

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
at the District Administration Building  
Monday, May 9, 2022**

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

**I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)**

- Roseanne Sanderfoot, N5462 Obertin Road, New London – Roseanne indicated she has attended most of the policy meetings and has been pleased with the progress on the transgender policy work; she is opposed to the school having conversations with students regarding transgender and the potential change of pronoun; C. Martinson asked Roseanne to share her background—she explained she was a special ed and second grade teacher in the School District of Manawa

**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, President.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 11, 2022**

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 11, 2022. Motion carried with H. Schweitzer and M. Wilz abstaining.

**B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, April 25, 2022**

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, April 25, 2022. Motion carried.

**IV. REPORTS**

The calendar and director reports were reviewed. The Board recognized the students highlighted in April's monthly celebrations.

K. Grable presented highlights, practices, and actions that support the School District of New London's Guiding Principles for Readfield Elementary School.

It was the consensus of the Board to hear Section VII, A at this time due to a scheduled time for Mr. Ted Neitzke's presentation.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ted Neitzke Strategic Planning Launch and Potential Approval of**

Ted Neitzke explained the strategic planning process via Zoom. It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the launch of the District strategic planning strategy with CESA 6. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

**V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS**

J. Marquardt reviewed the vouchers and receipts. A motion was made by M. Grossman and seconded by T. Wegner to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,583,868.20 as per list of May 5, 2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

T. Wegner noted receipts from the receipt register of May 5, 2022, in the amount of \$907,324.68.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Review and Potential Approval of FFA School Forests Deed Adjustment Request**

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve forwarding school forests'

deed language restrictions for legal review to include, "The use or ownership of the parcels known as the 'School Forest' shall not change without written permission of the New London FFA Alumni Association." Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. It was suggested to have this legal review done by an attorney who specializes in land transactions.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### B. **Review and Potential Approval of the 2022 Graduating Seniors**

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by K. Batten to approve the 2022 graduating seniors, pending fulfillment of all graduation requirements. Motion carried.

### C. **Review of Graduation Ceremony**

B. Yerkey and S. Bleck reviewed the graduation ceremony which will be held at the High School Gymnasium on Wednesday, May 25, at 6:00 p.m. Board members were asked to arrive by 5:15 p.m. Board members were asked to let Jill Willner know as soon as possible if they will be attending.

Board members were also invited to the Senior Awards Program which will be held at the High School Auditorium on Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m.

### D. **Appointment of Board Committees / Board Representatives**

C. Martinson reviewed the board committees and board representatives for 2022-23. T. Wegner was appointed the CESA 6 representative. C. Martinson suggested that each committee select a chairperson to facilitate the meeting and another person to record items being recommended to the Board.

C. Martinson would like the Board to consider adding citizens and/or staff members to the committees. It was recommended that this go to Policy Committee for review. It was the consensus of the Board to appoint an NLEA rep on the Compensation Committee in a nonvoting capacity.

### E. **Review and Potential Approval of the 2022-23 Official School Newspaper**

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the *Press Star* as the official school newspaper for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried 6-1.

### F. **Review and Potential Approval of 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Service Agreement**

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Community Collaborative Service Agreement for 2022-23. Motion carried.

### G. **Review and Potential Approval of 2022-23 Open Enrollment Applications**

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by K. Baten to approve the resident and nonresident open enrollment applications for 2022-23 as recommended, contingent upon the student records received. Motion carried.

### H. **Review and Potential Approval of Official District Depositories and Individuals Authorized to Invest District Funds**

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the official school depositories and the individuals who are authorized to invest district funds as presented. Motion carried with J. Heideman abstaining.

### I. **Review and Potential Approval of Janitorial Services Contract**

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the three-year cleaning services contract with SSC Service Solutions as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

### J. **Review and Potential Approval of 2021-22 Budget Amendments**

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the 2021-22 budget amendments as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

**K. Discussion of 2022-23 Student Fee Schedule**

S. Bleck and J. Marquardt reviewed the student fee schedule from previous years. The Board discussed possible fee waivers.

**L. Review and Potential Approval of Asbestos Removal at Intermediate/Middle School**

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve Hogan Environmental Cleaning for the asbestos abatement projects as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

**M. Discussion of Possible Use of ESSER III Funding for American Reading Company (ARC) Literacy Lab**

D. Sievert reviewed the American Reading Company (ARC) Literacy Lab that provides support for English Language Arts instruction in grades K-12 which could be funded by ESSER III.

**N. Review and Potential Approval of Request for Proposal (RFP) to Secure School Attorney Services**

C. Martinson reviewed the RFP for securing school attorney services. Revisions were suggested, and the revised RFP will be presented for Board review at the Special Board of Education meeting on May 23.

**VIII. 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 9:09 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by H. Schweitzer to enter open session at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried.

**IX. 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 K. Batten to accept the resignations of:

Kristen Retzlaff  
Elementary Bilingual Teacher

Cassandra Rupno  
Language Arts Teacher, Middle School

Motion carried.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried.

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Katie Batten, Clerk