

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
at the District Administration Building
Monday, January 24, 2022**

PRESENT: K. Batten, P. Bosquez, M. Grossman, J. Heideman, C. Martinson (virtual), T. Ruckdashel, and T. Wegner.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by T. Wegner, President. A quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by T. Wegner, President.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Potential Approval of Ag Department Trip to Ireland

It was moved by P. Bosquez and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the out-of-country field trip request to Ireland in July 2023 to support agri-science cultural experiences. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. The Board asked Mrs. Retzlaff to look at other funding sources like grants, scholarships, and support from FFA alumni.

B. Review of Potential Funding Options for the Intermediate/Middle School Remodel Project

J. Marquardt and S. Bleck reviewed the funding options for the Intermediate/Middle School remodel project.

C. Review and Potential Approval of Intermediate/Middle School Remodel Contract with Milbach Construction

It was moved by P. Bosquez and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the contract with Milbach Construction for Intermediate/Middle School remodel as presented. Motion carried on a roll vote of 7-0.

D. Review and Potential Approval of Filter Media Replacement at Sugar Bush Elementary

It was moved by P. Bosquez and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the filter media replacement at Sugar Bush Elementary. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

E. Review and Potential Approval of Lawn Mower Purchase

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the purchase of a lawn mower as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

F. Board Candidate Forum Processing Timeline

S. Bleck reviewed the Board candidate forum timeline.

G. ESSER III Funding Presentation and Processing Timeline

D. Sievert and S. Bleck reviewed the ESSER III funding and processing timeline.

H. Update of Rawhide Pilot Course Options

D. Sievert gave an update on the Rawhide course options.

I. Review and Potential Approval of Spectrum Reach Digital Campaign

It was moved by P. Bosquez and seconded by J. Heideman to recognize the agreement with Spectrum Reach to establish digital/display online campaign February through September 2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

J. Discussion and Potential Action as to Topic for Consideration at a Future Board Meeting – “Discussion of the District’s Policy as to Transgender Students” (Proposed by Board Member Chris Martinson)

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the request to add “Discussion of the District’s Policy as to Transgender Students” as a future agenda item. A motion was made by P. Bosquez and seconded by C. Martinson to amend the motion to send the topic request to the Policy Committee for review and potential action to be taken by the committee within 60 days from January 24, 2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

The motion originally made by K. Batten and seconded by J. Heideman was amended to send the topic request to the Policy Committee for review and potential action to be taken by the committee within 60 days from January 24, 2022, following which any policy changes or new policies would be placed on a board meeting agenda for review and potential approval, was carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

III. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried.

Tina Ruckdashel, Clerk