

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 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, Steffen, and Thompson. Board member Don Smith absent.

Welcome Guests and Visitors: Mike Hall and Cate Moulton

Public Comment: None

Teacher/Staff Comment: Mr. Hall said the first day of school went well and everyone had a positive attitude.

Communications: Letter from the State Board of Education.

Consent Agenda Item:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Seyller to approve the Consent Agenda: (a) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2026 (b) approve the E-Learning Public Hearing of July 16, 2026 (c) approve the Corrected Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of July 6, 2026 (d) Financial Report-Fund Balances as of July 31, 2026 (e) 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 August 20, 2026:

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

- ☐ Education Fund: \$592,173.54
- ☐ Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$236,128.21
- ☐ Transportation Fund: \$44,026.03
- ☐ IMRF/SOC Fund: \$61,712.29
- ☐ Working Cash Fund: \$55,175.47
- ☐ Tort Fund: \$13,320.62
- ☐ Health/Life Safety Fund: \$65,600.65

July 31, 2026 Total Funds Balance: \$1,068,136.81

- ☐ July 2026 payrolls in the amount of \$119,751.09

August 2026 list of bills amounting to:

- ☐ Education Fund: \$37,104.30
- ☐ Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$25,674.98
- ☐ Transportation Fund: \$1,378.99
- ☐ Tort Fund: \$12,398.94
- ☐ Health/Life Safety Fund: \$2,335.00

August 2026 Board bills subtotal: \$78,892.21

Extra bills for August:

- ☐ Transportation Fund: \$835.18

August Extra bills subtotal: \$835.18

Board Business:**Tentative Budget:**

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Steffen to approve the Tentative Budget to be placed on a 30-day public display.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Smith

Public Hearing:

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Fletcher to approve the Public Hearing date of September 24, 2026.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Smith

Presentation of FY 2026 Audit by Cate Moulton with Mack & Associates:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Bromeland to approve the FY 2026 Audit.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Smith

Heartland Bank Investment Signer:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Bromeland to approve the listed agents and their assigned duties as listed on Heartland Bank's Institutional Authorization form.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Smith

Second Reading of Policies:

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

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Smith

Overnight Volleyball Trip:

A motion was made by Bromeland and seconded by Seyller to approve the Overnight Girls' Volleyball trip to Williamsville, IL, on September 11-12, 2026.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Smith

Overnight FFA Officers Retreat:

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Fletcher to approve the Overnight FFA Officers Retreat to Bettendorf, Iowa, on September 25-27, 2026

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Smith

Destruction of Closed Session Recordings:

A motion was made by Thompson, and seconded by Steffen to approve the Destruction of Closed Session Recordings 18 months and older.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Smith

Board Goals 2026-2027:

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Steffen to approve the Board Goals for 2026-2027 as developed.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Smith

Athletic Fields Presentation:

Superintendent/Principal Ulrich discussed the possible project of moving the athletic fields.

Buildings and Ground Update:

Superintendent/Principal Ulrich shared with the Board of Education the building improvements that were made over the summer.

Principal's Report:

- We had new teacher/staff orientation on Monday, August 17th.
- Worked to integrate Megan Dinsmore, our new teacher, into the building and ensure all of her questions were answered.
- Mrs. Ahearn has been working hard to get schedules complete and ensure that each student has a full schedule.
- IVVC began on Thursday, August 13th. We have 21 students attending this year.
- WCE began last week and we have 6 students participating.
- Staff completed ISBE mandated trainings.
- The maintenance staff has worked very hard to prepare the building and completed many projects this summer.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Fletcher to go into closed session at 8:15 p.m. to (a) review the closed session minutes from July 16, 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)Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). (f) 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, and Jacobs
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried
Absent: Smith

The regular board meeting reconvened at 9:11 p.m.

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

Action taken as a Result of Closed Session:

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Seyller to approve the closed session Board minutes for July 16, 2026.

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

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Thompson to accept the resignation of Nate Akre as Spring Musical Director.

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

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Steffen to accept the resignation of Abby Akre as Freshmen Volleyball Coach.

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

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Bromeland to approve Chris Cashwell as a Permanent Substitute at \$150.00 per day as of 8/17/2026.

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

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Seyller to approve Emily Peto as Freshman Volleyball Coach for a stipend of \$1,808.08.

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

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Bromeland to approve Kailee Morel as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for a stipend of \$3,272.43.

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

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Steffen to approve Morgan Jaisen as Spring Musical Director for a stipend of \$ 2,736.20.

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

A motion was made by Bromeland and seconded by Steffen to approve Morgan Jaisen as Spring Musical Accompanist for a stipend of \$497.49.

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

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Fletcher to approve Dylan Long as a Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach.

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

Upcoming Action items, Activities, and Events:

- a. Next Board Meeting September 24, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Conference –
November 20-22, 2026
- c. Schedule a Policy Committee Meeting.
- d. Schedule a Transportation Committee Meeting in conjunction with District
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Other Matters of Discussion: Board of Education discussed purchasing a suburban for school use. Superintendent Ulrich discussed sending a Homecoming letter home to all parents, and also reminded the Board of Education of the upcoming School Board election.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Bromeland to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

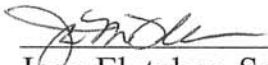
Voice Vote: 6 Ayes
Voting Nay: None
Motion carried
Absent: Smith



Ryan Jacobs, President



Date



Jean Fletcher, Secretary



Date