

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
at the District Administration Building  
Monday, July 11, 2022**

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

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

- Mike Hanson, N3537 Dawn Drive, New London: he explained he was in support of the strategic planning and was also in support of the staff engagement survey; he would like to see additional surveys to include students, parents and community members; stakeholder engagement is the key to creating a culture of improvement, as well as the need to be involved and informed; he suggested the following ways to keep the community involved and informed: post the date and time of all Board meetings on the website; post the board packet materials in addition to the agenda on the website; post committee minutes on the district website; consider livestreaming the board meetings on the YouTube channel; allow open forums at all meetings; allow members of the community to submit items for the board agenda
- Roseanne Sanderfoot, N5462 Obertin Road, New London: she explained that she is absolutely not opposed to mental health screeners; her concern is Samaritan Counseling does not disclose the survey to the parents; she questioned the Samaritan Screener finding that over 50 percent of the students were identified as needing some type of mental health services as she thought that was an extremely high number

**II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 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, June 13, 2022**

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by K. Batten to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, June 13, 2022. Motion carried.

**B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, June 27, 2022**

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, June 27, 2022. Motion carried.

**IV. REPORTS**

The calendar and director reports were reviewed.

**V. VOUCHERS/RECEIPTS**

J. Marquardt reviewed the vouchers and receipts. A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,537,469.42 as per list of July 6, 2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

C. Martinson noted receipts from the receipt register of July 6, 2022, in the amount of \$4,461,515.01.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Review of School Attorney Interviews and Potential Recommendation**

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by J. Heideman to approve von Briesen and Roper as the school attorney.

M. Grossman amended the motion to table it for discussion and decision until the next meeting. T. Wegner seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-5 (M. Grossman-yes; J. Heideman-no;

H. Schweitzer-no; T. Wegner-yes; M. Wilz-no; K. Batten-no; C. Martinson-no).

T. Wegner made a motion to amend the motion to approve von Briesen and Roper pending contacting their references. M. Grossman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-2 (J. Heideman-yes; H. Schweitzer-yes; T. Wegner-yes; M. Wilz-yes; K. Batten-no; M. Grossman-yes; C. Martinson-no).

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by J. Heideman to approve von Briesen and Roper as the school attorney pending contacting their references. Motion carried 6-1 (H. Schweitzer-yes; T. Wegner-yes; M. Wilz-yes; K. Batten-yes; M. Grossman-no; J. Heideman-yes; C. Martinson-yes).

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Notice of Academic Standards**

D. Sievert reviewed the academic standards. Discussion was held regarding New London requiring proficiency in cursive writing when students go from elementary to Middle School to include some type of minimal test. It was the consensus of the Board to refer this to the Curriculum Committee.

### **B. Review and Potential Approval of 2022-23 Student/Parent Handbook Revisions**

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the 2022-23 Student/Parent Handbook revisions. Motion carried 5-2.

The Board requested more information and clarity on the process and what constitutes referrals to involve law enforcement authorities, as well as the due process system. This will be discussed at a future Board meeting in which the School Resource Officers can be present.

### **C. Review of Agreement with City of New London for Athletic Field/Facility Utilization**

S. Bleck reviewed the 2009 agreement with the City of New London for athletic field and facility utilization. Discussion was held as to the decision to cancel games. It was suggested to start looking long-term at eliminating the use of the low land fields. The Board asked that the agreement be updated as some things referenced in the agreement no longer exist.

### **D. Discussion of Process for Future Board Agenda Topics**

C. Martinson explained his suggested process for future board agenda topics. The Board discussed the advantages of the current policy and process for future Board agenda topics, which includes a formal request form.

## **VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by J. Heideman to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

It was moved by C. Martinson and seconded by M. Grossman to enter open session at 8:16 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 J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to accept the resignations of:

Ryan Braatz  
Vocal Music, Intermediate/Middle School.

Motion carried.

### **B. Employment of Personnel**

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the employment of:

Jason Liegl  
High School Math

Matthew Sullivan  
School Psychologist

Jill Spindler  
Summer School Teacher

Motion carried.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.  
Motion carried.

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Katie Batten, Clerk