

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Monday, January 20, 2025**

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

I. PUBLIC FORUM

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the resignations of:

- Kandi Martin, Director of Pupil Services effective 6/30/25
- Kyle Collins, Varsity Head Football Coach

Motion carried.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Second Reading for Review and Potential Approval of Revised Policies

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the following revised policies as presented:

- 723.3 Emergency School Closings
- 731.1 Locker Room Privacy
- 733 Energy Management
- 751 Student Transportation Services
- 751.11 Student Transportation from Licensed Group Daycare Providers
- 751.12 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students
- 751.21 Bus Accident—Emergency Procedures

Motion carried.

B. Second Hearing for Review and Potential Approval of the 2025-2026 and the 2026-2027 School Academic Calendars

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the 2025-2026 calendar as presented.

Motion to table the motion until the next meeting was made by M. Wilz and seconded by N. Grundy. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-2 (M. Grossman-yes, N. Grundy-yes, J. Heideman-yes, H. Schweitzer-yes, M. Wilz-yes, K. Batten-no, C. Martinson-no).

S. Bleck explained that if the decision is made to remove required instructional days from the academic calendar, this will need to be discussed at the Total Compensation Committee level as this will affect the calculation of certified staff salaries.

V. New Business

A. Review of 2023-24 Audit Report

J. Marquardt reviewed the 2023-24 audit report.

B. Budget Update

J. Marquardt gave a budget update.

C. Board of Education Business/Donors Recognition

S. Bleck and C. Martinson discussed the process of recognizing business and donors whose generosity

has greatly supported district functions. A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to award the Board of Education Business of the Year recognition to Tigerton Lumber. Motion carried.

D. Review of WASB Self-Evaluation Tool

S. Bleck reviewed the WASB self-evaluation tool and timelines. The evaluation tool will be emailed to the Board of Education members the week of January 27.

E. Review of Director of Teaching and Learning Employment Posting and Hiring Timeline

S. Bleck reviewed the employment posting and hiring timeline for the Director of Teaching and Learning position.

F. Board of Education Special Committee on Student Achievement and Growth

S. Bleck and C. Martinson explained the potential establishment of a special committee to focus on in-depth discussions and exploration of student academic growth and academic achievement. The Board will continue their review of this concept at the next Board meeting.

G. Review and Potential Approval of Agri-Science/FFA Out-of-Country Field Trip Request

C. Retzlaff reviewed out-of-country field trip request. It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the Agri-Science/FFA out-of-country field trip to Italy/France during the summer of 2027 as presented. Motion carried.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by K. Batten to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to enter open session at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the Director of Business Service 2025-2027 contract. Motion carried.

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the District Administrator 2025-2027 contract. Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Grundy to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Katie Batten, Clerk