

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Wednesday May 26, 2026**

PRESENT: M. Grossman, N. Grundy, J. Heideman, J. Gulbrandsen, H. Schweitzer, and A. Thorpe
Absent: K. Batten – arrived 6:16 p.m.

I. PUBLIC FORUM

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order 6:04 pm by J. Heideman, President. The pledge of allegiance was led by J. Heideman. A quorum was established.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Requested by A. Thorpe to move Consent Agenda to closed session.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **2026-2027 Board of Education Regular & Special Meeting Schedule – Scott Bleck**

S. Bleck reviewed 2026-27 Board of Education meeting schedule.

- b. **Review & Potential Approval of WIAA Agreements – Scott Bleck**

S. Bleck reviewed WIAA Agreements for Catalyst & NLHS.

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by A. Thorpe to approve WIAA Agreements as presented. Motion carried: 7-0

- c. **Pupil Services Department Plan, Part III – Sarah Johnson and Scott Bleck**

S. Johnson outlined a continuation of the Pupil Services Department Plan and how it aligns with Learning, Achievement & Safety. This included details related to Financial & Operation Stability and Engaged & Connected pillars. Further discussion on organic growth.

- d. **Review and Potential Approval 2026-27 School Fees - Scott Bleck and Joe Marquardt**

J. Marquardt reviewed 2026-27 school fees and answered questions.

It was moved by J. Gulbrandsen and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the 2026-27 School fees 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>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>
J. Heideman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion carried: 7-0

e. Review and Potential Approval of Custodial Services Contract – Joe Marquardt

J. Marquardt reviewed the five-year contract renewal with SSC and answered questions.

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by A. Thorpe to approve the 5-year-renewal contract with SSC for custodial services as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
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>
K. Batten	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Grossman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion carried: 7-0

f. Review & Potential Approval of 4-year old Kindergarten Service Agreement – Scott Bleck and Joe Marquardt

S. Bleck & J. Marquardt reviewed the 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Service Agreement with the Day Care Center of New London.

It was moved by A. Thorpe and seconded by K. Batten to approve the 4-year old Kindergarten Service Agreement with the Day Care Center of New London. Motion carried: 7-0

g. Review & Potential Approval of Sealcoating, Patching, Crack Filling and Striping Projects – Joe Marquardt

J. Marquardt reviewed bids for sealcoating, patching and striping projects at New London High School.

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by J. Gulbrandsen to approve the bid from Badgerland for Sealcoating, Patching & Striping projects at New London High School.

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
M. Grossman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
N. Grundy	<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>
J. Heideman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
K. Batten	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion carried: 7-0

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 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 A. Thorpe to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as noted on the agenda at 6:39 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried: 7-0

VII. Reconvene in Open Session

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by N. Grundy to enter into open session at 6:54 p.m.

Motion carried: 7-0

Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Resignation of Personnel

It was moved by J. Gulbrandsen and seconded by K. Batten to approve resignations of:

Jodie Knecht, Tutor/Interventionist, Lincoln Elementary (May 28, 2026)
Josh Murnane, HS Girls Wrestling Coach, NLHS

Motion carried: 7-0

b. Approval of Employment of Personnel

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the employment of:

Brett Pickarts, Associate Principal, ISMS (2026-27)
Carla Murray, District Reading Teacher/Interventionist (2026-27)

Motion carried: 7-0

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by A. Thorpe and seconded by N. Grundy to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Motion carried: 7-0

Holly Schweitzer, Clerk