

The Business Meeting of the New London Board of Education was held on May 26, 2026 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:

- Rebecca Amanti
- Karen Bergin
- Nanci DeRobbio
- Scott Garbini
- Susan Hambey
- Richard Martin

Present for the administration:

- Dr. Cynthia Ritchie, *Superintendent of Schools*
- Dr. Jennifer Hills-Papetti, *Assistant Superintendent of Schools*
- Mr. Rob Funk, *Chief Financial Officer*
- Ms. Carrie Rivera, *Executive Director of School and Family Supports*
- Ms. Christine Pemberton, *Executive Director of Talent & Human Resources*
- Mr. Miguel Gautier, Jr. – *Executive Director of Operations*
- Ms. Kristea Francolino – *Manager of Executive Support Services*

2. Recognitions

A representative from the CT Association of Schools, the CT Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz, and the City of New London Mayor Passero each presented Proclamations of accolades to Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus (BDJMMMSC) on being recognized as the CAS CT Middle School of the Year.

BDJMMMSC student, Jasmine Acosta was recognized as the recipient of the Jim Avery Youth Sailing Scholarship from the Thames Yacht Club.

The following awardees were recognized as the May Students of the Month and Employees of the Quarter:

- BDJ Multi-Magnet Middle School Campus
 - Student of the Month: Mackenzie Butler
 - Non-Certified Employee of the Quarter: Araya Munoz
 - Certified Employee of the Quarter: Hilary Kebelis

- Early Childhood Center at B.P. Mission
 - Student of the Month: Azariah Williams
 - Employees of the Quarter: Lori Looby, Jessica Jarrett, Gianna Varela
- Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School
 - Student of the Month: Josue Guardado Guillen
 - Non-Certified Employee of the Quarter: Willie Carter
 - Certified Employee of the Quarter: Jeanne Wilson
- Nathan Hale Arts Magnet Elementary School
 - Student of the Month: Daphne Maclean Barner
 - Non-Certified Employee of the Quarter: Mamie Bauduccio-Rock
 - Certified Employee of the Quarter: Sara Kessler Kennon
- C.B. Jennings International Elementary Magnet School
 - Student of the Month: Kendrick Miller
 - Non-Certified Employee of the Quarter: Cathy Rodgers
 - Certified Employee of the Quarter: Meegan Bunch
- New London High School Multi-Magnet Campus
 - Student of the Month: Julio Miranda
 - Non-Certified Employee of the Quarter: Sarah Favalora
 - Certified Employee of the Quarter: Lura Hepler
- New London Adult & Continuing Education Student of the Month
 - Darwin Andrade
- Central Office Employee of the Quarter
 - Chris Von Glahn

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Reports and Communications

- Board Chairperson's Report
 - Ms. Maynard-Adams reported that she reached out to two leaders of the People's Budget, and offered an opportunity to have a discussion. She shared that while they reached out asking for a time to schedule and Ms. Maynard-Adams responded, she has yet to hear back from them to officially schedule a time. She shared that the City Council would be meeting tomorrow evening. There continue to be questions regarding the appropriation, or not, of the additional \$1.9 million of ECS funds. Ms. Maynard-Adams shared that she has received an email who is involved with the Friends of Harkness/Camp Harkness inquiring about possible student volunteers. She has offered this information with Mr. Clark, Mr. Clark and Ms. Mahon, hoping there may be some students who elect to volunteer. She also shared that during the previous week students at the middle school presented a stage version of some of the works from Lost

New London by Bill Morse. She congratulated the students and staff on a job well done.

- Reports of Committees
 - Policy Committee – Mr. Garbini shared that the committee met this evening and had in depth conversations about both the personal technology devices policy and video surveillance policy. He shared that the video surveillance policy remains at the committee level for discussion, and there is a hope that amendments will be made to be brought forward for an August Board of Education meeting.
 - Finance & Audit Committee Meeting – Ms. Maynard-Adams reported that the committee did not meet earlier this evening, but that there would still be Line Item Transfers on the agenda this evening for approval.
 - Representative Updates:
 - Mr. Martin shared that he has helped to organize a voter registration drive with the League of Women Voters at the high school next week. This will provide an opportunity for eligible high school students to register to vote.

5. Approval of the Minutes

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Motion by Mr. Garbini, seconded by Ms. Bergin, to approve the May 11, 2026 Business Meeting minutes.

Motion carried, 7-0

6. Action Item

- Approve Line Item Transfers as presented to the Board of Education

Ms. Maynard-Adams shared that while the Finance & Audit Committee did not meet this evening, the transfers were still presented for approval.

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Ms. Hambey, to approve the Line Item Transfers as presented to the Board of Education.

Motion carried, 7-0

7. Board Comments, Questions

Ms. Hambey recapped the wonderful accomplishments which were shared in the most recent edition of the “What’s Next with NLPS” including the Young Artists’ Showcase, the Multilingual Learner student exit information, EMT program, NEASC participation, STEM pathway recognition as a Project Lead the Way Distinguished School and the recent graduates of the Sacred Heart cohort.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Garbini, seconded by Ms. DeRobbio, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Scott S. Garbini
Secretary, N.L. Board of Education