

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

PRESENT: K. Batten, J. Heideman, M. Grossman, N. Grundy, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer, and M. Wilz.

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

Roseanne Sanderfoot, N5462 Obertin Road, New London - Roseanne discussed school safety and security; she asked that the Board consider having the conversation of concealed carry for staff; several venues offer training for this.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson. A quorum was established.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Approval of the Policy Committee Meeting of Thursday, December 5, 2024 (amend signature line to read Katie Batten instead of Holly Schweitzer)
- Approval of Minutes of the Facilities, Capital Projects & Energy Conservation Committee Meeting of Wednesday, December 11, 2024
- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, December 11, 2024
- Approval of Closed Session Minutes of Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

The calendar and director reports were reviewed. Board members were invited to the staff breakfast on January 17 (staff professional development day) from 7:45-8:30 a.m. at the High School as an opportunity to stay connected with our school community. S. Bleck inquired if the Board would be interested in hosting a meeting for area school board members to meet with local state representatives, and the Board was very receptive to hosting this again.

Evan Retzlaff gave a student report.

V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS

J. Marquardt reviewed the vouchers and receipts. A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,280,160.42 as per list of January 3, 2025. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

C. Martinson noted receipts from the receipt register of January 3, 2025, in the amount of \$1,096,903.50.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Town of Caledonia Park Development Project Scope

Pete Bosquez was present and reviewed the project scope of a park development project currently underway by the Township of Caledonia. The Township has received a grant for this park development and the Gruetzmacher family has agreed to match the grant. Three tennis courts are included in the original plan, but the Township would like to include six tennis courts to allow the school district to host home tennis meets. The Gruetzmachers support the additional tennis courts, but in order to utilize funds from their donation, they are asking the district to contribute funding as well. Concerns were raised regarding the type of surface that would be used, and Pete Bosquez indicated that WIAA has approved

the surface. The Board agreed to send this back to the Facilities Committee for discussion and consideration.

B. First Reading of Revised Policies/Administrative Guidelines

S. Bleck reviewed the following revised policies/administrative guidelines:

- 672 Purchasing
- *710 Support Services Goals (Section Title)*
- *720 Safety Program (Section Title)*
- 723.3 Emergency School Closings
- 724 Media Contact During School Emergency
- *730 Building and Grounds Maintenance (Section Title)*
- 731.1 Locker Room Privacy
- 731.3 Identification Badges
- 733 Energy Management
- *740 Materials Resource Management (Section Title)*
- 742 Use of District-Owned Furniture or Equipment
- *750 Transportation Services Management (Section Title)*
- 751 Student Transportation Services
- 751.11 Student Transportation from Licensed Group Daycare Providers
- 751.12 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students
- 751.2 Transportation Safety Program
- 751.21 Bus Accident—Emergency Procedures
- 751.22 Video Monitoring System on School Buses
- 751.23 Transportation in Unusually Hazardous Areas
- *760 Food Services Management (Section Title)*
- *770 Office Services Management (Section Title)*
- 771 Copies—Request For
- *780 Insurance Management (Section Title)*

The revised policies will be presented to the Board at the Special Board of Education meeting on January 20 for final approval.

C. Draft Review of the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Academic Calendars

S. Bleck reviewed the draft academic calendars for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Discussion was held regarding the placement of spring break; it was also suggested to have off of school on the days leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, but this will impact the end of school dates. S. Bleck will take this into consideration, and the calendars will be presented to the Board at the Special Board of Education meeting on January 20 for final approval.

D. Budget Calendar

J. Marquardt reviewed the budget calendar.

E. Review and Potential Approval of 2025-26 School Bus Purchases

It was moved by N. Grundy and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the purchase of three school buses from Ascendance as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

F. Review and Potential Approval of Summer 2025 High School Flooring Project

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to approve HJ Martin and Son, Inc., to complete the High School flooring project as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

G. Review and Potential Approval of Open Enrollment Spaces

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the number of open enrollment spaces as presented for regular or special education for the 2025-26 school year based on 2024-25 staffing or potential new resident enrollment. Motion carried.

H. Board of Education Business/Donors Recognition

C. Martinson suggested having an internal Business of the Year recognition, and Board members were receptive to the idea. It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to develop this

recognition program. Motion carried. Board members were asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to enter open session at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

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

A. Resignation of Personnel

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by H. Heideman to accept the following resignations:

- Judy Hopman (retiring end of the 2024-25 school year)
Special Ed, Lincoln Elementary
- Pete Mroczynski (retiring end of the 2024-25 school year)
Dean of Students, Intermediate/Middle School
- Melissa Porath (retiring end of the 2024-25 school year)
Business Teacher, High School
- John Ruckdashel (retiring end of the 2024-25 school year)
Science Teacher, High School
- Stacy Ruckdashel (retiring end of the 2024-25 school year)
Science Teacher, Intermediate/Middle School
- Nicole Spranger (effective 1/17/25)
Educational Assistant, Intermediate/Middle School
- Samantha Young (effective 12/31/24)
Educational Assistant, Lincoln Elementary
- Stacy Ruckdashel
Swimming-Varsity Coach
Dance Team-Varsity Coach

Motion carried.

B. Employment of Personnel

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to approve employment of the following:

- Emily Bauer, Educational Assistant, Intermediate/Middle School
- Carson Buss, Educational Assistant, Intermediate/Middle School
- Melina Goza, Educational Assistant, Lincoln Elementary
- Joe Sambs, Varsity Coach Girls Golf

Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Katie Batten, Clerk