

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Newark Community High School District #18 Board of Education was called to order by President Jacobs at 6:32 p.m. in the LRC at Newark Community High School with Superintendent /Principal Ulrich present.

Roll call was taken, showing the following Board Members present: Fletcher, Jacobs, Seyller, Smith, Steffen, Thompson. Board Member Bromeland was absent.

Welcome guests and visitors: Meghan McCoy, Bella Dierzen, Jacob Seyller, Heather Buhle

Public Comment: None

Teacher/Staff Comment: Mrs. McCoy shared with the Board of Education that her classes are going well, and she is starting to work with the Prom Committee on planning Prom.

Communications: None

Consent Agenda Item:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to approve the Consent Agenda items: (a) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2025; (b) approve the Financial Report-Fund Balances as of December 31, 2025; (c) approval of Bills and Requisitions.

Voting Aye: Fletcher, Seyller, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Bromeland

Board Member Bromeland arrived at 6:38.

The board went over the financial reports as of January 15, 2026:

December 2025, Treasurer's Financial Report of operational account balances:

- Education Fund: \$56,963.13
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$55,490.05
- Transportation Fund: \$39,754.06
- IMRF/SOC Fund: \$15,903.31
- Working Cash Fund: \$0
- Tort Fund: \$9,799.03
- Health/Life Safety Fund: \$15,131.30

December 31, 2025 Total Funds Balance: \$193,040.88

- December 2025 payrolls in the amount of \$144,944.94

January 2026 list of bills amounting to:

- Education Fund: \$11,054.06
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$207,961.27
- Transportation Fund: \$4,160.21
- Tort Fund: \$2,987.50

January Board bills subtotal: \$226,163.04

Extra bills for January:

- Education Fund: \$9,915.41
- Transportation Fund: \$1,196.38

Extra bills subtotal: \$11,111.79

Board Business:

First Reading of Policies:

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to approve the First Reading of the Policies.

Voting Aye: Fletcher, Seyller, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Mr. Ulrich shared Policy 7:50 with the Board of Education to review.

Overnight Field Trip:

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Fletcher to approve the Overnight Field Trip to Jacksonville, IL, for a Boys Baseball tournament.

Voice Vote: 7 Aye

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

The School Calendar for 2026-2027 was presented to the Board of Education.

Mr. Ulrich discussed with the Board of Education adding a Summer Driver's Education Class.

Mr. Ulrich is not recommending any changes to the school fees for the 2026-2027 school year.

Mr. Ulrich asked the Board of Education to review the 2025-2026 Board Goals for further discussion at a later date.

Principal's Report:

- Completed first semester classes and finals without any concerns.
- Began the second semester with a productive teacher institute day for staff.
- The focus of the institute day was reviewing and discussing the pros and cons of finals for courses. We also discussed our finals policy and schedule for next year.
- The winter sports season is moving fast, and spring sports begin in late February.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to go into closed session at 7:17 p.m. to (a) review the closed session minutes from December 18, 2025 (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)). (b) Discuss School Personnel matters (as per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of Newark Community High School (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)). (c) Discuss Student Discipline.

(As per the Illinois Open Meeting Act, “the discussion of student discipline” (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (9)), (d) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)). (e) Discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined by the Open Meetings Act, including the vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3))

Voting Aye: Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Fletcher, Seyller, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

The regular board meeting reconvened at 8:44 p.m.

Roll call was taken, showing the following Board members in attendance: Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Fletcher, Seyller, Smith, and Jacobs

Action taken as a Result of Closed Session:

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to approve the closed session Board minutes for December 18, 2025.

Voting Aye: Thompson, Bromeland, Fletcher, Seyller, Smith, Steffen, and Jacobs
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried

Upcoming Action items, Activities, and Events;

a. Next Board Meeting Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Other Matters of Discussion: None

A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

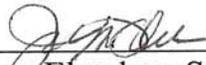
Voice Vote: 7 Ayes
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried



Ryan Jacobs, President

2-19-2026

Date



Jean Fletcher, Secretary

2-19-26

Date

