

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Newark Community High School District #18 Board of Education was called to order by President Jacobs at 6:34 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, and Thompson

Welcome guests and visitors: Lily Westphal, Ashlynn Salato, and Nate Akre

Public Comment: Ashlynn Salato addressed the Board of Education and Mr. Ulrich regarding snow/ice removal for the walkway to the Grade School.

Teacher/Staff Comment: Mr. Akre shared with the Board of Education how well the new Curriculum is going. He was excited to announce the spring musical. He is also going back to school to get his Master's Degree.

Communications: None

Consent Agenda Item:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Smith to approve the Consent Agenda items: (a) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2025; (b) approve the Policy Committee Meeting of September 30, 2025; (c) Financial Report-Fund Balances as of September 30, 2025; (d) 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 October 16, 2025:

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

- ☐ **Education Fund: \$834,138.31**
- ☐ **Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$101,680.56**
- ☐ **Transportation Fund: \$38,078.86**
- ☐ **IMRF/SOC Fund: \$124,412.97**
- ☐ **Working Cash Fund: \$87,687.93**
- ☐ **Tort Fund: \$24,409.81**
- ☐ **Health/Life Safety Fund: \$41,902.11**

September 30, 2025 Total Funds Balance: \$1,257,310.55

- ☐ **September 2025 payrolls in the amount of \$135,308.99**

October 2025 list of bills amounting to:

- ☐ **Education Fund: \$33,402.78**
- ☐ **Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$21,898.30**
- ☐ **Transportation Fund: \$6,407.06**
- ☐ **Tort Fund: \$152.50**

October Board bills subtotal: \$61,860.64

Extra bills for October:

- ☐ **Education Fund: \$1452.14**
- ☐ **Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$61,395.14**
- ☐ **Transportation Fund: \$617.40**

Extra bills subtotal: \$63,464.68

Additional Consent Agenda Items:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Bromeland to approve the Board Policies.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Board Business:**Mack and Associates:**

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Smith to approve a 3-year Contract with Mack and Associates for FY 2026, 2027, and 2028 audits.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Approval of Land Cash Request:

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Seyller to approve the Land Cash Request.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Parent/Student Handbook:

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bromeland to approve the updates for the Parent/Student Handbook.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Mr. Ulrich updated the Board of Education on the status of the architect RFQ.

Mr. Ulrich provided the EAV numbers for Kendall County and a brief update regarding the status of the preliminary levy.

Mr. Ulrich shared with the Board of Education the updates on the building and the FACS room.

Principal's Report:

- Homecoming games and dance went well, and a huge thank you goes out to Camille Mukenschnabl and Meghan McCoy for their hard work.
- The first rounds of senior seminar presentations were last week. Thank you to Tom Foss and Mike Hall for spearheading senior seminar.
- The staff and I discussed e-learning and will work to provide a more robust asynchronous experience for our students on any e-learning day.
- Professional meetings continue with all staff.
- Ms. Elliott is planning the full-day Talk event for November with a group of students. These students attended training at Oswego High School last month.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Thompson to go into closed session at 7:12 p.m. to (a) review the closed session minutes from September 22, 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 7:29 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 Smith and seconded by Thompson to approve the closed session Board minutes as corrected for September 22, 2025.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Upcoming Action items, Activities, and Events;

- a. Next Board Meeting Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Conference - November 21-23, 2025
- c. Schedule a Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
- d. Schedule Finance Committee Meeting
- e. Staff Holiday Luncheon

Other Matters of Discussion: None

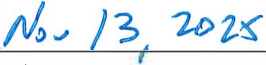
A Motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes

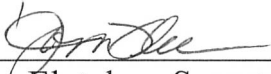
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried



Ryan Jacobs, President



Date



Jean Fletcher, Secretary



Date