

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

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

ABSENT:

****Note:** SDNL Board Meeting was not recorded and broadcasted due to a computer issue.**

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. The pledge of allegiance was led by J. Heideman. A quorum was established.

III. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2026 (pp. 3-6)
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Facilities, Capital Projects and Energy Conservation Committee Meeting of August 12, 2026 (p. 7)
- c. Approval of Resignation of Personnel
- d. Approval of Employment of Personnel

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by J. Gulbrandsen to approve items a, b and d. Item c will be moved to closed session.

Motion passed: 6-0

IV. Unfinished Business

- a. 2nd Reading - Revision: Policy 522.1 Employee Alcohol and/or Other Controlled Substances Use / Development: Policy 522.8 Staff-Student Relationships & Professional Boundaries – Scott Bleck (10 mins) (pp. 8-16)

S. Bleck reviewed policies 522.1 and 522.8 some minor editing to spacing within the policies was noted and will be updated.

S. Bleck discussed Act 89, it was presented to full staff at Professional Development and the bulk of staff was trained. Any staff that missed will be sent the training module.

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by K. Batten to approve Policy 522.1 with minor edits to spacing and to adopt Policy 522.8 as presented.

Motion passed: 6-0

V. New Business

- a. Review & Potential Approval of Facility Audit Contract with CESA 10 – Scott Bleck and Joseph Marquardt (10 mins) (pp. 17-19)

J. Marquardt reviewed facility audit options. Board members supported CESA 10 as their plan was easy to understand and navigate. CESA 10 will develop a report of our buildings with recommendations for our 10-year facilities plan. This report will be presented at a future board meeting.

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve a contract with CESA 10 to complete a facility audit.

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H. Schweitzer	<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>
A. Thorpe	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Grossman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Heideman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Gulbrandsen	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed: 6-0

- b. Review of Seclusion/Restraint 2025-26 – Sarah Johnson (10 mins) (pp. 20-21)

S. Johnson reviewed data from the 2025-26 Seclusion/Restraint report. It was noted that after an incident the staff involved meet as a team to debrief. After two incidents an IEP meeting is required. Family communication throughout the process is important as the team works towards putting the best supports in place to regulate behavior. Board members requested additional data in future reports, comparison from year to year.

- c. Vertical Team Professional Development - Tamela McCartney (10 mins) (pp. 22-28)

T. McCartney discussed Vertical Team Professional Development. This was developed based on a needs analysis and staff feedback. Teams will be held accountable throughout the year by assigned admin. Vertical teams will allow teachers that teach the same subjects across grade levels to meet and develop goals to align to best practice.

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 A. Thorpe and seconded by K. Batten to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 6:53 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>
J. Heideman	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Grossman	<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>
K. Batten	<u>x</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed: 6-0

VII. Reconvene in Open Session

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by K. Batten to enter open session at 7:05 p.m.

Motion passed: 6-0

Consent Agenda

Approval of Resignation of Personnel

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

Resignations
-Jessica Auer, Educational Assistant, ISMS

Motion passed: 6-0

Approval of Employment of Personnel

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

-Alexandria Fradrich, Educational Assistant, Reafield
-Breanna Hayes, Educational Assistant, Readfield
-Greg Shepard, Middle School Coach, Football
-Ellen Celske, JV Boys Coach, Soccer
-Libby McGrath, Varsity Assistant Coach, Volleyball
-Jaedyn Krueger, Middle School Coach, Volleyball

Motion passed: 6-0

Adjournment

It was moved by J. Gulbrandsen and seconded by K. Batten to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Motion passed: 6-0

Holly Schweitzer, Clerk