

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

PRESENT: K. Batten, M. Grossman, N. Grundy, J. Heideman, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer, and A. Thorpe.

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

Bill Krostue, N3529 Sunset Ln, New London, WI – spoke on special education student revenues.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 5:59p.m. by J. Heideman, President. The pledge of allegiance was led by J. Heideman. A quorum was established.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Resignation of Personnel
None
- b. Approval of Employment of Personnel
Moved to Closed Session

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Winter Co-Curricular Updates

Athletic Director P. Sloma presented highlights from the winter co-curricular season and shared accomplishments of the district's sports, clubs, activities, and organizations throughout the winter months.

- b. Pupil Services Department Plan Part II

S. Johnson, Director of Pupil Services, shared program updates highlighting the current strengths, needs, and opportunities within the department, with a focus on engagement, connectedness, and brain-based learning.

- c. Student School Board of Education Representative Election

An update was provided to the Board of Education indicating that five high school students are participating in the Board of Education Student Representative selection process. The 2026–2027 candidate will be seated at the May regular meeting.

- d. Review and potential Approval of 2026 Summer School Course Guide

Motion by C. Martinson seconded by K. Batten to approve the 2026 Summer School Course Guide as presented

Motion Passed:7-0

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. ISMS Associate Principal Search Timeline; HS Success Coordinator Search Timeline

S. Bleck shared the anticipated hiring timeline for the ISMS Associate Principal and High School Student Success Coordinator positions. The positions are expected to be posted in early April, with potential candidate recommendations presented at the May 13 regular Board of Education meeting.

- b. Potential Communication with the State Joint Committee on Finance

S. Bleck shared a draft communication prepared by area district administrators to the Wisconsin State Joint Committee on Finance. The purpose of the communication is to raise awareness regarding the current state of public education funding in Wisconsin, as well as to amplify a collaborative voice advocating for rural school districts across the state.

c. Private School Voucher Costs on Tax Bills

The Board discussed the potential development of a resolution supporting increased transparency on municipal tax bills, specifically to clearly identify private school voucher costs. Further development of the resolution will be brought forward for Board consideration.

VI. **Closed Session**

Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., the Board of Education will convene in closed session to discuss the continued employment of certified, support, and co-curricular staff members over which the Board has jurisdiction and exercises responsibility.

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Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats., the Board of Education will convene in closed session for the purpose of considering personal information concerning financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons including administrative staff, certified staff, support staff and students, except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data.

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 6:51 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
K. Batten	x_____	_____	_____	_____
M. Grossman	x_____	_____	_____	_____
N. Grundy	x_____	_____	_____	_____
J. Heideman	x_____	_____	_____	_____
C. Martinson	x_____	_____	_____	_____
H. Schweitzer	x_____	_____	_____	_____
A. Thorpe	x_____	_____	_____	_____

Motion passed: 7-0

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

It was moved by C. Martinson and seconded by A. Thorpe to enter open session at 7:24 p.m.

Motion Passed: 7-0

The Board of Education recognized the transfer of Tammy Esser from Intermediate/Middle School Student Services Secretary to District Administrator Administrative Assistant and Board of Education Secretary.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by A. Thorpe to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion passed: 7-0

Holly Schweitzer, Clerk