

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Monday, May 13, 2026**

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

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by J. Heideman. The pledge of allegiance was led by J. Heideman. A quorum was established.

III. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 25, 2026 (pp. 3-4)
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2026 (pp. 5-7)
- c. Approval of Minutes of the Facilities Meeting of April 17, 2026 (pp. 8-9)
- d. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 27, 2026 (pp. 10-13)
- e. Approval of Resignation of Personnel
- f. Approval of Employment of Personnel

It was moved by J. Gulbrandsen and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve items a-d. Items e & f will be moved to closed session, per request

Motion carried: 7-0

IV. Reports

- a. Monthly Celebrations (5 min) – Scott Bleck (p. 14)
- b. Calendar (5 min) – Scott Bleck (p. 15)
- c. District Administrator (5 min) – Scott Bleck (p. 16-17)
- d. Business Services (5 min) – Joe Marquardt (p. 17)
- e. Pupil Services (5 min) – Sarah Johnson (p. 17-18)
- f. Teaching and Learning Services (5 min) Tamela McCartney (p. 18-19)
- g. Board of Education Student Representative (5 min) – Alexa Kable

The reports were reviewed by the District Administrator and Director Team.

V. Vouchers/Receipts

- a. For vouchers: Approve expenditures in the amount of \$2,985,715.94 as per list of May 7, 2026 (pp. 20-35)

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by A. Thorpe to approve voucher/receipts in the amount of \$2,985,715.94 as per the list dated May 7, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
J. Heideman	X		
A. Thorpe	X		
H. Schweitzer	X		
J. Gulbrandsen	X		
N. Grundy	X		
M. Grossman	X		
K. Batten	X		

Motion passed: 7-0

- b. For receipts: Record receipts from the receipt register of May 7, 2026 in the amount of \$1,062,712.24 (pp. 36-38)
- c. Financial Recap (p.39)

J. Marquardt highlighted the financial recap and responded to questions.

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

a. Board of Education Committee Structure and Assignments – Scott Bleck

J. Heideman reviewed committee structure and assignments, including appointment of the CESA 6 Board representative.

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by M. Grossman to recognize the 2026-27 Board committee structure & CESA 6 Board representative as presented.

Motion passed: 7-0

b. Appointment of CESA 6 Board Rep – Scott Bleck

-included in above motion

c. Review and Potential Approval of Professional Educators receiving 2026-27 Employment Contracts - Scott Bleck

S. Bleck reviewed the list of the professional educators that will be receiving contracts. One exception was noted, Linda Gregory, is retiring.

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by J. Gulbrandsen to approve the list of 2026-27 professional educators to receive individual contracts as presented.

Motion passed: 7-0

d. Review and Potential Approval of the 2025-26 Graduating Seniors – Scott Bleck, Riley Schussler and Philip Sloma

S. Bleck and R. Schussler reviewed the Class of 2026 graduating seniors.

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the list of the 2025-26 graduating seniors, pending fulfillment of all graduation requirements, as presented.

Motion passed: 7-0

e. **Review of Graduation Ceremony – Scott Bleck and Riley Schussler**

S. Bleck and R. Schussler reviewed the graduation ceremony.

f. **Wisconsin Early Literacy Coaching Program Grant – Tamela McCartney**

T. McCartney provided an update regarding the grant for an Early Literacy Coach. Lincoln Elementary School was awarded a 0.5 literacy coach for 2 years at no cost to the district.

g. **Preliminary Review of 2026-27 School Fees – Joe Marquardt**

S. Bleck and J. Marquardt reviewed school fees for the 2026-27 school year.

h. **Review and Potential Approval of the 2026-27 School Newspaper**

S. Bleck reviewed school newspaper.

It was moved by A. Thorpe and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the *Press Star* as the official school newspaper for 2026-27.

Motion passed: 7-0

i. **Review and Potential Approval of 2026-27 Open Enrollment Applications – Scott Bleck and Joe Marquardt**

S. Bleck and J. Marquardt reviewed Open Enrollment Applications and answered questions.

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by K. Batten to approve the resident and nonresident open enrollment applications for 2026-27 as recommended, contingent upon the student records received.

Motion passed: 7-0

j. **Review and Potential Approval of Official District Depositories and Individuals Authorized to Invest District Funds – Joe Marquardt**

J. Marquardt reviewed the list of Official District Depositories and individuals authorized to invest district funds.

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the official school depositories and the individuals who are authorized to invest district funds as presented.

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> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
N. Grundy	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
K. Batten	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
M. Grossman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed: 5-0

J. Heideman and K. Batten abstained

k. Report on WILL Conference 2026 School Board Summit – Andy Thorpe

C. Martinson and A. Thorpe provided highlights and information from the WILL Conference and provided a handout to Board members.

VIII. 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.

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

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to enter into closed session

pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
M. Grossman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
K. Batten	<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>
H. Schweitzer	<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

IX. Reconvene in Open Session

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by A. Thorpe to enter open session at 9:07 p.m.

Motion carried: 7-0.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Resignation of Personnel

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by K. Batten to approve the following retirements/resignations:

Retirements

- Kari Niemuth, Paraeducator, HS, (2025-2026)
- Cindy Wolford, Paraeducator, HS, (2025-2026)

Resignations:

- Kay Krejcarek, Speech/Language Pathologist, ISMS (2025-2026)

Motion carried: 7-0.

Approval of Employment of Personnel

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the following new personnel:

Brylee Barrington, 4th Grade Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, (2026-2027)
Carson Buss, 8th Grade Social Studies, ISMS (2026-2027)
Brittney Garceau, 4k Teacher, Sugar Bush/Readfield, (2026-2027)
Clarissa Hitter, English Teacher, NLHS, (2026-2027)
Libby McGrather, 3rd Grade Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, (2026-2027)
Jacqueline Schommer, Student Success Coordinator, NLHS, (2026-2027)
Jena Miles, Student Services Secretary, ISMS
Bobbi Riehl, Accounting Assistant & District Sub Coordinator, DO

Motion carried: 7-0.

Adjournment

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Motion carried: 7-0.

Holly Schweitzer, Clerk