

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #16
NEW BERLIN, ILLINOIS
April 16, 2026

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

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

The Principals shared their Pretzel Shoutouts with the Board.

Public Comment: Casey Spears-morale, Katie Barrett-social work, Renee Cooper-staff redirection

President Neuman again reminded members of the upcoming registration for the 2026 Joint Annual Conference and to notify the District Office if they plan on attending.

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

There were limited additions to the Jr. High School, Athletic Director or High School administrative reports. Elementary Principals were not present due to a prior engagement.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the solar project stating that the project is no longer financially beneficial and as such, the farm land lease with Sangamon County Fair Grounds has been updated to reflect the change in acreage farmed. She also informed the Board that there were no bids received for the football field pole replacement so another round of bids will open with the date being May 1, 2026. The Superintendent reminded the Board of the Joint Annual Conference registration deadline. She shared transition updates with the incoming superintendent, the upcoming board meeting date schedule and the findings of the personnel audit from the ROE. The Board was polled on who will be in attendance at the 8th grade promotion and High School graduation. The Board President asked about Lincoln Prairie services and directed the Superintendent to obtain more information about service options. The Board President posed budget related questions to which the CSBO reviewed funding and expenses, noting that enrollment has declined by 100 students since COVID. She also reviewed that the State has reduced categorical funding, and the District's placement in Tier 2 does not provide any additional funding.

A motion was made by Member Marr and seconded by Member Griffith to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Bishoff and seconded by Member Mann to approve the Senior Class Trip, May 6, 2026 to the St. Louis Metro Area. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Griffith and seconded by Member Mann to approve the 26-27 Elementary, JH and High School yearbook agreement with Inter-State Studio. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Marr and seconded by Member Griffith to approve the Elementary School Counselor Job Description. The motion passed on a voice call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Bishoff and seconded by Member Marr to approve the Cash Farm Lease for 2026-2028. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Mann and seconded by Member Bishoff to approve the two (2) students to attend CACC as part-time New Berlin students per policy 7:40. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Marr and seconded by Member Griffith to approve the HLS Resolution #32. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Marr and seconded by Member Bishoff to approve the Tuition Wavier Applications. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made at 6:53 p.m. by Member Griffith and seconded by Member Bishoff to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of employee, security and safety and litigation matters per 5 ILCS120/2(c)(2), 5ILCS120/2(c)(8), 5ILCS120/2(11). The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made at 8:40 p.m. by Member Griffith and seconded by Member Bishoff to return to open session. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff and Griffith voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Bishoff and seconded by Member Mann to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda (Robert Dunn-High School Head Football Coach, Destiny Moore-JH Paraprofessional). The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff and Griffith voted yea.

President Neuman noted the resignations.

The Board Member Book Study was postponed.

A motion was made at 8:41 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by Member Griffith and seconded by Member Mann. The motion passed on a voice vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Marr, Mann, Arndt, Bishoff and Griffith voted yea.

The meeting ended at 8:41 p.m.

Secretary

President