

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING / REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Monday, September 11, 2023**

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

C. Martinson opened the budget hearing at 6:00 p.m. S. Bleck welcomed everyone to the annual budget hearing. J. Marquardt reviewed the budget hearing booklet. The budget hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

- Mike Hanson, N3537 Dawn Drive, New London, WI: he stated that although the 2023-24 budget had some positive points to advance the continuous improvement strategic plan, it did not include any funds to reimburse staff for working on plan initiatives beyond work hours; he asked that the Board include \$60,000 in the budget for this purpose

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. The pledge of allegiance was led by C. Martinson. A moment of silence was held in honor of 9/11. A quorum was established.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by T. Wegner to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of Monday, August 14, 2023
- Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting of Monday, August 28, 2023
- Resignation of Personnel
 - Stacy Allen, Custodian, PV
 - Jacob Winters, Teacher, ISMS
- Employment of Personnel
 - Philip Gorges, Custodian, ISMS

Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

The calendar and director reports were reviewed. S. Bleck suggested that the September Special Board meeting be held at Sugar Bush Elementary School to view the renovations.

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 \$1,912,827.95 as per list of September 7, 2023. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

C. Martinson noted receipts from the receipt register of September 7, 2023, in the amount of \$1,820,212.06.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading of Potential Approval of Revised Policies

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by K. Batten to approve the following revised policies:

- 377.1 Co-Curricular Professional Development
- 379 Adding/Dropping a Co-Curricular Activity

Motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Seclusion/Restraint Report

K. Martin reviewed the seclusion/restraint report for 2022-23.

B. Review and Potential Approval of Local Education Agent (LEA) at Individual Education Plan (IEP) Teams

It was moved by K. Batten and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the Local Education Agent at Individual Education Plan Teams as presented. Motion carried.

C. Approval of 2023-24 Budget for all funds in the amount of \$36,252,179

K. Batten expressed concern in supporting a budget in the midst of financial struggles of families.

The Board discussed the public forum proposal. S. Bleck explained that each school year, funds are budgeted for staff development purposes and curriculum work in summer or beyond work hours to support the initiatives of the district. The public forum proposal was referred to S. Bleck to see if the idea has merit to include in the final budget in October.

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the budget for all funds in the amount of \$36,252,179. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-1 (M. Grossman-yes, J. Heideman-yes, T. Wegner-yes, M. Wilz-yes, K. Batten-no, C. Martinson-yes).

D. Approval of 2023-24 Fund 10 Tax Levy in the amount of \$8,911,994

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by T. Wegner to approve the Fund 10 tax levy in the amount of \$8,911,994. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-1 (J. Heideman-yes, Terry Wegner-yes, M. Wilz-yes, K. Batten-no, M. Grossman-yes, C. Martinson-yes).

E. Approval of 2023-24 Fund 38 Tax Levy in the amount of \$349,180

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by M. Wilz to approve the Fund 38 tax levy in the amount of \$349,180. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

F. Approval of 2023-24 Fund 80 Levy in the amount of \$100,000

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by T. Wegner to approve the Fund 80 levy in the amount of \$100,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by M. Wilz and seconded by K. Batten to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Katie Batten, Clerk