

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Wednesday, August 12, 2026**

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

ABSENT: J. Gulbrandsen and N. Grundy

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

Nathan Krueger, 1718 Jefferson St., New London, WI – spoke on Wellness Policy 458

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 Regular Meeting of July 8, 2026 (pp. 3-7)
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of August 4, 2026 (p. 8-9)
- c. Approval of Resignation of Personnel
- d. Approval of Employment of Personnel

It was moved by A. Thorpe and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve items a & b. Items c & d will be moved to closed session.

Motion passed: 5-0

IV. Reports

- a. Calendar (5 min) – Scott Bleck (p. 10)
- b. District Administrator (5 min) – Scott Bleck (pp. 11-12)
- c. Business Services (5 min) – Joe Marquardt (p. 12)
- d. Pupil Services (5 min) – Sarah Johnson (p. 13)
- e. Teaching and Learning Services (5 min) Tamela McCartney (pp. 13-14)

Calendar and Director Reports were reviewed.

V. Vouchers/Receipts

- a. For vouchers: Approve expenditures in the amount of \$2,466,894.93 as per list of August 6, 2026 (pp. 15-20)

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten to approve voucher/receipts in the amount of \$2,466,894.93 as per the list dated August 6, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed: 5-0

- b. For receipts: Record receipts from the receipt register of August 6, 2026 in the amount of \$231,641.29 (pp. 21-23)

J. Heideman noted receipts from the receipt register of August 6, 2026 in the amount of \$231,641.29

- c. Financial Recap (p. 24)

No further discussion or questions.

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

- a. Budget Hearing Date (5 min) – Joe Marquardt (pp. 25)

J. Marquardt requested any budget feedback or changes be submitted to S. Bleck prior to the Budget Hearing.

- b. Revision of Policy 522.1 and First Reading of Policy 522.8 – Scott Bleck (pp. 26-32)

S. Bleck reviewed the revisions to Policy 522.1

S. Bleck led the first reading of Policy 522.8. This was developed from WI Act 89. Legislation required adoption by September 1st. The district must also provide annual training through DPI to all staff.

- c. Wellness Policy/Guideline 458 – Scott Bleck (pp. 33-37)

Discussion regarding Wellness Policy 458, Board members discussed feedback from staff and community members that they have received.

Motion to suspend implementation of Policy 458, pending further review by the Policy Committee with input from the Wellness team. Policy 458 will revert back to the version prior to the most recent updates.

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by M. Grossman to suspend Policy 458, pending further review.

Motion passed: 5-0

- d. Acknowledgment of Policy Committee Review (100 series), Policies 166, 170, 171, 172, 173 & 174 – Scott Bleck (pp. 38-47)

It was moved by A. Thorpe and seconded by H. Schweitzer to acknowledge and approve Policies 166, 170, 171, 172, 173 & 174, with a revision to Policy 171 to remove “2nd Monday’s.

Motion passed: 5-0

- e. Teacher Authority/Classroom Management/Parental Notification – John Heideman and Scott Bleck (pp.48-63)

S. Bleck and J. Heideman reviewed handouts. J. Heideman would like to receive feedback from District staff prior to BOE discussion. S. Bleck will work to share information and collect feedback from staff.

- f. Review of Continuous Improvement Strategic Plan: Key Performance Indicator Snapshot (10 min) - Scott Bleck (pp.64-85)

S. Bleck reviewed the Continuous Improvement Strategic Plan and answered questions. Discussion on ways to improve scores in various areas.

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 K. Batten and seconded by H. Schweitzer to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 7:45 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed: 5-0

IX. Reconvene in Open Session

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by A. Thorpe to enter open session at 8:03 p.m.

Motion passed: 5-0

Consent Agenda

Approval of Resignation of Personnel

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

Resignations/Retirements

- Gilda Nollenberg, Educational Assistant, Lincoln Elementary (2025-26)
- Genevieve Suprise, Educational Assistant, Lincoln Elementary (2025-26)
- Amber Yerkey, Co-Head Coach Track & Field, New London High School (2025-26)

Motion passed: 5-0

Approval of Employment of Personnel

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by A. Thorpe to approve the following new personnel:

- Alissa Beyer, 5th Grade Special Education Teacher, ISMS
- Janine Connolly, 5th & 6th grade School Counselor, ISMS

- Cassidy Fernandez, Secretary I, Readfield Elementary
- Sarah Flohr, Alt Ed/Next Gen, New London High School
- Christine Peel, 3rd grade Teacher, Sugar Bush Elementary School
- Garrett Ruckdashel, Varsity Girls Wrestling Coach, New London High School
- Tiffany Strey, School Nurse, Districtwide
- Lisa Griffin, Educational Assistant, HS
- Raven Litchfield, Educational Assistant, HS
- Madeline Morien, Educational Assistant, ISMS
- Tiffani Rosas, Educational Assistant, ISMS
- Kolby Roof, Educational Assistant, ISMS
- Machenzie Fields, Educational Assistant, PV
- Baily Scott, Educational Assistant, LN
- Johannah Kaminske, Educational Assistant, LN
- Lauren Griggs, Educational Assistant, LN

Motion passed: 5-0

Adjournment

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by A. Thorpe to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Motion passed: 5-0

Holly Schweitzer, Clerk