

The New London Board of Education School Facilities & Program Design Committee meeting was held on June 8, 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 6:00 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Susan Hambey – Committee Chair
Elaine Maynard-Adams – Committee Member
Rich Martin – Committee Member (*arrived at 6:04 p.m.*)
Aaron Ide – Community Member

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

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Accept the Minutes

- April 6, 2026

Motion by Ms. Hambey, seconded by Mr. Ide, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2026 meeting.

Motion passed, 3-0

4. Discussion on the Following

- Lighting at the High School Campus

Mr. Gautier reported that the lights on the STEM side of the high school campus have been fixed.

- Consideration of Solar Panels at Nathan Hale

Mr. Gautier shared that the City has an energy consultant who is looking into adding solar panels at Nathan Hale. He noted that the consultant is also looking at the panels at Winthrop, which have not been used in about five years. There was a discussion about the district's current electric bill, and it was noted that Mr. Funk has been working with City Finance Director McBride to ensure that the billing for electricity is correct.

- Landscaping Districtwide

Mr. Gautier noted that the district only has one employee who has been completing the landscaping districtwide. While he does struggle to keep up at times, being the only employee assigned, he does the best that he possibly can to keep the grounds looking well-kept.

- Scoreboard Maintenance

Mr. Gautier clarified that the City is responsible for the scoreboards which are outside of the buildings, and the district is responsible for the ones that are inside the building.

- Construction at B.P. Mission

Mr. Gautier shared that the City received an \$850,000 grant from Congressman Courtney's office. When he arrived to award the grant, the district was told that they were good to go with moving forward with the project. Mr. Gautier has since learned, after a contractor was lined up, that the grant is not yet ready and that there is no manager assigned to the grant yet by the State. Without the manager, the funds cannot be accessed. He shared different possibilities of how to come up with some funding before the summer, but none would be a complete solution for the full \$850,000. Ms. Maynard-Adams also expressed she would be concerned about using the District's dollars to front the money, not knowing when the grant funding would be ready to go.

5. Committee Member Comments

Mr. Gautier shared that there is preventative care happening in the buildings when possible. He reminded the committee that all schools except for the high school are being closed for the summer, with the exception of a two week cleaning period.

Mr. Gautier noted that the Nathan Hale PA and Winthrop PA continue to be works in progress which will continue over the summer months.

Mr. Martin asked about the outdoor playground equipment at Jennings. Mr. Gautier shared that the equipment would remain there. It was noted by other committee members that the playground is utilized by many members of the community in that neighborhood.

6. Adjournment

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

Motion carried, 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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