

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

**PRESENT:** K. Batten, M. Grossman, N. Grundy, J. Heideman, H. Schweitzer, A. Thorpe, and (C. Martinson attended remotely.)

**ABSENT:** N. Grundy

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

None

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by J. Heideman, President. The pledge of allegiance was led by J. Heideman. A quorum was established.

**III. Consent Agenda.**

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by A. Thorpe to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Passed: 7 to 0

**IV. Reports**

The monthly celebrations, calendar, director reports, and student representative report were reviewed.

**V. Vouchers/Receipts**

- A. For vouchers: It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by Holly Schweitzer to approve expenditures in the amount of \$993,555.06 as per list of January 7, 2026

Roll Call Vote:

|               | AYE    | Nay   |
|---------------|--------|-------|
| K. Batten     | x_____ | _____ |
| M. Grossman,  | x_____ | _____ |
| N. Grundy,    | _____  | _____ |
| J. Heideman,  | x_____ | _____ |
| C. Martinson, | x_____ | _____ |
| H. Schweitzer | x_____ | _____ |
| A. Thorpe.    | x_____ | _____ |

For receipts J Heideman noted record receipts from the receipt register of January 7, 2026, in the amount of \$1,511,001.37

**B. Financial Recap**

**VI. Unfinished Business**

None

VII. New Business

- A. Informational discussion of the 2026 School District Budget Development Calender was presented by J. Maquardt and S.Bleck

- B. Review and Potential approval of 2026 Building Roof Replacment Recomendations

Motion by H. Schweitzer second by K. Batten to approve 2026 Building Roof Replacment Recommendations to Northern Metal and Roofing Company for \$1,529,870.00

Roll Call Vote:

|               | AYE    | Nay   |
|---------------|--------|-------|
| K. Batten     | x_____ | _____ |
| M. Grossman,  | x_____ | _____ |
| N. Grundy,    | _____  | _____ |
| J. Heideman,  | x_____ | _____ |
| C. Martinson, | x_____ | _____ |
| H. Schweitzer | x_____ | _____ |
| A. Thorpe.    | x_____ | _____ |

- C. Discussion on High School principal hiring timeline.

S. Bleck shared the recommended high school principal hiring protocol with the Board of Education. Two Board members expressed interest in supporting the first round of interviews. M. Grossman and J. Heideman indicated their willingness to participate.

- d. Review and Potensial Approval of 2026-2027 Open Enrollment Space Availability

Motion by M. Grossman second by K. Batten to accept regular education open enrollment student applications for the 2026-2027 academic year, while recognizing that student special educatin open enrollment requests will be denied due to existing staffing capacity limitations.

Passed: 6 to 0

- e. Review and Potetnial Approval of School District Business Partner of the Year Nominations

Motion by M. Grossman second by A. Thorpe to approve Shamrock Heights Golf Course as the School District of New London 2025-2026 School District Business Partner of the Year.

Passed: 6 to 0

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, support, and co-curricular 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 certified and co-curricular staff members over which the Board has jurisdiction and exercises responsibility.

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, 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.

Pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(a) and (f) as well as 120.13(1)(c), Wis. Stats., the Board of Education will convene in closed session for the purpose of a student(s) expulsion proceeding.

Pursuant to Section (19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., the Board of Education will convene in closed session to discuss the evaluation of administrators over which the Board has jurisdiction and exercises responsibility.

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 6:52p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

|               | AYE    | Nay   |
|---------------|--------|-------|
| K. Batten     | x_____ | _____ |
| M. Grossman,  | x_____ | _____ |
| N. Grundy,    | _____  | _____ |
| J. Heideman,  | x_____ | _____ |
| C. Martinson, | x_____ | _____ |
| H. Schweitzer | x_____ | _____ |
| A. Thorpe.    | x_____ | _____ |

**IX. Reconvene in Open Session**

It was moved by K.Batten and seconded by A. Thorpe to enter open session at 8:12p.m. Motion carried.

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

**III.Consent Agenda**

**c. Resignation of Personnel**

It was moved by H.Schweitzer and seconded by A.Thorpe to approve resignations of personnel as recommended

Linda Gregory: End of 2025-2026 Academic Year: (Retirement)  
Becky Winkler: End of 2025-2026 Academic Year: (Retirement)  
Melissa Anderson: End of 2025-2026 Academic Year: (Retirement)  
Robin Sternhagen End of 2025-2026 Academic Year: (Retirement)  
Judith Jadin End: of 2025-2026 Academic Year: (Retirement)  
Tom Gauerke: End of 2025-2026 Academic Year: (Retirement)  
Ann Pinch: June 30, 2026 (Retirement)  
Rachel Kohler January 16, 2026 (Resignation)

Passed: 5 to 0

d. Approval of Employment of Personnel

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten .to approve employment of personnel as presented

Lexus Schutt: Accounting support staff

Amanda Rathje: Educational assistant

Kasey Kaepernick: Varsity Head Softball Coach

Robert Smith, Bryce Jaglinski, Joe Greuntzel: Assistant Ice Fishing Coach

Brenda Lunde: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

Mike Wohlt, Paul Desrochers, Breezy Tiegs: MS Girls Basketball

Passed: 5 to 0

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by A. Thorpe and seconded by K.Batten to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Passed: 5 to 0

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Holly Schweitzer, Clerk