

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Monday, May 13, 2024**

PRESENT: K. Batten, J. Heideman, M. Grossman, N. Grundy, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer, 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 Scott Bleck, District Administrator. A quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was led by Scott Bleck.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by N. Grundy to nominate C. Martinson as President. It was moved by M. Wilz to nominate M. Grossman as President. No second was received. C. Martinson accepted the nomination. A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by N. Grundy to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for C. Martinson as president. Motion carried 6-1. C. Martinson was appointed President and then presided over the meeting.

A motion was made by N. Grundy and seconded by H. Schweitzer to nominate J. Heideman as Vice President. J. Heideman accepted the nomination. A motion was made by H. Schweitzer and seconded by N. Grundy 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 J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to nominate K. Batten as Clerk. K. Batten accepted the nomination. A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for K. Batten as Clerk. Motion carried. K. Batten was appointed clerk.

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to nominate N. Grundy as Treasurer. A motion was made by M. Wilz and seconded K. Batten to nominate M. Grossman as Treasurer. N. Grundy accepted the nomination. M. Grossman did not accept the nomination. A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for N. Grundy as Treasurer. Motion carried. N. Grundy was appointed Treasurer.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

H. Schweitzer asked that resignations be discussed in Closed Session. It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of Minutes of Policy Committee Meeting of April 3, 2024
- Approval of Minutes of Facilities, Capital Projects, and Energy Conservation Committee Meeting of April 8, 2024
- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 8, 2024
- Approval of Minutes of Total Compensation and Relations Committee Meeting of April 15, 2024
- Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, April 22, 2024
- Approval of Employment of Personnel
 - Riley Schussler, Student Success Coordinator, HS

Motion carried.

V. REPORTS

The calendar, monthly celebrations, and director reports were reviewed.

VI. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS

J. Marquardt reviewed the vouchers and receipts. A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,658,547.64 as per list of May 9, 2024. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

C. Martinson noted receipts from the receipt register of May 9, 2024, in the amount of \$973,003.53.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading for Potential Review and Approval of Revised Policies

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

- 453.2 Immunization Requirements
- 453.4 Medication – Administering to Students
- 453.5 Physical Examinations – Students
- 453.11 Medical Advisor (Job Description)
- 455.1 Supervision of Students

Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Potential Approval of Support Staff Base Wage Increase for 2024-25

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the wage increases for support staff as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

B. Review and Potential Approval of Certified Staff Base Wage Increase for 2024-25

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the base wage increases for certified staff as presented. Motion failed on a roll call vote of 3-3, with 1 abstention (N. Grundy-abstain, J. Heideman-no, H. Schweitzer-no, M. Wilz-yes, K. Batten-no, M. Grossman-yes, C. Martinson-yes).

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by M. Wilz to reconsider the motion. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-1, with 1 abstention (J. Heideman-no, H. Schweitzer-yes, M. Wilz-yes, K. Batten-yes, M. Grossman-yes, N. Grundy-abstain, C. Martinson-yes).

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to amend the motion to include in the 2024-25 budgetary planning that the district's portion of the health insurance annual renewal rate will not exceed 8%. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-1, with 1 abstention (H. Schweitzer-yes, M. Wilz-yes, K. Batten-yes, M. Grossman-no, N. Grundy-abstain, J. Heideman-yes, C. Martinson-yes).

The amended motion to approve the base wage increases for certified staff as presented, to include in the 2024-25 budgetary planning that the district's portion of the health insurance annual renewal rate will not exceed 8% was carried on a roll call vote of 6-0, with 1 abstention (H. Schweitzer-yes, M. Wilz-yes, K. Batten-yes, M. Grossman-yes, N. Grundy-abstain, J. Heideman-yes, C. Martinson-yes).

C. Review and Potential Approval of Administrator Base Wage Increase for 2024-25

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the wage increases for administrative staff as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

D. Review and Potential Approval of the 2024 Graduating Seniors

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the 2024 graduating seniors, pending fulfillment of all graduation requirements. Motion carried.

E. Review of Graduation Ceremony

S. Bleck and B. Yerkey reviewed the details for the graduation ceremony. Board members were asked to arrive at the High School by 5:15 p.m.

F. Review and Potential Approval of the 2024-25 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 2024-25. Motion carried 5-2.

G. 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 on a roll call vote of 7-0.

H. Review and Potential Approval of 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Service Agreement

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by K. Batten to approve the 4K Community Collaborative Service Agreement. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

I. Review and Potential Approval of 2024-25 Open Enrollment Applications

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the resident and nonresident open enrollment applications for 2024-25 as recommended, contingent upon the student records received. Motion carried.

J. Performance Based Continuous Improvement Plan Metrics

S. Bleck and K. Batten discussed how performance based outcomes could potentially be established. It was the consensus of the Board to further discuss this after initial review of the Continuous Improvement Plan in June.

K. Discussion of Board Committees / Board Representatives

Board members were asked to contact Jill Willner by May 17 with their interest on serving on the Board committees. Committee appointments will be made on May 28.

L. Review of Regular and Special Board Meeting Schedule

S. Bleck reviewed the board meeting schedule for 2024-25. It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by M. Wilz to continue having the Board meetings on Monday evenings for the summer and change to Wednesdays starting in September. It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by N. Grundy to table the discussion until the next meeting so that the Board can consider any impact this change may have.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by K. Batten 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.

(Separate minutes for expulsion proceedings.)

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by M. Wilz to enter open session at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

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

A. Resignation of Personnel:

It was moved by H. Schweitzer and seconded by K. Batten to accept the resignations of:

- Mary Jo Booker, Speech/Language, ISMS
- Jordan Krause, Elementary, Sugar Bush Elementary
- Consuelo Morales, Bilingual Tutor, ISMS
- Diana Thorpe, Office Assistant, Catalyst

Motion carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Katie Batten, Clerk