

**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #16**  
**NEW BERLIN, ILLINOIS**  
**February 21, 2023**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

President Neuman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Neuman called the Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members Kotner, Gordon, Marr, Beard, Mann and Williams were present.

President Neuman called the Parent Hearing to order at 5:31p.m. The Superintendent summarized the incidents that lead to the need for a hearing. The parents were not present. The Superintendent recommendation is to ban or exclude Ms. Brandi Litherland from school property as defined by Policy 8:30 which includes district and school buildings, grounds, parking areas: vehicles used for school purposes: and any location used for a Board of Education meeting, school athletic event, or other school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities for a period of one calendar year from the date of the violation, January 27, 2023 with the following exceptions; Emergency purposes in the event there would be a medical need for her children; Parent-teacher conferences including 504 or IEP meetings with an assigned School Safety Officer or other designated administrator as an escort; otherwise written permission 48 hours in advance from the superintendent on an as needed basis with School Safety Officer or other designated administrator as an escort; in case of children missing the bus or needing to be picked up, Ms. Litherland may do so, but will need to remain in her vehicle. A motion was made by Member Beard and seconded by Member Gordon to adjourn the parent hearing. The motion passed on a voice vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Kotner to accept the Superintendent recommendation to temporarily ban Brandi Litherland from District Property per Board Policy 8:30. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

Pretzel Shoutouts were shared with the Board.

There was no one for Public Comment.

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

There were no questions or comments regarding Director's reports.

Administrators highlighted items in their reports.

The Superintendent highlighted the 2023-2024 Calendar. She informed the Board of summer school dates, pre-bid information as well as the shift back to traditional math beginning with Class of 2027. The Superintendent also talked to the Board about the school meal standards comparison, solar update and an update on the design development. A BLDD representative followed with updates on the building project from the last update.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Mann to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Member Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Marr and seconded by Member Kotner to approve the construction documents for an early bid package for the New Berlin Jr/Sr High School Remodel & Addition project as submitted and authorize BLDD and CORE construction to solicit bids on behalf of the New Berlin School District. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Kotner and seconded by Member Williams to approve the application for establishing a student activity fund for JH PBIS. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Marr and seconded by Member Gordon to approve the board member reimbursement for Stephanie Neuman. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea. Member Neuman abstained.

A motion was made by Member Mann and seconded by Member Beard to approve the resolution to dispose of surplus supplies or equipment. The motion passed on a voice vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Marr and seconded by Member Beard to approve the FFA overnight trip for the 2023 Women changing the Face of Agriculture career exploration event, Galesburg, IL on March 3, 2023. The motion passed on a voice vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Kotner to approve the Calendar for School Year 2023-2024. The motion passed on a voice vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Kotner and seconded by Member Mann to approve the Summer School Plan. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Marr to approve Traditional Math beginning with Class of 2027. The motion passed on a voice vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Mann and seconded by Member Kotner to approve the updated math addition to the MNGS Curriculum Guide for 23-24 School Year. The motion passed on a voice vote 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Beard to approve the destroying of executive session tapes for the month(s) of July 2021 and prior. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, and Beard voted yea. Member Williams voted no.

A motion was made at 6:06 p.m. by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Beard to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of employee matters and security related matters. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made at 6:16 p.m. by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Beard to return to open session. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Kotner to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda (Olivia Killion-Junior High History Teacher, Allison Jacobs-Special Education Paraprofessional, Brooke Brummett-NBE Paraprofessional, James Dambacher-High School Head Football Coach, Melissa Dillon-Assistant High School Softball Coach, Alexa Thomsen-Volunteer High School Track and Field Coach, Dalton Dawdy-Part Time Cook). The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

A motion was made at 6:16 p.m. by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Kotner to adjourn the board meeting. The motion passed on a voice vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Mann, Gordon, Marr, Beard and Williams voted yea.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.