

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING / REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION
at the District Administration Building
Monday, September 12, 2022**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by C. Martinson, President. 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 6:53 p.m.

I. VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC FORUM)

- Roseanne Sanderfoot, N5462 Obertin Road, New London: she expressed concern about the school meals in connection with transgender policies; she is hoping New London will protect the students from the mandate from the government
- Mindy Danke, N3568 Pamela Lane, New London: she inquired about the “rumor” that other staff members outside of the police school liaison officers would be allowed to possess a firearm on school grounds. C. Martinson explained that this was included in a proposed school safety resolution for consideration on this evening’s Board agenda; C. Martinson explained the WASB resolution process. Mindy expressed concern about this going forward.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by C. Martinson, President. A quorum was established.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by K. Batten to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of Monday, August 8, 2022
- Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting of Monday, August 22, 2022

Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

The calendar and director reports were reviewed.

K. Batten explained that she did meet with Samaritan Counseling representatives, and Samaritan offered to attend a Board meeting to share survey data. K. Martin was asked to coordinate a date in which Samaritan representatives could provide a Board presentation on the survey data.

V. 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 \$1,930,574.71 as per list of September 8, 2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

C. Martinson noted receipts from the receipt register of September 8, 2022, in the amount of \$2,874,769.03.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

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

K. Martin reviewed the LEA team representatives. It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the Local Education Agent at Individual Education Plan Teams. Motion carried.

B. Approval of 2022-23 Budget for all funds in the amount of \$37,470,075

It was moved by T. Wegner and seconded by M. Grossman to approve the 2022-23 budget for all funds in the amount of \$37,470,075. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

C. Approval of 2022-23 Fund 10 Tax Levy in the amount of \$7,190,009

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten to approve the 2022-23 Fund 10 tax levy in the amount of \$7,190,009. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

D. Approval of 2022-23 Fund 38 Tax Levy in the amount of \$1,023,000

It was moved by M. Wilz and seconded by J. Heideman to approve the 2022-23 Fund 38 tax levy in the amount of \$1,023,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

E. Approval of 2022-23 Fund 80 Levy in the amount of \$125,000

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the 2022-23 Fund 80 levy in the amount of \$125,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

F. Review and Potential Approval of Proposed District Resolutions to WASB

It was moved by J. Heideman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to approve the Resolution for Parental Bill of Rights in K-12 Public Education.

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by T. Wegner to table this resolution for two weeks to a month to get this information out to the public to get their input. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 4-3 (M. Wilz-yes, K. Batten-yes, M. Grossman-yes, J. Heideman-no, C. Martinson-no, T. Wegner-yes, H. Schweitzer-no).

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by T. Wegner to table the remaining two resolutions for discussion at a later date. Motion failed on a roll call vote of 2-5 (M. Grossman-yes, J. Heideman-no, H. Schweitzer-no, T. Wegner-yes, M. Wilz-no, K. Batten-no, C. Martinson-no).

It was moved by K. Batten and second by M. Wilz to approve the resolution to oppose USDA from tying subsidized school lunches to executive orders for transgender protocols. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-2 (K. Batten-yes, M. Grossman-no, J. Heideman-yes, H. Schweitzer-yes, T. Wegner-no, M. Wilz-yes, C. Martinson-yes). T. Wegner asked that when submitting this resolution, indicate that it was not a unanimous vote and include the vote by name.

J. Heideman reviewed the resolution to advocate for immediate changes to Wisconsin statutes and funding of K-12 education to increase school safety. It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by T. Wegner to table the resolution for further investigation within six months. S. Bleck suggested that the Facilities Committee take this up for discussion and prioritize items. Feedback would be sought from parents, staff, sheriff's department, and police department.

J. Heideman called the question. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-1 (J. Heideman-no, H. Schweitzer-yes, T. Wegner-yes, M. Wilz-yes, K. Batten-yes, M. Grossman-yes, C. Martinson-yes) to table the resolution.

G. Intermediate/Middle School Project Update

S. Bleck and J. Marquardt gave an update on the Intermediate/Middle School project.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by H. Schweitzer to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes as listed on the agenda at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

It was moved by M. Grossman and seconded by K. Batten to enter open session at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

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

A. Employment of Personnel

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

Anne Prochnow
Special Ed, Intermediate/Middle School

Erin Vande Guchte
Special Ed, High School

Joan Barraza
Bilingual Tutor, Lincoln

Stacy Blindert
Custodian, Parkview

Kristina Buelow
Educational Assistant, Lincoln

Melinda Doss
Educational Assistant, Intermediate/Middle School

Abigail Hernandez
Bilingual Tutor, Middle/High School

Tara Lindholm
Admin Asst to Building Principal, Intermediate/Middle School

Tara Marsh
Transportation Office Support, Bus Garage

Jayne Murphy
Educational Assistant, Lincoln

Jim Thorpe
Varsity Baseball Coach
Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by T. Wegner and seconded by K. Batten to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried.

Katie Batten, Clerk