

The Business Meeting of the New London Board of Education was held on March 10, 2025 in the New London Public Schools' Welcome Center and via Zoom Webinars.

1. Call to Order

President Maynard-Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present for the Board of Education: President – Elaine Maynard-Adams

Board Members Present: Karen Bergin
Alisha Blake
Susan Hambey

Board Members Absent: Vice President – Bianca Alexis – Sylvain
Secretary – Nathan Caron
Danni Cruz

Present for the administration: Dr. Cynthia Ritchie, Superintendent of Schools

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Reports and Communications

- Board Chairperson's Report

Ms. Maynard-Adams reported that she met with a past president of the Rotary Club who expressed interest in partnering with the District's literacy efforts and Camp Rotary. At this point, summer programming has been eliminated for all those who are not mandated to attend. She expressed that there was a discussion regarding PreK funding with representatives of the State and School Finance Project. Additionally, a State Representative has also reached out to Dr. Ritchie to set up a time to visit the PreK program. Ms. Maynard-Adams also shared that she attended the most recent Birth to Age 8 event which included a portable planetarium which was enjoyed by all. She added that many parents and staff came up to her to thank her and the board for their work being done on the budget and advocacy for funding. The next Birth to Age 8 event will be held on April 2, and the topic is books and pajamas. She announced that there is a children's author who lives locally who has shared the book with the program.

- Superintendent's Report
 - NLPS Strategic Operational Plan Mid-Year Review

- Dr. Ritchie, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jennifer Hills-Papetti – Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Carrie Rivera – Executive Director of School and Family Supports, Rob Funk – Chief Financial Officer, Miguel Gautier – Executive Director of Operations, Christine Pemberton – Executive Director of Talent & Human Resources, and Kristea Francolino – Manager of Executive Support Services presented to the Board the mid-year updates of the District’s Strategic Plan.

A copy of this presentation is available in its entirety upon request.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Ms. Bergin, to approve the minutes of the following Board Meetings:

- February 10, 2025 – Business Meeting
- February 12, 2025 – Special Meeting
- February 13, 2025 – Special Meeting
- February 19, 2025 – Special Meeting & Public Hearing of the Budget

Motion carried, 4-0

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Ms. Blake, to add to the consent agenda: Motion to authorize the President of the Board of Education to write and submit a formal request to the City Council and City Finance Director to deposit unexpended funds from the FY24-25 Education General Fund, up to \$918,863.00 subject to the completion of the Audit, into an Educational Capital Non-Recurring Expense Fund Pursuant to C.G.S. 10-248 of the Connecticut Acts of the 2024 Regular Session, eff. 5/21/2024.

Motion carried, 4-0

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams seconded by Ms. Hambey, that the following items, as set forth on the Consent Agenda for the Business Meeting of March 10, 2025 be approved unless removed by a Board member or the Superintendent of Schools:

A. Superintendent’s Written Report

- I. Academics
- II. Student & Family Support Services
- III. Business & Finance
- IV. Operations – Includes Magnet Pathways, Athletics, Facilities & Technology

B. Action Item

- I. Motion to Authorize the President of the Board of Education to write and submit a formal request to the City Council and City Finance Director to

deposit unexpended funds from the FY24-25 Education General Fund, up to \$918,863.00 subject to the completion of the Audit, into an Educational Capital Non-Recurring Expense Fund Pursuant to C.G.S. 10-248 of the Connecticut Acts of the 2024 Regular Session, eff. 5/21/2024.

Motion carried, 4-0

6. Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

- Superintendent's Written Report – Human Resources

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Ms. Bergin, to receive the Human Resources report for the record.

Ms. Maynard-Adams clarified that she wanted to pull this item to explain the updated version of the vacancy report that was shared as a meeting exhibit. She stated that she thought it would be important that the vacancy report reflect the type of position that it is, for example, stipend, hourly, or salary. This will help to be more transparent when sharing this report so that the reader knows how this position will pay.

Motion carried, 4-0

7. Board Comments, Questions

None.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Bergin, seconded by Ms. Hambey, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Caron
Secretary, Board of Education