

The New London Board of Education School Facilities & Program Design Committee meeting was held on February 9, 2026 in the New London Public Schools Welcome Center and via Zoom Webinars.

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1. Call to Order

Ms. Hambey, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Susan Hambey – Committee Chair
Elaine Maynard-Adams – Committee Member
Rich Martin – Committee Member
Aaron Ide – Community Member

Present for the Administration: Miguel Gautier, Jr. – Executive Director of District Operations

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Accept the Minutes

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Motion by Mr. Ide, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting.

***Motion passed, 3-0-1
Abstaining: Ms. Maynard-Adams***

4. Discussion on the Following

- Facilities Updates

Mr. Gautier reported that the DRIP Grant from the state will need to be expended by June 30. As of right now there is a plan to use the funds on the PA system for Nathan Hale and Winthrop schools, as well as some HVAC work at BP Mission. He stated that he has been meeting with different vendors and contracts for the work at BP.

Mr. Gautier stated that the Winthrop PA is now experiencing the same issues as the Nathan Hale PA prior to it no longer working. He shared that the systems are close to their end of life of 20 years but not quite there. The plan is to potentially spend the DRIP grant funds on this purchase, and have it installed in house.

Mr. Gautier also explained that the corridor connecting the high school building to the STEM building had work completed to insulate it to extremely cold temperatures. He shared that this work had not been done when it was enclosed. Unfortunately, because the leaks did not occur during the first winter that this had been opened, it is unlikely that there will be any coverage by the architect or construction manager of the project.

- SY6 Operations Budget Update

Mr. Gautier provided an overview of the Operations Budget for FY26. He clarified that no cosmetic repairs are being completed. Only items that are related to safety are being completed.

5. Committee Member Comments

6. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Mr. Martin, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino
Manager of Executive Support Services