

The Business Meeting of the New London Board of Education was held on August 24, 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. Public Comment

None.

3. Reports and Communications

- Board Chairperson's Report
 - Ms. Maynard-Adams shared that there have been discussions and a resulting MoU with Parks & Recreation for them to have use of Jennings and for the district to have exclusive use of the B.P. building. This will allow the district the ability to add two additional classrooms in the B.P. building while awaiting the opportunity to begin construction. This MoU will be effective through June 30, 2027.
 - On September 1, 2026, the Board will be holding a Special Meeting for a workshop with Patrice McCarthy of CAFE on the Superintendent Search process.

- Ms. Maynard-Adams also shared that she, along with Val Tamano of the New London Education Foundation, hosted a tour of New London for the new educators in district as a part of their orientation.
- Report of the Superintendent
 - This evening, elementary and secondary school administrators presented their School Improvement Plan reviews from 2025-2026

A copy of this report is available in its entirety upon request.

- Reports of Committees and Representatives
 - Finance & Audit Committee
 - Ms. Maynard-Adams shared that the committee held a succinct meeting to review Line Item Transfers which are on the agenda for approval this evening.
 - Representative Updates
 - Mr. Garbini shared that the Policy Committee will reconvene at the end of September, as legislative updates have just been received from CABA.

4. Approval of the Minutes

- June 22, 2026 – Business Meeting

Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Garbini, to approve the June 22, 2026 Business Meeting minutes.

- August 6, 2026 – Business Meeting

Motion by Ms. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Garbini, to approve the August 6, 2026 Business Meeting minutes.

Motion carried, 6-0-1
Abstaining: Mr. Martin

5. Action Items

Motion by Ms. Maynard-Adams, seconded by Ms. DeRobbio, to approve the Line Item Transfers.

Motion carried, 7-0

6. Board Comments, Questions

Ms. DeRobbio commended the administrators on their School Improvement Plan presentations this evening.

Ms. Hambey shared that these presentations are part of what makes her proud to represent New London Public Schools. She also shared that she was impressed with how the community came together over the summer following the passing of a recently graduated student.

Ms. Bergin shared that when there are members of the community who might ask questions or challenges about the district, the Board can respond in a way which reassures the community member and refers back to the positive information which has been shared in meetings.

Mr. Martin expressed that he is proud of where the district has gotten to, and believes that there is a need to more widely share the story of how the system is working well.

Mr. Garbini thanked all of the administrators who presented this evening. He shared that he is proud of how the community came together over the summer as well, to echo Ms. Hambey's thoughts. Additionally, he noted that a member of the community who worked at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Lisa Gray had recently passed away. He asked that positive thoughts be shared about her.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Garbini, seconded by Mr. Martin, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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