

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
Monday, April 27, 2026**

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

**Absent:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order 6:00 p.m. by S. Bleck, District Administrator. The pledge of allegiance was led by S. Bleck. A quorum was established.

**III. Election of Officers**

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by N. Grundy to nominate J. Heideman as president. J. Heideman accepted the nomination. It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for J. Heideman as President. Motion carried: 7-0. J. Heideman was appointed President and then presided over the meeting.

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by H. Schwietzer to nominate K. Batten as Vice President. K. Batten accepted the nomination. A unanimous ballot for K. Batten as Vice President. Motion carried: 7-0.

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by N. Grundy to nominate H. Schweitzer as Clerk. H. Schweitzer accepted the nomination. It was moved by J. Gulbrandsen and seconded by A. Thorpe to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for H. Schweitzer as Clerk. Motion carried: 7-0.

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by N. Grundy to nominate M. Grossman as Treasurer. It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by K. Batten to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for M. Grossman as Treasurer. Motion carried: 7-0.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Resignation of Personnel
- b. Approval of Employment of Personnel

Requested by J. Heideman to move Consent Agenda to closed session.

**V. Unfinished Business**

**VI. New Business**

**a. Acceptance of the Statement of the Board of Canvassers**

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten to accept the Statement of the Board of Canvassers. Motion carried: 7-0.

**b. Community Flooding Update**

S. Bleck gave a recap on the recent flooding and our District's response.

**c. ACT 20**

T. McCartney, K. Grable and J. Peterson reviewed ACT 20. ACT 20 focuses on literacy outcomes for 4k-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

Requested by K. Batten for a mid-year update (26-27 school year) regarding results of AIMS Web testing to compare data collected in January.

**d. Review & Approval of 26-27 base wages**

Review by S. Bleck and J. Marquardt regarding review and approval of base wages for 2026-27. No changes to information from previous meeting.

Motion to approve wage increase of 2.63% to certified staff group as presented.

It was moved by M. Grossman, seconded H. Schweitzer to approve wage increase of 2.63% to certified staff group as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

|                | Aye               | Nay               | Abstain           |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| K. Batten      | <u>X</u>          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| M. Grossman    | <u>X</u>          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| N. Grundy      | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>X</u>          |
| J. Heideman    | <u>X</u>          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| J. Gulbrandsen | <u>X</u>          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| H. Schweitzer  | <u>X</u>          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| A. Thorpe      | <u>X</u>          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

Motion carried: 6-0 (1 abstain)

Motion to approve a wage increase of 2.63% to support staff group as presented.

It was moved by M. Grossman, seconded A. Thorpe to approve a wage increase of 2.63% to support staff group as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

|                | Aye      | Nay               | Abstain           |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| A. Thorpe      | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| H. Schweitzer  | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| J. Gulbrandsen | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| N. Grundy      | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| J. Heideman    | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| M. Grossman    | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| K. Batten      | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion to approve up to a wage increase of 2.63% to administrative staff group as presented.

It was moved by M. Grossman, seconded N. Grundy to approve a wage increase of 2.63% to administrative staff group as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

|                | Aye      | Nay               | Abstain           |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| H. Schweitzer  | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| N. Grundy      | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| J. Heideman    | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| M. Grossman    | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| K. Batten      | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| A. Thorpe      | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| J. Gulbrandsen | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

Motion carried: 7-0.

**e. Review & potential approval of High School Building Envelope Restoration**

J. Marquardt reviewed the need of the restoration project as presented. Funds were factored in the annual budget.

Motion to approve the restoration project at New London High School as presented.

It was moved by A. Thorpe, seconded by H. Schweitzer. Motion carried: 7-0.

Roll Call Vote:

|                | Aye      | Nay               | Abstain           |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| M. Grossman    | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| J. Gulbrandsen | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| A. Thorpe      | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| K. Batten      | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| H. Schweitzer  | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| N. Grundy      | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| J. Heideman    | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

**f. BOE High School Representative**

S. Bleck gave an update on the High School Representative. Alexa Kable, a Junior at New London High School will join the Board of Education meeting in May.

**VII. 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 and support staff members over which the Board has jurisdiction and exercises responsibility. (p.38)

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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 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 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

|                | Aye      | Nay               | Abstain           |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| J. Gulbrandsen | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| A. Thorpe      | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| H. Schweitzer  | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| J. Heideman    | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| N. Grundy      | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| K. Batten      | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| M. Grossman    | <u>X</u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

Motion carried: 7-0

**VIII. Reconvene In Open Session**

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by A. Thorpe to enter open session at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried: 7-0.

**Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of Resignation of Personnel**

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by A. Thorpe to approve the following resignations:

- Avery Behm, Physical Educator, ISMS, (2025-2026)
- Kirk Delwiche, Principal, Lincoln Elementary

Motion carried: 7-0.

**b. Approval of Employment of Personnel**

It was moved by J. Gulbrandsen and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the following new personnel:

- Lexi Penovich, Speech & Language Pathologist, Lincoln Elementary, (2026-2027)
- Melissa Henke, Special Education, ISMS (2026-2027)
- Michael Hinterthuer, Head Coach, HS Boys Soccer, (2026-2027)

Motion carried: 7-0.

**IX. Adjournment**

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion carried: 7-0.

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Holly Schweitzer, Clerk