday, November 10, 2008**

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

**EXCUSED:** J. Faucher and V. Schlais.

**I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)**

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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, October 13, 2008**

A motion was made by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Coppersmith to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, October 13, 2008. Motion carried.

**B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, October 27, 2008**

A motion was made by J. Coppersmith and seconded J. Auer by to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, October 27, 2008. Motion carried with K. Steckbauer abstaining.

**V. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**A. Vouchers**

R. Yerkey reviewed the expenditures as attached to the agenda. Following discussion, a motion was made by K. Steckbauer and seconded by J. Auer to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,429,077.95 as per list of November 5, 2008. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0.

T. Wegner noted receipts from the receipt register of November 5, 2008, in the amount of \$185,319.22.

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

W. Fitzpatrick reported on the following:

- Possible meeting conflicts—on November 24, the Special Board meeting is scheduled as well as the Middle School choral concert; on December 8, the regular Board meeting is scheduled as well as the High School Music Department winter concert. It was the consensus of the Board to move both meeting dates—the meeting on November 24 would be moved to December 1; the meeting on December 8 would be moved to December 15.

- The Board received the first edition of the director reports. The Board appreciated the reports and found them very informative. T. Wegner suggested a building principal report or possibly an elementary/secondary report periodically.
- Reminder that Board members should contact J. Willner if they will be attending the WASB state convention on January 21-23, 2009.
- Years of Service Program is on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 8:00 a.m.
- Reminder of the election timelines.

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

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Acceptance of the Statement of the Board of Canvassers on Technology Referendum Results**

It was moved by K. Schroeder and seconded by J. Coppersmith to accept the Statement of the Board of Canvassers on the technology referendum results. Motion carried.

**B. November 4 Technology Referendum**

W. Fitzpatrick thanked the community for their support of the technology referendum. This support reflects an understanding that funding technology in our schools is an investment in our future workforce.

W. Fitzpatrick explained that in the first year, these funds will be focused on replacing approximately 250 computers which run on Windows 98, and optimizing the infrastructure with upgraded switches to maximize the flow of digital information within the system. The Technology Committee will also be meeting in November to review the technology plan and determine how to move forward with innovation in a logical and purposeful way.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by J. Auer seconded by Kim Schroeder to enter into closed session at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0.

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:20 p.m.

**A. Employment of Personnel**

1. Co-Curricular Contracts

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

David Nitka  
 Student Council-Elem School Advisor (LN)  
 \$323.00 (Step 1, 1%)

Motion carried.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by J. Auer and seconded by K. Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried.

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James Auer, Interim Clerk