

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Wednesday, September 9, 2026**

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

ABSENT: N. Grundy

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 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 Special Meeting of August 26, 2026 (pp. 3-5)

It was moved by J. Gulbrandsen and seconded by A. Thorpe to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed: 5-0

IV. Reports

- a. Calendar (5 min) – Scott Bleck (p. 6-7)
- b. District Administrator (5 min) – Scott Bleck (p. 8)
- c. Business Services (5 min) – Joe Marquardt (p. 9)
- d. Pupil Services (5 min) – Sarah Johnson (p. 10)
- e. Teaching and Learning Services (5 min) – Tamela McCartney (p. 10-11)

Calendar and Director Reports were reviewed.

V. Vouchers/Receipts

- a. For vouchers: Approve expenditures in the amount of \$1,508,285.87 as per list of September 4, 2026 (pp. 12-25)

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by A. Thorpe to approve voucher/receipts in the amount of \$1,508,285.87 as per list of September 4, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
K. Batten	<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>
H. Schweitzer	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
N. Grundy	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Gulbrandsen	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
A. Thorpe	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed: 5-0

- a. For receipts: Record receipts from the receipt register of September 4, 2026 in the amount of \$2,714,950.41 (pp. 26-28)

J. Heideman noted receipts from the receipt register of September 4, 2026 in the amount of \$2,714,950.41.

- b. Financial Recap (p. 29)

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

- a. Approval of 2026-27 Budget for all funds in the amount of \$38,440,215 (5 min) – Joe Marquardt (pp. 30)

A motion was made by M. Grossman and seconded by J. Gulbrandsen to approve the 2026-27 budget for all funds in the amount of \$38,440,215.

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
A. Thorpe	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Gulbrandsen	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
N. Grundy	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
K. Batten	<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>

Motion passed: 5-0

- b. Approval of 2026-27 Fund 10 Tax Levy in the amount of \$10,825,403 - Joe Marquardt (pp.30)

A motion was made by A. Thorpe and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the 2026-27 budget for Fund 10 tax levy in the amount of \$10,825,403.

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
J. Gulbrandsen	<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>
M. Grossman	<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>
N. Grundy	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed: 5-0

- c. Approval of 2026-27 Property Tax Chargeback Levy in the amount of \$5,741 (p. 30)

A motion was made by J. Gulbrandsen and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the 2026-27 property tax chargeback levy in the amount of \$5,741.

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
J. Heideman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
N. Grundy	<u> </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>
H. Schweitzer	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Grossman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed: 5-0

- d. Approval of 2026-27 Fund 80 Tax Levy in the amount of \$140,000 - Joe Marquardt (p. 30)

A motion was made by K. Batten and seconded by A. Thorpe to approve the 2026-27 Fund 80 tax levy in the amount of \$140,000.

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
N. Grundy	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
A. Thorpe	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
K. Batten	<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>
M. Grossman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Gulbrandsen	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed: 5-0

- e. Elementary STEM Invention Project (5 min) – Tamela McCartney, Jody Peterson, Madalyn Simonis & Kristin Grable (p. 31)

2025-26 Needs Assessment identified a need to increase STEM opportunities for students. The pilot for Invention Project has been fully funded through the generosity of area local business, Amcor, Scheels, Waupaca Foundry and Northland Electrical Services, as well as donations from community members: Jon Brown, Christopher Krostue, Gail & John Helgeson, Kathy & Bob Brown and Debbie & Bill Krostue.

Students will take part in Invention Project once a month led by non-core teachers, educational assistants and NLHS students, creating a districtwide STEM learning opportunity for students throughout the district.

The Board appreciates all of the amazing donors that helped make this happen.

- f. Update on Literacy Work & Grade 3 Advancement Policy Implementation (10 min) – Tamela McCartney (p. 32)

T. McCartney provided an update regarding implementation of Act 20 and the grade advancement policy. Discussion centered on current data and practices and uncertainties as we move towards implementation of the Grade Retention Policy.

- g. Discussion on Districtwide ParentSquare Communication Implementation (5 min) – Scott Bleck (p. 33)

S. Bleck discussed the launch of ParentSquare as the new District communication platform. The district will continue to strengthen the use of ParentSquare while ensuring expectations and practices remain consistent across buildings.

Adjournment

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by M. Grossman to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Motion passed: 5-0

Holly Schweitzer, Clerk