

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

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

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 C. Martinson, President. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson. A quorum was established.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 8, 2025
- Approval of Minutes of the Instructional Committee Meeting of Tuesday, January 14, 2025
- Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, January 20, 2025
- Resignation:
 - McCoy Mix, Volleyball-Head Varsity Coach

Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

The calendar and director reports were reviewed. Evan Retzlaff gave a student report. The second Friday count was reviewed.

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 \$3,252,886.71 as per list of February 6, 2025. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

C. Martinson noted receipts from the receipt register of February 6, 2025, in the amount of \$4,580,559.77.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

C. Martinson explained that at the January 20, 2025, Special Board of Education meeting a motion was made by K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the calendar as presented on January 20. A motion was then made to table the motion until the next meeting. The motion is back on the table.

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by N. Grundy to amend the motion to accept the revised calendar as presented by S. Bleck. Motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of E-Learning/At-Home Learning on School Closure Days

S. Bleck reviewed the E-Learning/At-Home Learning on school closure days.

B. Review and Potential Approval of Summer 2025 High School and Intermediate Middle School Roofing Bids

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to approve Northern Metal & Roofing Company, Inc., to complete the summer 2025 High School Roofing project as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by N. Grundy to approve Walsdorf Roofing Co., Inc., to complete the summer 2025 Intermediate Middle School Roofing project as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

C. Review and Potential Approval of Board of Education Special Committee on Student Achievement and Growth

A motion was made by M. Grossman to not accept the proposed committee. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by N. Grundy to approve the Board of Education Special Committee on Student Achievement and Growth.

M. Grossman expressed concerns about the appointment of this Special Committee, specifically not consulting the Building Principals or staff as to what they are currently doing regarding student growth and achievement.

Motion to approve the Board of Education Special Committee on Student Achievement and Growth was carried on a roll call vote of 5-1 (J. Heideman-yes, H. Schweitzer-yes, K. Batten-yes, M. Grossman-no, N. Grundy-yes, C. Martinson-yes).

The Board was in agreement that the administrators should present their existing programs and processes at the next Board meeting. Following that meeting, the Board will work on establishing the Special Committee.

D. School Board Candidate Forum

S. Bleck reviewed the school board candidate forum that will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the New London High School auditorium.

The Board discussed the process of questions for the forum. Board members agreed to submit two pertinent questions to Jill Willner by February 20 to be reviewed by the Board on February 26. Questions will be accepted by the audience later in the forum and the moderator will determine which of those questions will be asked.

E. Review and Potential Approval of Shared Grant Writer Memorandum of Understanding with the New London Chamber, City of New London and School District of New London

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by K. Batten to approve the shared grant writer position with the New London Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of New London, and the School District of New London. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

F. WASB Education Convention Board Member Feedback

M. Grossman, N. Grundy, S. Bleck, C. Martinson and J. Heideman provided feedback from the State Education Convention. The Board agreed that the district should nominate the High School vocal program to perform at the convention, if agreed upon by Mr. Spindler.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by N. Grundy to enter open session at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.
Motion carried.

Katie Batten, Clerk