

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Newark Community High School District #18 Board of Education was called to order by President Jacobs at 6:33 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, Seyller, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, Bromeland, and Jacobs

Welcome guests and visitors: None

Public Comment: None

Teacher/Staff Comment: None

Communications: Thank you cards from Lisa Woods and Michelle McAnally

Amend the Agenda:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Thompson to amend the agenda.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Consent Agenda Item:

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bromeland to approve the Consent Agenda items: (a) approve the Public Budget Hearing of June 12, 2025 (b) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2025 (c) approve the Finance Committee Meeting of July 7, 2025 (d) Financial Report-Fund Balances as of June 30, 2025 (e) approval of Bills and Requisitions.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

The board went over the financial reports as of July 17, 2025:

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

- ☐ Education Fund: \$1,117,820.64
- ☐ Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$23,854.26
- ☐ Transportation Fund: \$222,108.12
- ☐ IMRF/SOC Fund: \$84,655.19
- ☐ Working Cash Fund: \$50,623.57
- ☐ Tort Fund: \$52,623.96
- ☐ Health/Life Safety Fund: \$78,583.20

June 30, 2025 Total Funds Balance: \$1,630,268.94

- ☐ June 2025 payrolls in the amount of \$162,678.05

July 2025 list of bills amounting to:

- ☐ Education Fund: \$47,282.39
- ☐ Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$10,693.94
- ☐ Transportation Fund: \$40,583.58
- ☐ Tort Fund: \$2,800.00
- ☐ Health/Life Safety Fund: \$3,768.45

July Board bills subtotal: \$105,128.36

Extra bills for July:

- ☐ Education Fund: \$3,436.17

Extra bills subtotal: \$3,436.17

Mr. Ulrich shared with the Board of Education the recent Goals for 2025-2026

Board Business:

Second Reading of Policies

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

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Resolution for Abatement

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Steffen to approve the Resolution for Abatement or Transfer of \$325,000.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

BOE Committee Assignments

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to approve the Board of Education Committee Assignments for 2025-2027.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Girls Soccer Cooperative

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to approve the Girls Soccer Cooperative with Earlville and Serena. Serena will be hosting.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Boys Soccer Cooperative

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to approve the Boys Cross Country Cooperative with Serena. Newark will be hosting.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Mr. Ulrich shared information regarding Artificial Intelligence.

Mr. Ulrich discussed with the Board of Education the 2025-26 Budget draft.

Mr. Ulrich updated the Board on the summer construction projects.

Principal's Report:

- Registration opened last week and will be fully online this year
- Wes and I are working on opening day for staff.
- Purchased Magic School Enterprise for all staff and students.
- Continue to finish work in building to prepare for students.
- Planned teacher institute days for August 12th and 13th
- Will have new staff orientation on August 11th.

Overnight Volleyball Trip

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bromeland to approve an overnight Volleyball trip for team retreat at Delavan, WI.

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 go into closed session at 8:00 p.m. to (a) review the closed session minutes from June 12, 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: Thompson, Bromeland, Fletcher, Seyller, Smith, Steffen, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

The regular board meeting reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

Roll call was taken, showing the following Board members in attendance: Bromeland, Fletcher, Seyller, Smith, Steffen, Thompson, 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 June 12, 2025.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to accept the resignation of Bill Blidy as Class Advisor.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to accept the resignation of Bob McBroom as Assistant Boys Baseball Coach.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Fletcher to approve Ashley Moore as Cross-Country Head Coach for a stipend of \$2,341.11.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Steffen to approve Camille Mukenschnabl as a Class Advisor for a stipend of \$1768.08.

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 hire Michelle McAnally for state reporting at a rate of \$40.00 per hour up to 100 hours per FY 2026.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Upcoming Action items, Activities, and Events;

- a. Next Board Meeting August 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Conference – November 21-23, 2025
- c. Board Self-Evaluation Monday, September 15th 6:30 p.m.

Other Matters of Discussion: Superintendent Goals. Communication with parents and students regarding Homecoming.

A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

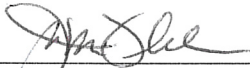
Voice Vote: 7 Ayes
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried



Ryan Jacobs, President



Date



Jean Fletcher, Secretary



Date