

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Monday, March 27, 2023**

PRESENT: K. Batten, J. Heideman M. Grossman, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer, T. Wegner, and 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. A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Inspire Waupaca County Connect

Beth Nash, Director of Waupaca County Inspire Connect, gave an overview of the program. The program connects students to employers, trying to keep talent local.

B. Discussion About 2023-24 Wage Increases

The Board discussed the 2023-24 wage increases.

C. Review of Top Board Engagement Strategies

The Board reviewed the top five board engagement strategies. It was the consensus of the Board to focus on the first two strategies:

- Examine the concept of instructional paraprofessional classroom support for student growth in grades K-2 in math and literacy. Staffing and budget implications will be investigated and reported back to the board.
- Examine employee schedules to ensure breaks, prep time, and lunches are aligned to assist with workload expectations. Further, examine certified staff workdays on Wednesdays to support lifework balance while still ensuring the fulfillment of professional obligations are met. Building principals will potentially report to the board on how PLCs are working.

D. Gantt Chart Review

S. Bleck reviewed the Gantt chart draft. As engagement strategies are planned, they will be added to the Gantt chart.

The Board discussed holding Board meetings at the different school buildings, and it was the consensus of the Board to hold the monthly special board meetings during the school year at the school buildings. The Special Board of Education meeting on May 22 will be held at Lincoln Elementary.

E. Review and Potential Approval of Minivan Purchase

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the minivan purchase as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Association of Equity in Funding Resolution Support

The Board discussed the draft resolution supporting increased funding for school districts identified as low spending. It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by K. Batten to approve the Board resolution. Motion carried.

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by H. Schweitzer to send to all Joint Finance Committee members and our school district state elected legislators. Motion carried.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by M. Wilz to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by K. Batten to enter open session at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

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

A. Resignation of Personnel

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by J. Heideman to accept the following resignations:

- Aleah Friemark, Alt Ed Teacher, Intermediate/Middle School
- Ashley Murphy, Educational Assistant, Intermediate/Middle School
- Kurt Schommer, Phy Ed, High School
- Jessica Schuetz, Educational Assistant, Readfield

Motion carried.

B. Employment of Personnel

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by K. Batten to approve the employment of the following:

- Elizabeth Maus, School Counselor, Intermediate/Middle School

Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Katie Batten, Clerk