

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

New Lothrop Board of Education

Budget Hearing

Monday, June 15, 2026

6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center

Board Members Present: Richard White, Wendy Vincke, Ashley Krupp, Tim Birchmeier, Jenn Otter, Joseph Toma

Absent: Adam Green

Others Present: Jay Larner, Kim Kuchar and 5 visitors

The pledge to the flag said.

Secretary's Report

The secretary's report was read by Ashley Krupp. Motion by Toma, supported by Birchmeier, to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting held on May 15, 2026 as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Recognitions

None

Presentations/Updates

Principal Report:

Kim Kuchar (Elementary): Ms. Kuchar presented the ABC report- spring data for attendance, behavior, reading/math scores for acadience and i-ready.

Marty Weese (athletic report):

- Congratulations to the Varsity Softball team on their District and Regional Championships, along with a Quarterfinal win against Millington. They made an appearance at the State Semifinals where they lost to Ravenna.
- Congratulations to the following girls who qualified and competed in the MHSAA Division 3 State Track Finals
 - Katelyn Wendling, 100M 6th place
 - 4x100M Relay team (Riley Neubecker, Geanna Kopschitz, Ashley Krupp, Katelyn Wendling) 19th place
 - Cassie Green, Shot Put 23rd place
 - Miriam Sharpe, Pole Vault NH
- We hosted Baseball Districts and Softball Regionals, as well as a Baseball Regional Semifinal game
 - Huge thank you to the following:
 - Denny Ruddy, parent volunteers, and coaches for preparing the fields
 - Baseball parents for running concessions on May 31st districts
 - Workers for both events - nothing gets done without them

Upcoming Events:

- Youth Camps and other camps
 - Girls Basketball June 8-10 (Finished)
 - Football June 9-10 (Finished)
 - Volleyball June 15-17, grade K-8
 - Boys Basketball June 15-17, grades 1-8
 - Cross Country June 24-25, grades 6-12

Coaching Positions Open:

- Varsity Cross Country Assistant
- 7th grade Volleyball

Committee Reports

Joe Toma reported on the Policy meeting held on June 2nd.

Rich White reported on the Finance meeting held on June 8th.

Board Reports

None

Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None

Financial Reports

Rich White read the financial report and presented the following bills for payment: General fund, \$988,402.26; school service, \$52,470.39 for a total of \$1,040,872.65.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Toma to approve the payment of bills.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Rich White read the monthly financial report as follows: beginning balance, \$3,074,334.87, receipts, \$1,116,003.20; Expenditures \$1,040,872.65; an ending balance of \$3,149,465.42. Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Otter.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Discussion

Neola 1st reading, Spring 2026

Policies: 0100, 1410, 2370.01, 2417, 2418, 4210, 5136, 5336, 6320, 6325, 7540.09, 8120.09, 8402, 8655

Action Items

Motion by Toma, supported by Krupp to accept the final amended budget, including general fund, capital projects, food service, debt retirement and special revenue accounts for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by White, supported by Toma to accept the initial projected budget, including general fund, capital projects, food service, debt retirement and special revenue account for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Otter, supported by Birchmeier to approve the hire of Haley Parson, High School Special Education teacher, at MA Step 5 effective August 17, 2026, contingent upon a successful background check.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Otter to approve all administrative and salaried support contracts for the 2026-2027 school year, effective July 1, 2026, as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Toma to approve the Board meeting dates be scheduled on the third Monday of each month with the exception for December 2026, January 2027 and February 2027 meetings as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Toma, supported by Birchmeier to approve the Mackinac Island trip for 7th grade students on May 17-18, 2027, contingent upon enough student interest.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Otter, supported by Krupp, to approve the 2026-2027 junior high and high school handbook changes as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Otter to approve the 2026-2027 athletic code of conduct as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Toma, supported by Krupp to approve the tentative agreement between the New Lothrop Board of Education and the Transportation Group for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school year as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Birchmeier to approve the TowerPinkster pre bond services agreement as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Krupp to accept the board resolution for the 2026 refunding bonds for the purpose of refinancing a portion of the 2014 bonds.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Otter, supported by Birchmeier to accept the resolution for the financing of the purchase of three buses that are being received from Midwest Transit in July 2026.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items)

None

Superintendent Update

Mr. Larner stated that the recognition luncheon with staff at the end of the school year was a success. Summer enrichment is underway in elementary and credit recovery in high school. Congratulations to the varsity softball team on their successful season.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Otter to enter closed session for Superintendent's Evaluation and Attorney Client Privilege at 6:50 p.m.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Toma to come out of closed session at 7:57 p.m.

Motion by Krupp, supported by Toma to add the superintendent evaluation rating to the agenda.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Toma, supported by Birchmeier to approve the superintendent evaluation rating as effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Birchmeier, supported by Toma to adjourn.

Adjournment at 8:01 p.m.

Motion carried, 6-0.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, July 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Ashley Krupp, Board Secretary