

The New London Board of Education Policy Committee meeting was held on January 14, 2026 in the New London Public Schools Welcome Center.

1. Call to Order

Karen Bergin, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

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

Absent for the Committee: 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. Continued Open Discussion by Committee Members on Committee Initiatives

The Committee discussed the following topics:

- Attending City Council Meetings on a monthly basis with different topics for discussion
- Budget information
- Budget meeting schedule
- Scholarship Recipients (MLK, end of year, etc.)
- Family Resource Center/Cold Weather resources
- Cell Phone policy in district
- cARTie @ BP
- Adult Education/transition workforce
- Unified Programming (theater & sports opportunities)
- Community Partnerships (FRESH, Farm to Table, some suggested)
- Child Nutrition Program/Brigaid

Ms. Bergin will send this list of topics out to the Board and Committee Members so that all can elect which meeting they would like to speak at, and which topic they would like to speak about.

There was discussion about the purpose of the committee, and that the committee was formed to increase communication across the community. The communications are not always just about good news, but also about challenges. There was discussion about the budget and how the process can be communicated. Ms. Francolino shared that the schedule has been developed and is listed on the Board's website. Additionally, the schedule will be shared via social media and the upcoming *What's Next with NLPS* publication.

Ms. Hambey suggested that Board representatives should join their assigned school's PTO meetings to be able to continue discussion about the budget and other topics as well. Ms. Maynard-Adams also suggested that Board Representatives give reports during the regular meetings to share any information from Board member visits to bu8idlins.

The discussion of the topic and meeting date assignments will continue to be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Adjournment

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

Motion carried, 3-0

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino
Manager of Executive Support Services