

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Monday, April 24, 2023**

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

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

- Melissa Anderson, N3298 Cty. Rd. D., Clintonville: Melissa explained that she is the President of the New London Education Association (NLEA); they give out scholarships to future educators and there is only 1 application received this year; she expressed concerns with not giving the CPI increase; it is an opportunity to value the profession and provide an increase to each teacher's salary
- Molly Murnane, E9164 Jennings Road, New London: Molly is the mother of 4; she leaves her children under the care of the staff of the School District of New London every day; educators do a lot in the time that they provide education; it is irresponsible for us to pull back on their ability to make a fair wage; she is concerned with salaries being presented as a referendum as it would be unlikely to pass; staff need to make fair wages
- Bill Krostue, N3529 Sunset Lane, New London: congratulations to John Heideman and Chris Martinson for winning the school board election; he knows they will do what's best for ALL students

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by S. Bleck, District Administrator. A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by S. Bleck.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to nominate C. Martinson as President. It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by T. Wegner to nominate M. Grossman as President. Both C. Martinson and M. Grossman accepted their nomination. A motion was made by T. Wegner and seconded by H. Schweitzer to close the nominations. Motion carried. M. Grossman and C. Martinson were each given 3 minutes to express support of their nomination. A written ballot was cast. C. Martinson was appointed President by a vote of 4-3.

C. Martinson was appointed President and then presided over the meeting.

A motion was made by H. Schweitzer and seconded by M. Wilz to nominate J. Heideman as Vice President. A motion was made by M. Grossman to nominate T. Wegner as Vice President. No second was received. J. Heideman accepted the nomination; T. Wegner did not accept the nomination. A motion was made by M. Grossman and seconded by M. Wilz to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for J. Heideman as Vice President. Motion carried. J. Heideman was appointed Vice President.

A motion was made by M. Wilz and seconded by J. Heideman to nominate K. Batten as Clerk. A motion was made by T. Wegner and seconded by J. Heideman to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for K. Batten as Clerk. Motion carried. K. Batten accepted the nomination and was appointed clerk.

A motion was made by J. Heideman to nominate H. Schweitzer as Treasurer. J. Heideman withdrew his nomination. It was moved by J. Heideman to nominate M. Wilz as Treasurer. No second received. A motion was made by M. Wilz and seconded by K. Batten to nominate M. Grossman as Treasurer. M. Grossman accepted the nomination; M. Wilz did not accept the nomination. A motion was made by K. Batten and seconded by M. Wilz to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for M. Grossman as Treasurer. Motion carried. M. Grossman was appointed Treasurer.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the consent agenda items. It was

requested by M. Grossman to remove the resignations from the consent agenda. It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the consent agenda item of Employment of Personnel. Motion carried.

- Employment of Personnel
 - Janae Peterson, Vocal Music, Intermediate/Middle School
 - Meghan Wenninger, School Psychologist

Motion carried.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading for Potential Approval of Revised Policies

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the following revised policies as presented:

- 330 Curriculum Development
- 331 Curriculum Guides
- 333 Parent Rights and the Curriculum
- 334 Curriculum Changes of Programs
- 342.1 Programs for Students with Disabilities
- 342.11 Independent Educational Evaluation

Motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Board of Education Committees

The Board reviewed the committees. Board members were asked to email J. Willner with their committee interest by Monday morning, May 1.

B. Review and Potential Approval of Resolution Authorizing Wisconsin Investment Series

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the resolution authorizing entry into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement relating to the Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative and authorizing participation in the investment programs of the fund. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

C. Review and Potential Approval of Official District Depositories and Individuals Authorized to Invest District Funds

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by K. Batten to approve the official school depositories and the individuals authorized to invest district funds as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0, with J. Heideman abstaining.

D. Discussion of 2023-24 School Fees

J. Marquardt reviewed the 2023-24 school fees. The Board discussed the necessity of resetting the fees back to where they were. It was suggested that school menu options be reviewed again.

E. Board Self-Evaluation Review

S. Bleck explained that the Board was provided the School Perceptions and WASB summary and comparative reports. The Board agreed that the Board orientation program has made significant improvements. The Board discussed how to better communicate with legislators. The Board felt that this has improved over the last few months since the Board approved the resolution on funding, as well as asking Senator Ballweg to visit. It was the consensus of the Board to videotape the visit of Senator Ballweg scheduled for Tuesday, April 25.

Board members were asked to email S. Bleck with their top 3 items they would like to discuss further from the self-evaluation survey.

VII. 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 7:16 p.m. on carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten to enter open session at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried.

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

A. Resignation of Personnel

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by T. Wegner to accept the following resignations:

- Joan Barraza, Bilingual Tutor, Lincoln
- Joan Fenske, Custodian, Readfield
- Heather Kamba, Mathematics, High School
- Veronica Vakirtzis, Elementary, Parkview

Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Katie Batten, Clerk