

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Wednesday, July 8, 2026**

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

Absent: M. Grossman

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 Special Meeting of June 8, 2026 (p. 3)
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2026 (pp. 4-7)
- c. Approval of Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of June 10, 2026 (p. 8)
- d. Approval of Minutes of the Total Compensation & Relations Committee Meeting of June 19, 2026 (p. 9)
- e. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 24, 2026 (pp. 10-12)
- f. Approval of Resignation of Personnel
- g. Approval of Employment of Personnel

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by J. Gulbrandsen to approve items a-e. Items f & g will be moved to closed session.

Motion passed: 6-0

IV. Reports

- a. Calendar (5 min) – Scott Bleck (p. 13)
- b. District Administrator (5 min) – Scott Bleck (p. 14)
- c. Business Services (5 min) – Joe Marquardt (pp. 15, 17)
- d. Pupil Services (5 min) – Sarah Johnson (p. 15)
- e. Teaching and Learning Services (5 min) Tamela McCartney (p. 15-16)

S. Bleck reviewed the calendar and it was decided by the Board to cancel the July 22nd Board of Education meeting and Director Reports were reviewed.

V. Vouchers/Receipts

- a. For vouchers: Approve expenditures in the amount of \$1,430,863.89 as per list of June 30, 2026 (pp.18-22)

It was moved by A. Thorpe and seconded by N. Grundy to approve voucher/receipts in the amount of \$1,430,863.89 as per the list dated June 30, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
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>
M. Grossman	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
A. Thorpe	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Gulbrandsen	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Heideman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed: 6-0

- a. For receipts: Record receipts from the receipt register of June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$4,264,716.24 (pp. 23-27)

J. Heideman noted receipts from the receipt register of June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$4,264,716.24.

- a. Financial Recap (p. 28)

J. Marquardt highlighted the financial recap and answered questions.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. 2nd Reading – Wellness Policy 458 (5 min) – Scott Bleck and Sarah Johnson (p. 29-36)

Discussion regarding Wellness Policy.

It was moved by J. Gulbrandsen and seconded by K. Batten to approve Wellness Policy 458 as presented.

Motion passed: 6-0

VII. New Business

- a. Review of School Perception Survey (5 min) – Scott Bleck (pp. 37-43)

S. Bleck reviewed the results of the School Perception Survey. Request from J. Heideman for comments to be shared to the Board from the survey. S. Bleck will forward those.

- b. Review and Potential Approval of Co-Curricular Wage Schedule (5 min) – Scott Bleck and Joe Marquardt (pp. 44-46).

Discussion regarding the Co-Curricular Wage Schedule.

It was moved by A. Thorpe and seconded by K. Batten to approve Co-Curricular Wage Schedule as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed: 6-0

- c. Review and Potential Approval of Substitute Staffing Pay Rates (5 min) – Scott Bleck and Joe Marquardt (p. 47)

Discussion regarding substitute pay rates and how we compare to surrounding districts.

It was moved by J. Gulbrandsen and seconded by A. Thorpe to approve Substitute Staffing Pay Rates 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>
K. Batten	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
H. Schweitzer	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Grossman	<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: 6-0

- d. Review and Potential Approval of 2026-27 Employee Handbook/Addendums Revisions (5 min) – Scott Bleck and Joe Marquardt (pp. 48-122)

Discussion regarding updates/changes to the Employee Handbook.

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by K. Batten to approve the revisions to the 2026-27 Employee Handbook/Addendums as presented.

Motion passed: 6-0

- e. Review and Potential Approval of 2026-27 Parent/Student Handbook/Addendums Revisions (5 min) – Scott Bleck and Joe Marquardt (pp. 123-150)

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by A. Thorpe to approve the revisions to the 2026-27 Employee Handbook/Addendums as presented.

Motion passed: 6-0

- f. Notice of Academic Standards (5 min) – Scott Bleck and Tamela McCartney (pp. 151-156)

S. Bleck provided the Notice of Academic Standards for the 2026-27 school year in regard to mathematics, science, reading and writing, geography and history.

- g. 2025-26 School Nurse Report (5 min) – Scott Bleck and Sarah Johnson (pp.157-160)

S. Bleck reviewed the 2026-26 School Nurse report.

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by K. Batten to approve 2025-26 School Nurse report as presented.

Motion passed: 6-0

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 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 J. Gulbrandsen and seconded by K. Batten to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed: 6-0

IX. Reconvene in Open Session

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by N. Grundy to enter open session at 7:26 p.m.

Motion passed: 6-0

Consent Agenda

Approval of Resignation of Personnel

It was moved by J. Gulbrandsen and seconded by A. Thorpe to accept the following resignations/retirements as presented:

Resignations/Retirements

- Elle Schuh, 5th & 6th Grade School Counselor, ISMS (2025-26)
- Dani Kamba, Program Support Teacher, Districtwide (2025-26)

Motion passed: 6-0

Approval of Employment of Personnel

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by J. Gulbrandsen to approve the following new personnel:

- Breanna Lindemuth, English Teacher, NLHS
- Crystal Besaw, Secretary II, Parkview Elementary
- Courtney Butler, Secretary I, Readfield Elementary
- Kristin Gustafson, ELA Teacher, ISMS
- Chase Nelson, Physical Education Teacher, Parkview/Readfield

Motion passed: 6-0

Adjournment

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by A. Thorpe to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Motion passed: 6-0

Holly Schweitzer, Clerk