

**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #16
NEW BERLIN, ILLINOIS
February 19, 2026**

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

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

Administration shared Pretzel Shoutouts with the Board.

Public Comment: Andrew Hammann discussed students being eligible to be election officials and suggestions for scheduling parent teacher conferences.

President Neuman shared there were no IASB Talking Points to share but again noted the spring Abe Lincoln Division Meeting will be held on March 26, 2026 at Enos Elementary School and encouraged board members who have not yet registered to do so.

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

There were no questions or comments regarding Director Reports.

There were no additions or comments to the Elementary or Junior High Principal Reports. The High School Principal elaborated on her report.

The Superintendent advised the Board Pre-k will be exiting ISBE and will be under a new department. She stated they are looking at each position and shared teachers for efficient staffing. The Superintendent talked about the co-op meeting with Franklin and Waverly, where they expressed New Berlin joining their JH cross country. She also discussed an increase in New Berlin hosting more High School girl's basketball games, bus driver and transportation issues and co-op student attendance at football homecoming activities. The Superintendent reviewed current participation numbers for the 5 essentials survey. She informed the Board they are looking at withdrawing from Lifetouch contracts and of the upcoming ROE audit in April.

A motion as made by Member Bishoff and seconded by Member Beard to approve the Elementary Student Improvement Plan 25-26 (revised). The Elementary Principal summarized the revisions. The motion passed on a voice vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff, Beard and Griffith voted yea.

President Neuman noted the Q4 Service Project Report.

A motion was made by Member Beard and seconded Member Mann to approve the District Calendar for 2027-2028. The motion passed on a voice vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff, Beard and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Marr and seconded by Member Bishoff to approve the contract with Wellman Lawn Care. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff, Beard and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made by member Marr and seconded by Member Beard to approve the contract with Johnson Controls. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff, Beard and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Marr to approve the contract with Arbiter. The motion died due to lack of second motion.

A motion was made by Member Mann and seconded by Member Griffith to approve the purchase of Health-e Pro-Menu Planning & Production. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff, Beard and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Marr and seconded by Member Beard to approve the agreement for Football Light Pole Replacement. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff, Beard and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made at 6:34 p.m. by Member Beard and seconded by Member Griffith to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of personnel matters. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff, Beard and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made at 7:13 p.m. to return to open session by Member Bishoff and seconded by Member Griffith. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff, Beard and Griffith voted yea.

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

President Neuman noted the resignations.

The Board Member Book Study was postponed to the March Board Meeting.

A motion was made at 7:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by Member Beard and seconded by Member Arndt. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 7-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff, Beard and Griffith voted yea.

The meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.

Secretary

President