

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Monday, February 26, 2024**

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

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

- Nate Grundy, E9155 Ebony Rose Lane, New London: he expressed support of parental approval before transitioning to transgender; in support of no biological males in sports; would like to push even further for bathrooms and locker rooms
- Merry Stern, N4531 Larry Road, New London: she expressed support of parental rights

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson. Holly Schweitzer joined the meeting virtually.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Resignation of Personnel
 - Joanna Ledgerwood
- Employment of Personnel
 - Mark Langel, Bus Driver
 - Consuelo Morales, Bilingual Tutor
 - Taylor Ryan, Payroll Specialist

Motion carried.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Revised Policies/Administrative Guidelines

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

- 411 Equal Educational Opportunities/Complaint Procedures
- 433.1 Elementary Intradistrict Transfer Request
- 433.2 Assignment/Placement of Students
- 434 Released Time for Students
- 434.1 Released Time for Religious Instruction – Students
- 435 Withdrawal from School
- 436 Dismissal During School Hours – Student
- *440 Student Rights and Responsibilities (Section Title)*
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- 443 Code of Student Conduct
- 443.1 Student Dress
- 443.2 Student Conduct on School Bus
- 443.4 Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use
- 443.41 Breath-Testing Students for the Presence of Alcohol
- 443.71 Bullying
- 443.8 Gang Activity – Prohibited
- 444 Married Students and School Age Parents
- 445 Interrogations – Student
- 445.1 Student Interviews by Police
- 446 Searches – Student
- 446.1 Searches – Student Locker/Desk
- 446.2 Searches by Trained Canines
- 447 Student Behavior and Discipline
- 447.1 Corporal Punishment

- 447.2 Student Detentions
- 447.3 Student Suspension
- 447.4 Student Expulsion
- 449 Due Process Hearing Requests Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- *450 Student Health and Welfare (Section Title)*
- 452 Student Aid Programs

It was the consensus of the Board to add the word “medical” before the word “transition” to 411, B, 1. It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by M. Grossman to request a written legal opinion from Attorney Jim Macy on what is different since April 2022 in support of Policy 411, B, 2. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-2 (M. Grossman-yes, J. Heideman-yes, H. Schweitzer-yes, T. Wegner-yes, M. Wilz-yes, C. Martinson-no, K. Batten-no.).

B. Review of Charter School Contract Between School District of New London and Catalyst Academy

K. Martin and S. Bleck reviewed the Charter School contract for Catalyst Academy.

C. Quarterly Budget Review

J. Marquardt gave a quarterly budget review.

D. Review and Potential Approval of High School Leadership Staffing Structure

S. Bleck and B. Yerkey reviewed the leadership staffing structure. It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the High School leadership staffing structure as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

E. Review and Potential Approval CESA 6 District Communication Audit Proposal

S. Bleck reviewed the CESA 6 District Communication audit proposal. It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by T. Wegner to approve the CESA 6 Communications and Marketing Audit and services. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

F. School Board Candidate Forum

S. Bleck explained that there are three candidates running for three seats. The Board discussed holding a candidate forum. It was the consensus of the Board to hold a School Board Candidate forum on Monday, March 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. H. Schweitzer will not participate virtually in Closed Session.

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by M. Wilz to enter open session at 7:55 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 K. Batten to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Katie Batten, Clerk