

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

PRESENT: K. Batten, M. Grossman, N. Grundy J. Heideman, C. Martinson, 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 p.m. by J. Heideman, President. The pledge of allegiance was led by J. Heideman. A quorum was established.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, July 9, 2025
- B. Approval of Minutes of the Facilities, Capital Projects & Energy Conservation Committee Meeting of July 9, 2025
- C. Approval of Minutes of the Instructional Committee Meeting of Wednesday, July 23, 2025.
- D. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Wednesday, July 23, 2025.

The following items will be heard in Closed Session.

- Resignation of Personnel
- Employment of Personnel

Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

The calendar and director reports reviewed.

V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS

J. Marquardt reviewed the vouchers and receipts. A motion was made by H. Schweitzer and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$2,635,458.89 as per list of August 7, 2025. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

J. Heideman noted receipts from the receipt register of August 7, 2025, in the amount of 252,550.47.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Budget Hearing Date
J. Marquardt explained that the budget hearing date is scheduled for September 10, 2025.
- B. Review of Continuous Improvement Strategic Plan: Key Performance Indicator Snapshot
S. Bleck reviewed the continuous improvement strategic plan indicator snapshot. Suspend the Bond Rating indicator because we are debt free. Consider restating the indicator to give the district credit for being debt free. Suspend the indicator until bond rating needs to be utilized.
- C. Review and Potential Approval of Board Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation Report to Address Student Achievement and Growth

C. Martinson explained that they broke into different groups—decreased absenteeism: Steve Stalker, Steve Grunwald, Scott Bleck, Lauren Thompson, Erin Marsh; Increased student achievement: Molly Murnane, Lindsey Uvaas, Kirk Delwiche, Bill Krostue, Katie Batten, Tamela McCartney. Looked at multiple pieces of data from DPI data to test result data, to reviewing other states and what they are doing to decrease absenteeism.

Adding two interventionists—one for the 4K-4th Grades; and one for the ISMS 5th-8th grades. May have to adjust the timelines based upon the hiring. It was moved by C. Martinson and seconded by H. Schweitzer to adopt SMART Goal 1 and SMART Goal 2. Motion carried on a roll call of 7-0.

D. **Speech/Language Services 2025-26**

S. Johnson explained that Speech/Language Pathologists positions are very hard to fill. It was suggested to create up to 2.0 speech/Language Pathologist assistant positions to deliver the services as a one-year solution.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by M. Grossman to enter into Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

IX. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

It was moved by C. Martinson and seconded by M. Grossman to enter into Open Session at 9:16 p.m. Motion carried.

E. **Approval of Resignation of Personnel**

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the following resignations:

- Anne Procknow, Spec Ed, MS
- Brian Yerkey, High School Principal

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the following employment of personnel:

- Matthew Zodrow, Business Ed Teacher, HS
- Anna Henschel, Ed Asst, LN
- Shana Hietpas, Ed Asst, LN
- Gilda Nollenberg, Ed Asst, LN
- Melissa Scott, Ed Asst, PV
- Genevieve Surprise Ed Asst, LN
- Kyle Lubinski, Football-Varsity Assistant Coach
- Jason Liegl, Football-JV Coach
- Toni Laufenberg – Volleyball-Freshman Coach
- Christina Peterson Early Childhood Instructor, LN

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by K. Batten and seconded by A. Thorpe to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Motion carried.

Holly Schweitzer, Clerk