

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
April 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 6:31 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, Steffen, and Thompson.

Welcome guests and visitors: Wes Miller, Tom Foss, Josh Cooper, Mike Hall, Sophia Solis, Isabella Roberson, Reagan Thompson, Marilyn Morel, Kaden Stanford, Jenny Mikkelsen, Miranda McBroom, Heather Buhle, James DiClementi.

Public Comment: Kaden Stanford addressed the Board of Education.

Dan Thompson arrived at 6:32

Teacher/Staff Comment: Mr. Foss shared with the Board of Education that his classes are going well and he is getting ready for exams. Mike Hall said he is preparing for exams. Mr. Cooper shared that he is taking his Drivers Ed students to the Kendall County Court House and Jail.

Communications: None

Consent Agenda Item:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Bromeland to approve the Consent Agenda items: (a) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2026; (b) approve the Building and Grounds Committee meeting of April 9, 2026 (c) approve the Financial Report-Fund Balances as of March 31, 2026; (d) approval of Bills and Requisitions.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent Smith

The board went over the financial reports as of April 16, 2026:

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

- Education Fund: \$242,945.49
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$102,874.90
- Transportation Fund: \$14,041.03
- IMRF/SOC Fund: \$26,893.04
- Working Cash Fund: \$0
- Tort Fund: \$4,674.03
- Health/Life Safety Fund: \$15,131.30

March 31, 2026 Total Funds Balance: \$406,559.79

- March 2026 payrolls in the amount of \$151,762.31

April 2026 list of bills amounting to:

- Education Fund: \$18,385.72
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$48,750.74
- Transportation Fund: \$6,799.32
- Tort Fund: \$230.00

April Board bills subtotal: \$74,165.78

Extra bills for April:

- Education Fund: \$9,822.53

Extra bills subtotal: \$9,822.53

Board Business:

Textbook adoption:

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Seyller to place a Class Room Novel on Display for 30 days.

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

Infrastructure contract:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Thompson to approve the infrastructure contract with QNS.

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

Destruction of Closed Session Recordings:

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Seyller to approve the destruction of closed session recordings 18 months or older.

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

Sequence of Honorable Dismissal:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Bromeland to approve the Sequence of Honorable Dismissal/RIF List.

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

Overnight Field Trip:

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Thompson to approve the Overnight Field Trip for FFA June 8-11, 2026 Springfield IL.

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

Purchase of John Deere:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Thompson to approve the purchase of a 2026 John Deere Z970 Mower.

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

Mr. Ulrich shared with the Board of Education the 2026-2027 Meeting Schedule.

Mr. Miller has presented to the Board of Education the proposed Parent-Student Handbook for 2026-2027.

Mr. Ulrich updated the Board of Education on the status of the HVAC project.

Principal's Report:

- Top 10 banquet is April 27th- Students have been informed and we are looking forward to a nice evening.
- Students who are interested in joining a trade union will attend the Apprenticeship Expo at the Painters Council in Aurora on Tuesday April 21st.
- On April 15th JJC came for Next Step day to help students apply for enrollment at JJC for the fall.
- National Honor Society induction will be April 30th at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Bromeland to go into closed session at 7:07 p.m. to (a) review the closed session minutes from March 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: Fletcher, Seyller, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent Smith

Board Member Smith arrived at 7:19.

The regular board meeting reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Bromeland to approve the resolution authorizing Notice to Remedy for Josh Cooper.

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

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to approve Matt Akre as the JV Boys Basketball Coach for a stipend of \$3,202.43 for 26-27 school year.

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

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Fletcher to approve Jane Crowe as Varsity Girls Basketball Coach for a stipend of \$5,474.90 for 26-27 school year.

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

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to approve Mark Underhill as a Volunteer Bass Fishing Coach for 26-27 school year.

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

Upcoming Action items, Activities, and Events;

- a. Top Ten Dinner – April 27th
- b. Next Board Meeting Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- c. Possible Committee Meetings
- d. Graduation – May 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
- e. Joint Annual Conference – November 20-22, 2026

Other Matters of Discussion: None

A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

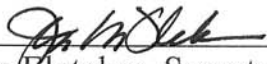
Voice Vote: 7 Ayes
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried



Ryan Jacobs, President

5-21-2026

Date



Jean Fletcher, Secretary

5-21-2026

Date