

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
March 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:** Lisa Woods, Joe Steffen, Sophia Solis, Austin Brown, Daniel Venegas, Blerim Berisha, Jenny Mikkelsen, Shae Cotton.

**Public Comment:** None

**Teacher/Staff Comment:** Mrs. Woods said her classes are going well, they have two field trips coming up one to JJC and another to Kendall County Court House. Mr. Steffen shared with the Board of Education how wonderful the FFA Banquet went. And thank the Board for all of their support.

**Communications:** Thank you note from Mrs. Ingraham

**Consent Agenda Item:**

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Fletcher to amend the agenda and add 6J to approve Exhibit A- project authorization with Healy Bender Patton and Been for third floor HVAC project.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Fletcher to approve the Consent Agenda items: (a) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2026; (b) approve the Financial Report-Fund Balances as of February 28, 2026; (c) approval of Bills and Requisitions.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

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

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

- Education Fund: \$226,599.10
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$72,401.46
- Transportation Fund: \$45,761.37
- IMRF/SOC Fund: \$8,935.10
- Working Cash Fund: \$0
- Tort Fund: \$4,904.03
- Health/Life Safety Fund: \$15,131.30

February 28, 2026 Total Funds Balance: \$373,732.36

- February 2026 payrolls in the amount of \$134,477.53

March 2026 list of bills amounting to:

- Education Fund: \$71,893.48
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$12,812.75
- Transportation Fund: \$8,636.53
- Tort Fund: \$230.00

March Board bills subtotal: \$93,572.76

Extra bills for March:

- Education Fund: \$363.16
- Transportation Fund: \$577.50

**Board Business:**

**IHSA Membership:**

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to renew IHSA membership for 2026-2027 school year.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

**ISBE District consolidated Plan:**

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Seyller to approve ISBE District Consolidated Plan for 2026-2027 school year.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

**Amended Minutes:**

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Steffen to approve the amended minutes for February 19, 2026 as corrected.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

**Lunch Agreement:**

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bromeland to approve the lunch agreement with Newark Community High School Dist #18 and Newark Grade School Dist #66 for 2026-2027 school year.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

**Second Reading Policy 7:50:**

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

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

**Retirement:**

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Thompson to approve the retirement of Bill Blidy at the end of the 2029-2030 school year.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to approve the retirement of Mike Hall II at the end of the 2029-2030 school year.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Mr. Ulrich shared with the Board of Education the two quotes for updating the network.

Mr. Ulrich and Jake Langhoff have been working with Healy Bender Patton and Been architects to develop plans for the HVAC.

**Principal's Report:**

- Mrs. Ahearn and I have begun looking at class sections for next year and we are on track with creating the master schedule.
- Top 10 banquet is April 27<sup>th</sup>- Students have been informed and we are looking forward to a nice evening.
- Completed all non-tenured evaluations this year. Ms. Jasien, and Mr. Akre have completed their 4 years and will earn tenure this year. Mrs. Eltrevoog has completed three years with excellent evaluations and will also earn tenure this year.
- ACT Testing April 8<sup>th</sup> – Juniors will take the ACT while Freshman and Sophomores will take the PRE ACT. Seniors will not be in attendance that day. A letter will be sent home to families explaining the day
- FFA banquet was last week. We honored Joe for his time at NCHS. Megan Dinsmore attended the banquet as well.
- Wes has begun work on the handbook for 2026-2027 and is convening a committee to review the handbook and make necessary changes.

A motion was made by Fletcher and second by Smith to approve a project authorization with Healy Bender Patton and Been for third floor HVAC.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bromeland to go into closed session at 7:08 p.m. to (a) review the closed session minutes from February 19, 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: Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, Fletcher, Seyller, Smith, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

The regular board meeting reconvened at 8:54 p.m.

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

**Action taken as a Result of Closed Session:**

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to approve the closed session Board minutes as corrected for February 19, 2026.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Fletcher to approve the resignation of Jasmine Mitchell as Girls Varsity Basketball Coach effective February 19, 2026.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to approve the resignation of Dylan Patrick as JV Boys Basketball Coach effective February 19, 2026.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Thompson to approve Jackson Nance as a Volunteer Assistant Girls Softball Coach.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

### **Upcoming Action items, Activities, and Events;**

- a. Next Board Meeting Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Schedule a Building and Grounds Meeting and Finance Meeting.

**Other Matters of Discussion: None**

A Motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

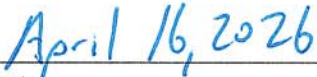
Voice Vote: 7 Ayes

Voting Nay: None

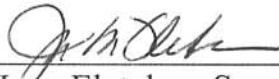
Motion carried



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Ryan Jacobs, President



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Jean Fletcher, Secretary



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