

The New London Board of Education Policy Committee meeting was held on October 8, 2025 in the New London Public Schools Welcome Center.

1. Call to Order

Karen Bergin, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Karen Bergin - Committee Chair
Susan Hambey – Committee Member
Rich Martin – Committee Member
Miles Daniels – Community Member

Present for the Administration: Dr. Jennifer Hills-Papetti – Assistant Superintendent
Miguel Gautier – Executive Director of Operations
Kristea A. Francolino – Manager of Executive Support Services

2. Open Discussion by Committee Members and Review of Proposed Informational Flyer

The committee discussed the draft survey flyer shared by Ms. Francolino. Committee members had the opportunity to see the different questions that were being asked. There was discussion of including a drop down which specified the category of respondents such as: community member, student, parent, staff member. It was discussed that this flyer would be shared through the parent/guardian/teacher conferences, as well as through ParentSquare and the next edition of the “What’s Next with NLPS”. The committee will review the data gathered to date at the next meeting.

The committee also had parents present, both from NLPS and St. Joseph’s School. The parents from St. Joseph’s were interested in learning more about how to participate and learn more about the District communications, especially those meetings which concern the budget. From these discussions it was shared where Board meeting information can be found on the website. Additionally, it was shared that anyone could be on a distribution list to receive Board meeting packets directly from Ms. Francolino. The discussion further opened to learn how families receive messages at the school. At St. Joseph’s they receive a mass text/email. New London Public Schools utilizes the ParentSquare app. The NLPS parent present shared that she has found it helpful to be able to both receive communications and have two-way communication via the portal. There was also discussion of how information can be shared city-wide in the case of an emergency, both from the city level and the district level.

There was also discussion about social media, and if that is reaching parents and families more so than direct district communication. There was also discussion as to how involved in social media would be appropriate for the district sites regarding responding to inaccurate information, or sharing accurate information.

3. Next Committee Meeting Date

The committee determined that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 12 at 1:00 p.m. in person at the NLPS Welcome Center.

4. Adjournment

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

Motion carried, 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino
Manager of Executive Support Services