

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Newark Community High School District #18 Board of Education was called to order by President Jacobs at 6:40 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, Steffen, and Thompson. Absent were Bromeland and Smith.

Welcome guests and visitors: None

Public Comment: None

Teacher/Staff Comment: None

Communications: None

Amended the Agenda:

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Steffen to amend the agenda adding 7-H overnight fieldtrip for volleyball to Lake Delavan, WI.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Bromeland and Smith

Consent Agenda Item:

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected: (a) approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2026 (b) approve the Policy Committee Meeting of July 1, 2026 (c) Financial Report-Fund Balances as of June 30, 2026 (d) approval of Bills and Requisitions.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Bromeland and Smith

The board went over the financial reports as of July 16, 2026:

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

- ☐ Education Fund: \$1,499,607.88
- ☐ Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$204,587.16
- ☐ Transportation Fund: \$172,032.06
- ☐ IMRF/SOC Fund: \$56,774.87
- ☐ Working Cash Fund: \$47,910.77
- ☐ Tort Fund: \$61,652.33
- ☐ Health/Life Safety Fund: \$58,335.95

June 30, 2026 Total Funds Balance: \$2,100,901.02

- ☐ June 2026 payrolls in the amount of \$160,774.46

June 30, 2026 list of bills amounting to:

- ☐ Education Fund: \$600.73
- ☐ Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$25,130

June 30, 2026 Board bills subtotal: \$14,730.73

July 2026 list of bills amounting to:

- ☐ Education Fund: \$60,100.17
- ☐ Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$15,001.19
- ☐ Transportation Fund: \$1,009.78
- ☐ Tort Fund: \$2,492.50

July 2026 Board bills subtotal: \$78,603.64

Extra bills for July:

- ☐ Education Fund: \$57,252.53
- ☐ Operations and Maintenance Fund: \$6,485.00

July Extra bills subtotal: \$63,737.53

Board Goals:

The Board of Education discussed the Board Goals for 2026-2027.

Board Business:**E-Learning Plan:**

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Seyller to approve the 3-year E-learning plan from August 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Bromeland and Smith

Policies:

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Seyller to approve the first reading of Policies.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Bromeland and Smith

Land Cash:

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Steffen to approve the Land Cash Request from Kendall County Pertaining to Land Cash Ordinance in the amount of \$814.11.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Bromeland and Smith

Draft Budget:

Superintendent Ulrich discussed the Budget for 2026 2027.

Future Building Projects and Building & Grounds updates:

Superintendent Ulrich updated the Board of Education regarding Building and Grounds. They are looking into the 3rd floor HVAC and engaging the architect about moving the Athletic Fields.

A motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Thompson to approve the engagement with Healy Bender Patton & Been Architect for \$10,500, regarding preliminary plans for athletic fields.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Bromeland and Smith

Principal's Report:

- Registration is open and will be fully online again this year
- Wes and I are working on opening day for staff.
- New staff orientation on August 17th.
- Continue to clean and prepare the building for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Planned teacher institute days for August 18th and 19th

Overnight Volleyball Trip

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Seyller to approve an overnight Volleyball trip for team retreat at Lake Delavan, WI.

Voice Vote: 5

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Bromeland and Smith

Closed Session

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Seyller to go into closed session at 8:05 p.m. to (a) review the closed session minutes from June 18, 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: Seyller, Steffen, Thompson, Fletcher, and Jacobs

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Bromeland and Smith

The regular board meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

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

Action taken as a Result of Closed Session:

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Steffen to approve the closed session Board minutes for June 18, 2026.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Bromeland and Smith

A motion was made by Steffen and seconded by Seyller to accept the resignation of Brittany Baum as Athletic Trainer as of 6/25/2026.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Bromeland and Smith

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Seyller to increase the pay for Athletic Workers from \$35.00 per event to \$50.00 per event starting 8/26/2026.

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

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

Absent: Bromeland and Smith

Upcoming Action items, Activities, and Events;

- a. Next Board Meeting August 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Conference – November 20-22, 2026
- c. Schedule a Policy Committee Meeting.

Other Matters of Discussion: None

A Motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Steffen to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Voice Vote: 5 Ayes

Voting Nay: None

Motion carried

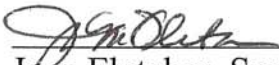
Absent: Bromeland and Smith



Ryan Jacobs, President

8-20-2026

Date



Jean Fletcher, Secretary

8-20-2026

Date