

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #16
NEW BERLIN, ILLINOIS
March 20, 2025

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

President Neuman called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members Kotner, Gordon, Marr, Mann, Bishoff and Beard were present.

Pretzel Shoutouts were shared with the Board.

President Neuman opened the floor for public comment, of which there was none.

Vice President Gordon shared the IASB talking points.

President Neuman opened the floor for adjustments to the agenda, of which there were none.

The Administrators presented their reports to the Board.

The Superintendent reminded the Board upcoming due date of Statements of Economic Interest. She also asked the Board to start considering attendance at the IASB State Conference. Other items brought to the Board were future board training topics which she will provide for review and the upcoming solar project and preparing for installation. The Superintendent also advised the Board that no tours could be given over spring break due to the change back from temporary run power. She advised that demolition was scheduled to begin April 1 and that there were some items that were cleaned from abatement. She informed the Board of upcoming legislation items that will impact school sports and discipline processes. The Superintendent talked with the Board about budget reductions for consideration and some that have already been applied.

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

The Chief School Business Officer updated the Board on changes in spending in relation to the next installment and how that may reflect on the next fiscal year. She advised that since there is no means to generate new revenue, the District are having to look at expenditures.

The Chief School Business Officer updated the Board on a concern brought by a community member regarding wind turbines in the district. She reported that there are seven (7) wind turbines in the district and the district has been receiving that revenue.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Beard to approve the Cash Farm Lease for 2025-2026. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Mann, Marr, Beard and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Kotner and seconded by Member Mann to approve the 2026-2027 School Year Calendar. The motion passed on a voice vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Mann, Marr, Beard and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Bishoff and seconded by Member Gordon to approve the IHSA 25-26 School Year Membership Renewal. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Mann, Marr, Beard and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Beard and seconded by Member Marr to approve the 2025 Hazardous Bus Routes. The motion passed on a voice vote 7-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Mann, Marr, Beard and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made at 6:59 p.m. by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Beard, for the purpose of employee and litigation matters. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Mann, Marr, Beard and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made at 7:41 p.m. by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Marr to return to open session. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Mann, Marr, Beard and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Bishoff and seconded by Member Gordon to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda (Melissa Charneski-Volunteer Softball Coach). The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Mann, Marr, Beard and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Mann and seconded by Member Kotner to approve the 2025-2026 Employment Contract for Athletic and Activities Director Blake Lucas. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Mann, Marr, Beard and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Beard to approve the resolution for the Reduction of Days for Paraprofessionals for 2025-2026 School Year. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Mann, Marr, Beard and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Mann and seconded by Member Beard to approve the resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Permanent Substitutes (Chad Fornoff, Earl Green, Brian Fox, Julia Garrison, Dawn Huddleston, Gordon Wells) for 2025-2026 School Year. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Mann, Marr, Beard and Bishoff voted yea.

President Neuman asked the Board Members to take note of the resignations and the retirement of Robert Barth, Bus Driver.

A motion was made at 7:43 p.m. by Member Beard and seconded by Member Gordon to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed on a voice vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Mann, Marr, Beard and Bishoff voted yea.

The meeting ended at 7:43 p.m.

Secretary

President