

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Newark Community High School District #18 Board of Education was called to order by President Jacobs at 6:30 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: Bromeland, Fletcher, Jacobs, Seyller, Smith, Steffen, Thompson.

Welcome guests and visitors: Megan Lenert, Holly Larson, Jacob Seyller, Travyn Holmstrom, Andrea Molina, Kaden Stanford, Daniel Venegas, Reagan Thompson, Isabella Roberson, Shae Cotton.

Public Comment: None

Teacher/Staff Comment: Mrs. Larson shared with the Board that she has 4 students in the Spring Musical; and that her students are getting ready to go on a field trip to Medieval Times. Mrs. Lenert said her Spanish 3 class is going well; they are reading Don Quijote and the AP Spanish class is preparing for a test.

Communications: Thank you note from Mrs. Ahern

Consent Agenda Item:

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bromeland to approve the Consent Agenda items: (a) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2026; (b) approve the Financial Report-Fund Balances as of January 31, 2026; (c) approval of Bills and Requisitions.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

The board went over the financial reports as of February 19, 2026:

January 2026, Treasurer's Financial Report of operational account balances:

- Education Fund: \$153,454.84
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$96,062.07
- Transportation Fund: \$65,540.51
- IMRF/SOC Fund: \$18,999.48
- Working Cash Fund: \$0
- Tort Fund: \$6,811.53
- Health/Life Safety Fund: \$15,131.30

January 31, 2026 Total Funds Balance: \$355,999.73

- January 2026 payrolls in the amount of \$133,678.61

February 2026 list of bills amounting to:

- Education Fund: \$28,525.82
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$13,413.25
- Transportation Fund: \$4,452.84
- Tort Fund: \$1,907.50

February Board bills subtotal: \$48,299.41

Extra bills for February:

- Education Fund: \$395.92
- Transportation Fund: \$44.07

Extra bills subtotal: \$439.99

Board Business:

First Reading of Policies:

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Seyller to amend the agenda 6B from a second reading to a first reading of policy 7:50.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

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

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Bromeland to approve the First Reading of Policy 7:50.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Overnight Field Trip:

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to approve the Overnight Field Trip to Jacksonville, IL, for a Girls Softball tournament.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to approve the Overnight Field Trip to Marion, IL for a Bass Fishing Tournament.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Smith to approve the Overnight Field Trip to Effingham, IL for a Bass Fishing Tournament.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bromeland to approve the Overnight Field Trip for Band to Walt Disney World from 3/17/27-3/22/27.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Thompson and second by Seyller to approve the Summer Driver's Education program.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and second by Fletcher to approve the 2026-2027 students to attend IVVC

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to approve student #1 for early graduation for School Year 2026-2027.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to approve student #2 for early graduation for School Year 2026-2027.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Bromeland to approve School Bus pay to \$23.00 per hour for Extra Curricular and Field Trips.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to approve Coaches pay to \$23.00 per hour for driving a School Bus for two hours per trip.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Mr. Ulrich updated the Board of Education on E-rate, there may be a reduction based on the E-rate program.

Mr. Ulrich gave a Building and Grounds update: Softball fence is up. The score board is being outfitted to make it moveable. Installation of the HVAC system for the 3rd floor is moving forward; the architect will be out this week to look over the area so bid documents can be prepared.

Principal's Report:

- Freshman registration is rescheduled for next week and we are excited to welcome the class of 2030
- We are meeting with the science department to review curriculum and determine any updates to current materials.
- Students have been meeting with Mrs. Ahearn to select classes for next year.
- 5Essentials survey will be released soon to parents, students and staff members to complete.
- FFA week is next week and the school will busy with activities and visitors
- Preparing for the ACT assessment in April.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to go into closed session at 7:17 p.m. to (a) review the closed session minutes from January 15, 2026 (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: Seyller, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Fletcher, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

The regular board meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

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

Action taken as a Result of Closed Session:

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bromeland to approve the closed session Board minutes for January 15, 2026

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Thompson to approve hiring Megan Dinsmore as the AG Teacher at \$55,509.33 without TRS - \$60,999.27 with TRS.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Thompson to approve Megan Dinsmore as FFA Advisor for \$1,601.22 without TRS - \$1759.58 with TRS.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Thompson to approve Megan Dinsmore to begin transitional work until 6/30/26 at \$30.00 per hour.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Fletcher to hire Laura Smith as a substitute Bus Driver for \$36.00 per regular route and standard sports and field trip pay.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Fletcher to hire Miraya Smith as an Assistant Track Coach for \$2431.00.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bromeland to hire Rachael Jasien for 2026 Spring Musical Stage Manager for \$442.02.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to hire Jose Chapman as a part time Custodian for \$15.00 per hour.

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

Voting Nay: Non

Motion carried

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to approve Hunter Ruman as a Musical Volunteer (Tech Assistant).

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Upcoming Action items, Activities, and Events;

- a. Next Board Meeting Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Sports Trivia March 6, 2026 at Whitetail Ridge Golf Course, Yorkville.

Other Matters of Discussion: Calendar will need to be amended.

A Motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

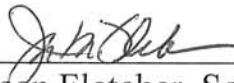
Voice Vote: 7 Ayes
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried



Ryan Jacobs, President

3-19-2026

Date



Jean Fletcher, Secretary

3-19-2026

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