

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
at the District Administration Building
Monday, August 9, 2021**

PRESENT: K. Batten, P. Bosquez, M. Grossman, J. Heideman, C. Martinson, T. Ruckdashel, and T. Wegner.

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

The following were present for public forum:

- Jacob Leeman, W9361 Young Road, New London – they reside in the School District of New London but are open enrolling their children to Shiocton and are requesting the Board to allow the Shiocton School District to pick up their children who reside in the School District of New London.

- Ashley Clark, E8871 Cty Rd N, New London
- Crystal Besaw, 806 W. Beacon Avenue, New London
- Alissa Beyer, E7839 Cut Off Road, New London
- Alishia Krueger, 1830 Nassau Street, New London
- Erich Korth, N2035 Sleepy Lane, New London
- Holly Schweitzer, W10344 Schweitzer Road, New London
- Cindy Furman, N6539 Buelow Road, New London
- Rob Schweitzer, W10344 Schweitzer Road, New London
- Ross Bielema, E7766 Cut Off Road, New London
- Mandy Wilz, 501 E Quincy Street, New London
- Carey Celske, 1500 Parkview Drive, New London (did not speak)
- Monica Ash, E8959 Broken Branch Lane, New London
- Season Polsin, E9131 Klatt Road, New London
- Michelle Brownson, N5056 Larry Road, New London
- Kelly Baker, N5384 Buelow Road, New London
- Bill Krostue, N3529 Sunset Lane, New London

Participants expressed their appreciation for making masking optional at the end of the 2020-21 school year and for the 2021 summer school program. They would like to see it continue for the 2021-22 school year. Numerous concerns were raised about making masks mandatory. Several concerns were raised regarding the vaccine; this should be a parental choice.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by T. Wegner, President. A quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by T. Wegner, President.

C. Martinson requested that agenda item VIII, D be heard prior to Section VIII, A since members of the public were present to speak about the reentry plan. It was moved by P. Bosquez and seconded by K. Batten to adjust the agenda so that Section VIII, D will be heard before VIII, A. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, July 12, 2021

It was moved by C. Martinson and seconded by P. Bosquez to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, July 12, 2021. Motion carried.

B. Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, July 26, 2021

M. Grossman requested that it be noted in the minutes that J. Heideman did not arrive until later in the meeting in order to clarify the 6-0 motions. It was moved by P. Bosquez and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, July 26, 2021, as amended. 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 P. Bosquez to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$1,138,619.97 as per list of August 5, 2021. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

T. Wegner noted receipts from the receipt register of August 5, 2021, in the amount of \$516,845.18.

VI. MONITORING REPORTS

A. Seclusion / Restraint Monitoring Report

K. Martin reviewed the seclusion / restraint monitoring report as presented. The Board requested that next year's report include information on student disciplinary trends and occurrences.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

D. Update of 2021-22 Academic School Year Reentry Plan

S. Bleck reviewed the 2021-22 academic school year reentry plan. He explained that per federal mandate issued by the CDC, masking is required on all public transportation including school buses at the current time. Discussion was held regarding whether this could be mandated, as well as what repercussions this would carry if not followed.

Concerns were also raised regarding the 10/7 day quarantine for school exposures.

A motion was made by C. Martinson to approve the 2021-22 reentry plan as presented excluding mandatory masking on buses and excluding the quarantine for school exposures until further review by the Board. J. Heideman seconded.

P. Bosquez made a motion to amend the motion to eliminate the quarantine due to school exposure while maintaining contact tracing. J. Heideman seconded. Motion carried.

The Board requested legal clarification regarding masking on buses, as well as clarification from the insurance company on this mandate.

Families were encouraged to please mask if they believe masking is important.

A. Review and Potential Approve to Authorize District Administrator to be Appointed to the Board of the Tax Incremental District (TID) 3 and 4

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by C. Martinson to authorize the District Administrator to be appointed to the Board of the Tax Incremental District 3 and 4. Motion carried.

B. Review and Potential Approval of Employee Handbook / Addendum Revisions

S. Bleck reviewed the employee handbook / addendum revisions. J. Marquardt requested to delete the word "partners" in Section 7.4. It was moved by C. Martinson and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the Employee Handbook/Addendum revisions as presented to include the amendment to Section 7.4. Motion carried.

C. District Budget Updates / Budget Hearing Date

J. Marquardt reviewed the district budget and the budget hearing date of September 13, 2021.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by T. Ruckdashel to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 9:34 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

It was moved by T. Ruckdashel and seconded by P. Bosquez to enter open session at 9:46 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 P. Bosquez and seconded by J. Heideman to accept the resignations of:

Rebecca Viaene
School Counselor

Pamela Yeager
5th Grade, Intermediate/Middle School

Motion carried.

B. Employment of Personnel

It was moved by P. Bosquez and seconded by K. Batten to approve the following:

Aimee Blanchette
Intermediate/Middle School Language Arts

Cassandra Rupno
Intermediate/Middle School Language Arts

Motion carried.

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the co-curricular contracts as presented.

Nicholas Schaefer
Cross Country-Varsity Head Coach

Jess Evans
Football-Varsity Assistant Coach

Bryce Jaglinski
Soccer-Boys JV Coach

Shaunna Ferge
Cross Country-Varsity Assistant Coach

Lucas Mueller
Football-JV Coach

Stacy Ruckdashel
Swim-Varsity Head Coach

Jay Daly
Cross-Country-Middle School Coach

Nate Penn
Football-JV Coach

John Ruckdashel
Swim-Varsity Assistant Coach

Lisa Daly
Cross-Country-Middle School Coach

Nathan Krueger
Football-Middle School Coach

Sarah Flohr
Tennis-Varsity Head Coach

Kyle Collins
Football-Varsity Head Coach

Marc Marsh
Football-Middle School Coach

Tony Porath
Tennis-JV Coach

Riley Schussler
Football-Varsity Assistant Coach

Kasey Kaepernick
Football-Middle School Coach

James Brown
Volleyball-Varsity Head Coach

Aaron Niemuth
Football-Varsity Assistant Coach

Michael Wohlt
Football-Middle School Coach

Jordan Krause
Volleyball-Varsity Assistant Coach

Patrick Lawton
Soccer-Boys Varsity Head Coach

Tim Schmidt
Volleyball-JV Coach

Katelyn Schmidt
Volleyball-Freshman Coach

Bailey Hardy
Volleyball-Middle School Coach

Lindsey Uvaas
Volleyball-Middle School Coach

Melissa Porath
Volleyball-Middle School Coach

Kevin Spindler
Volleyball-Middle School Coach

Motion carried 5-2.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Grossman to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.
Motion carried.

Tina Ruckdashel, Clerk