

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
at the District Administration Building  
Monday, August 8, 2022**

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

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

- Board President Chris Martinson asked the Board to agree on norms for board member interaction; it is okay to have policy disagreements and speak with passion, but it is not okay for any of us to cross a line and question the integrity of any other board member; if he hears personal attacks or disparaging remarks, he will be ruling the comment out of order and is asking for the Board's help to keep all accountable, including him; he also intends to stick closer to Roberts Rules when debating a motion when divided; he asked for help in creating a greater amount of civility and help set a good example for our students and citizens

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 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 Special Meeting of Monday, July 11, 2022**

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, July 11, 2022. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by K. Batten to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, July 11, 2022. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, July 25, 2022. Motion carried.

**IV. REPORTS**

The calendar and director reports were reviewed. On August 22, there will be a walkthrough at the Intermediate/Middle School at 4:00 p.m. Following the walkthrough, there will be a light dinner served for Board members at the District Administration Building prior to the Special Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m.

WASB Business Honor Roll nominees were discussed. It was the consensus of the Board to nominate Korth Farms.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with making Board meeting packet materials accessible online for public viewing.

**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 \$2,339,952.61 as per list of August 4, 2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

C. Martinson noted receipts from the receipt register of August 4, 2022, in the amount of \$250,090.12.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. District Budget Updates / Budget Hearing Date**

J. Marquardt gave an update on the district budget and stated that the budget hearing will be held on September 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

**B. City of New London Annexation of Property**

S. Bleck reviewed the annexation of property within the Town of Hortonia to the City of New London.

**C. School Safety Team Update**

S. Bleck, K. Martin, and B. Yerkey reviewed the structure, purpose and work of the district's school safety team. Concern was raised regarding the safety plans not being shared with the Board or with the public. It was explained that the plans can be shared but some parts of the safety plan cannot be shared due to confidentiality of procedures used. If anyone would like to review the safety plans, please contact B. Yerkey, K. Martin, or S. Bleck.

**D. Review and Potential Approval of Event Worker Pay Schedule**

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the event worker pay increase as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0-1 (M. Grossman-abstain, J. Heideman-yes, H. Schweitzer-yes, T. Wegner-yes, K. Batten-yes, C. Martinson-yes).

T. Wegner explained that past practice has been to present compensation-related topics to the Board twice—once for review and then the next month for approval. He felt there has been a shift in that compensation items are coming to the Board for immediate approval. The Board agreed that in the future, compensation-related topics should be presented twice.

**E. Review and Potential Approval of Co-Curricular Pay Categories**

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to approve the additional co-curricular pay categories as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

**F. Review and Potential Approval of Safe Return to School Plan**

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by T. Wegner to approve the 2022-23 safe return to school plan as presented.

Inquiry was made as to having disposable cups placed at the bottle filler stations in case someone does not have a water bottle with them. B. Yerky confirmed that drinking fountains are being used once again, so there is a bottle filler and drinking fountain in each area of the High School.

T. Wegner suggested establishing a threshold as to when to contact families of COVID cases, so it does not become arbitrary. J. Heideman moved to amend the motion to use the same protocol as for any other illness. No second made.

A motion was made by M. Grossman and seconded by T. Wegner to table this until the next meeting so the Board can review the protocols in place. Motion failed 2-4.

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to amend the motion to strike the word "unvaccinated" in the definition of "Quarantine" under the COVID-19 Definitions section. Motion carried 5-1.

A motion was made by K. Batten and seconded by J. Heideman to strike the COVID-19 Definitions section of the plan. Motion carried 6-0.

The original motion to approve the 2022-23 safe return to school plan (with the removal of the COVID-19 Definitions section of the plan) was carried 6-0.

**G. Review and Potential Approval of Samaritan Counseling Agreement**

A motion was made by M. Grossman and seconded by T. Wegner not to approve the Samaritan

Counseling Agreement. M. Grossman would like clarification on the changes made by the attorney, to include clarification on the removal of the indemnification paragraph. Motion failed on a roll call vote of 3-3 (K. Batten-no, M. Grossman-yes, J. Heideman-no, C. Martinson-no, T. Wegner-yes, H. Schweitzer-yes).

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to approve the Samaritan Counseling Agreement as presented with noted contractual language enhancements. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4-2 (K. Batten-yes, M. Grossman-no, J. Heideman-yes, H. Schweitzer-yes, T. Wegner-no, C. Martinson-yes).

T. Wegner suggested that in the future when we have an attorney review a document, we ask the attorney to provide the explanation of suggested changes.

**H. Consent Agenda Development**

The Board discussed the “consent agenda” concept. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the consent agenda for minutes, resignations and hires.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by M. Grossman to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to enter open session at 8:38 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 T. Wegner to accept the resignations of:

Nicholas Livingston  
School Psychologist

Margaret Nelson  
Art Teacher, High School

Motion carried.

**B. Employment of Personnel**

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

Robert Smith  
Art Teacher, High School

Miranda Stern  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Tori Tayek  
Special Ed Teacher, Lincoln

Co-Curricular contracts as presented

Motion carried.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

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Katie Batten, Clerk