

The Business Meeting of the New London Board of Education was held on March 24, 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 7:03 p.m.

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

Board Members Present: Karen Bergin
Alisha Blake (*attended virtually*)
Susan Hambey

Board Members Absent: Vice-President – Bianca Alexis-Sylvain
Danni Cruz

Present for the administration: Dr. Cynthia Ritchie, Superintendent of Schools (*Attended virtually*)

Due to Board members attending virtually, votes were taken by roll call vote.

2. Student of the Month Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized the Students of the Month from each school:

- Early Childhood Center at B.P. Mission: Liam Santiago Romero Gomez
- Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School: Karolina Baez-Torrez
- Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School: Sophia Glynn
- C.B. Jennings International Elementary Magnet School: Mason Lugo Miranda
- Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus: Lucia Via Y Rada Espinoza
- New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus (Grades 6-8): Precious Bafor
- New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus (Grades 9-12): Charlieze “Charlie” Swan
- New London Adult Education: Massiel De La Cruz

Additionally, the Board of Education was recognized and thanked for their service in honor of Board of Education Appreciation Month.

A recess was taken from 7:29 p.m. – 7:34 p.m.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Reports and Communications

- Board Chairperson's Report

Ms. Maynard-Adams reported that she has testified before two legislative committees regarding education funding, one via Zoom and one via submitted written testimony. She shared that the next Birth to Age 8 Event would be held at Nathan Hale and will be a books and pajamas event! She was excited to share that students attending would be receiving a free pair of pajamas. Ms. Maynard-Adams also shared that she has been working with the Rotary Club of New London, which would like to re-establish their Summer Camp Rotary.

5. Information and Reports

- i. Superintendent's Report

- Mental Health Department Update

- Ms. Erin McGuire, Assistant Director of Mental Health, gave a presentation to the Board on the Mental Health Department.
 - This presentation included information on the following topics:
 - Goal of the Department
 - District Improvement Plan Alignment
 - Supporting Data
 - Social Emotional Learning & DESSA
 - MTSS – Behavioral Interventions
 - PBIS – Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports
 - Wellness Interventionists & Restorative Practices
 - Data & PowerSchool
 - APEX Academy & Credit Recovery
 - Summer School
 - PSATs & SATs
 - Accountability Index & TCS Report
 - SHAPE Survey
 - Compliance Data & Accountability Data
 - Tiered Counseling Supports
 - Partnerships
 - Trauma Informed Practices
 - Professional Development Continued Work & Goals
 - Mental Health and Safety PreK-12
 - Crisis Mitigation and Supports

- Safety in Schools
- Monitoring Systems
- Handbooks & Resources
- NLPS Mental Health Staff

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

6. Approval of the Minutes

- March 3, 2025 – Special Meeting

Motion by Ms. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Caron, to approve the March 3, 2025 Special Meeting minutes.

Motion carried, 5-0

- March 10, 2025 – Business Meeting

Motion by Ms. Hambey, seconded by Ms. Bergin, to approve the March 10, 2025 Business Meeting minutes.

Motion carried, 4-0-1

Abstaining: Mr. Caron

7. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Caron, that the following items, as set forth on the Consent Agenda for the Business Meeting of March 24, 2025 be approved unless removed by a Board member or the Superintendent of Schools:

A. Action Items

- I. Approve Line Item Transfers as Recommended by the Finance & Audit Committee.

Motion carried, 5-0

8. Board Comments, Questions

None

8. Adjournment

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

Motion carried, 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Caron
Secretary, Board of Education