BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2025

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

Welcome guests and visitors: Jeanette Buhle, Michael Hall, Jenny Mikkelson, Kendall Hco, Kris Steil, Sophia Withrow-Steil, Staci Withrow-Steil, Cate Moulton

Public Comment: None

Teacher/Staff Comment: Mr. Hall said the start of the year has been very good. He was excited about the update to his room. He also shared with the Board that he started a Gamers Club, and he had 6 students show up.

Communications: None

Consent Agenda Item:

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Fletcher to approve the Consent Agenda items: (a) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2025; (b) Financial Report-Fund Balances as of July 31, 2025; (c) approval of Bills and Requisitions.

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

The board went over the financial reports as of August 21, 2025:
July 2025, Treasurer's Financial Report of operational account balances:

- Education Fund: $216,796.81
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: $368,541.77
- Transportation Fund: $51,671.86
- IMRF/SOC Fund: $88,338.26
- Working Cash Fund: $55,627.54
- Tort Fund: $4,767.22
- Health/Life Safety Fund: $79,818.72

July 31, 2025 Total Funds Balance: $865,562.18

- July 2025 payrolls in the amount of $129,059.96

August 2025 list of bills amounting to:

- Education Fund: $57,568.70
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: $39,425.81
- Transportation Fund: $1,258.59
- Tort Fund: $9,375.00
- Health/Life Safety Fund: $10,275.00

August Board bills subtotal: $117,903.10
Extra bills for August:

- Education Fund: $2,400.00
- Operations and Maintenance Fund: $110.00
- Transportation Fund: $37,026.60
- Health/Life Safety Fund: $17,150.00

Extra bills subtotal: $56,686.60

Board Business:

Tentative Budget Placed on 30 Day Display

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to approve the FY 2026 Tentative Budget to be placed on a 30-day Public Display.

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

Public Budget Hearing Date

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Fletcher to approve the Public Budget Hearing Date of September 22, 2025.

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

Reschedule Board Meeting

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Steffen to approve rescheduling of the September 25, 2025, board meeting to Monday, September 22, 2025.

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

Presentation of FY 2025 Audit

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Steffen to approve the FY 2025 Audit by Mack & Associates.

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

Overnight Volleyball Trip

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to approve the Overnight Volleyball Trip to Williamsville, IL, on September 12-13, 2025.

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

Early Graduation Request

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Thompson to approve the Early Graduation Request.

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

Destruction of Closed Session Recordings

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to approve the Destruction of Closed Session Recordings 18 Months or Older.

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

Board Goals

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Seyller to approve the Board Goals for 2025-2026.

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

Mr. Miller presented information to the Board of Education regarding the addition of the shot clock to the gym as well as the proposed softball field improvements.

Mr. Ulrich presented information regarding the construction project.

Principal's Report:

- Freshman orientation took place on Wednesday, August 13^{th}.
- The first institute day was successful and well-received by the staff.
- In the math department, we are offering AP Pre-Calculus and AP Calculus this year, as well as transitional math.
- Staff completed ISBE-mandated trainings.
- The maintenance staff has worked very hard to prepare the building and has completed many projects this summer.

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to go into closed session at 7:32 p.m. to (a) review the closed session minutes from July 17, 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, Fletcher, Seyller, and Jacobs
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried
Absent Bromeland

The regular board meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

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

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 July 17, 2025.

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

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Steffen to accept the resignation of Abbey Akre as Secretary, effective 8/15/2025, with regrets.

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

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to hire Tara Messersmith as Athletic Trainer Sub at $55.00 per hour.

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

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Seyller to approve Deb Priebe as a FACS Sewing Sub at $30.00 per hour

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

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Fletcher to approve additional bus pay compensation for the a.m. and p.m. regular routes, which were decreased from 4 drivers to 3 drivers covering the regular routes.

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

Upcoming Action items, Activities, and Events;

a. Next Board Meeting Monday, September 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
b. Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Conference – November 21-23, 2025
c. Schedule a Policy committee Meeting

Other Matters of Discussion: Mr. Ulrich suggested we have a policy regarding foreign exchange students.

A Motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Voice Vote: 6 Ayes
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried
Absent Bromeland

Ryan Jacobs, President

9-22-2025

Date

Jean Fletcher, Secretary

9/22/2025

Date