

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, April 9, 2019  
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School-Media Room  
6:30 p.m.**

Present: *Matt Ballou, Miriam Lemire, Joyce Fisk, Carol LeBlanc, Jonathan Vanderhoof, Mark Legere, Alex LoVerme, Tiffany Cloutier-Cabral and John Clark*

*Superintendent Bryan Lane, Principals Brian Bagley and Tim O'Connell, Director of Student Support Services Betty Moore, Curriculum Coordinator Julie Heon, and Clerk Kristina Fowler*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ballou called the meeting and public hearing to order at 6:30pm.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING-UNANTICIPATED REVENUE**

Chairman Ballou reviewed this is a public hearing held per RSA 198:20-b to accept federal funds such as Title I, Title I Reallocation, Title IIA, Title IIA Reallocation, Title IVA and IDEA. Superintendent added annually in the spring the DOE determines what monies have and have not been spent, the variance is the redistributed funds and in order to accept the funds the Board has to vote to accept them. Chairman Ballou asked for any discussion from the Board. Mr. Vanderhoof questioned if the funds were budgeted and where do they end up. Superintendent confirmed the funds are not budgeted, the state is making them available to accept or not to accept them. He explained some of the grant money is spent for funding summer programs for students, summer transportation and for professional development. Dr. Heon added all of them are special projects and it is explicit they cannot be supplanted. She confirmed funds are used for the Summer Academy. Mr. Vanderhoof questioned if a vote was necessary as no vote was taken in 2016 which was the first time the hearing was held. Superintendent responded his understanding is a vote should be taken in order to expend he funds. No questions from the public.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lemire and SECONDED by Mr. LoVerme to accept and expend an additional \$84,918 for the purposes outlined in the special programs.*

*Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

**III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Superintendent Lane reported he has provided documents regarding the FRES elevator and a teacher transfer request.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lemire and SECONDED by Mr. Vanderhoof to accept the adjustments to the agenda.*

*Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Ballou reviewed what is expected during public comment. He read what is posted on the board meeting agendas relating to public comment including no complaints regarding specific staff members will be heard during a public meeting in accordance with policy KEB, the district has established separate procedures for complaints against individual employees.

Mr. Fran Bujak, Lyndeborough spoke regarding the agenda item to restrict funds and encourages the Board not to do this. He voiced that in reality it has no practical action and would defy the will of the voters. The Board has the will to restrict or un-restrict the funds. The Board is elected by the voters and has the authority to manage the budget appropriately and have shown that is exactly what they do. An audit was done and which showed the SAU and School Board follow the appropriate protocols and does a good job managing the money with the funds the towns people provide. He requests when they discuss this agenda item, the members defer to their own judgement and continue to manage the tax payer's money appropriately.

Mr. Matthew Simard spoke regarding the holding fund topic and voiced he knows you all thought you voted for it to go to pay increases or anywhere, if the Superintendent wanted to go on a fact finding mission surfing in Hawaii... Chairman Ballou objected to his comments which Mr. Simard apologized for. Mr. Simard voiced that the money can disappear into the budget and the public will have no idea what happened to it. Restricting the funds only make the

public aware of where it goes and means it has to come out in a public forum what is done with it and hopefully the budgeted funds are used first.

Ms. Deborah Roske, Food Service employee volunteered for the Food Service Committee.

Mr. Adam Lavallee, Lyndeborough questioned what is happening with the dugout for softball field as it was destroyed and “left lying around”. Superintendent responded we are waiting for the ground to dry out to pour a cement slab and will have a canvas style one then move ahead in the summer with wood. A truck cannot get up there in and out when it is wet.

Mr. Charlie Post, Lyndeborough spoke in support of the holding account. This is a topic that came up at district meeting and Superintendent Lane (at district meeting) said those things can’t be discussed at this meeting; (Mr. Post noted he is not sure if this is a fact). Mr. Simard was at that time referred to the school board meeting to make his request.

Ms. Lisa Post, Lyndeborough spoke in regard to the holding fund and voiced that the voters voted for a budget and were told at that time at district meeting they could not vote on it (holding fund). “The people did not have a chance to vote on it. It is an opportunity to become transparent without affecting the budget because you can ask for the funds at a public meeting and it would show the public good faith”.

Ms. Susan Ciatto, Wilton asked for an agenda item to investigate staff morale and relationships with administration. She reported submitting a letter to the Board signed by 20 parents expressing concerns of morale and leadership. She wants faculty and staff to be able to express their concerns (per policy CBI-R-Superintendent Evaluation-Staff Relations) without the fear of retribution and to have an independent audit of finances done as required annually.

Ms. Heather Gibson questioned if there will be discussion regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade summer school. Superintendent responded Principal Bagley will speak to this during his board report.

Mr. Jeff Jones, requested someone speak to the \$81,000 and what is planned to do with it. He voiced he thinks the tax payers are clear about the \$81,000 administration asked for and there was discussion about books and other things that Superintendent Lane suggested to remove from the budget and he and he thinks to put the money in a reserve account doesn’t make sense. “Locking it up in the process goes against the will of the tax payers”.

Ms. Louise Cattigan spoke regarding Con-Val filing a lawsuit against the state regarding adequacy aid and questioned if the School Board had discussed it or might consider doing the same. Chairman Ballou noted the Board had not discussed it.

## **V. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a. Reports**

#### **i. Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent reported Jennifer Burk who previously worked in Milford School District will be the interim business administrator. He will bring forward a candidate for the permanent replacement (starting July 1) at the next meeting. Mr. Verratti has taken a position with Department of Defense and in working with Mr. Andrew Stevens procedures and protocols have been put into place so we can move through the rest of the year. Currently there are 9 applicants for the technology director position. He met with MS staff to discuss modifications in the MS and a pilot program. Parents will be presented the program and provide feedback to what is planned (including 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents) and will be brought to the Board. Regarding vacancies, he is interviewing 6 people in the upcoming days and will bring candidates forward as they become available; the goal is to have all vacancies filled by the first meeting in June. He spoke briefly of a school board joint mailbox which would allow members of the public to email all school board members using one email address. A notice can be put in the newspaper and a notice sent out to parents once it is active. The emails may become Board Correspondence if the Chairman and Vice Chairman determine it is appropriate to bring forward. Responding to a question, Superintendent Lane confirmed the extension was needed for the infrastructure grant as it was not submitted by the business office in time.

#### **ii. Business Administrator’s Report**

Superintendent gave an overview in Ms. Tucker’s absence which included Mr. Erb has been working on the lead water testing as required. Results are back for LCS showing those are fine, samples for FRES and WLC have been submitted. Open enrollment is coming up and we will visit the buildings directly and staff will have an opportunity

to visit and schedule time during lunch or after school to be sure all have access. The treasurer and finance assistant will attend NH Government Finance Officers Conference. The Facilities Committee met today and will visit the fields on May 28. Capital Reserve balances are listed on the report. He confirmed the balance for the “special education capital reserve” does not include any funds withdrawn. He confirmed there is not any reimbursement for the lead water testing but if any remediation is needed there may be.

### **iii. Principals’ Report**

Principal Bagley reported senior project presentations were last week and run by Ms. Morshed and Ms. White. MS will hold an open house with a short presentation on the challenge options on May 28 5pm-7pm. Teachers are in the process of putting this together and will present to the Superintendent next week. This is evolving as they go and different than what is in his written report. He provided an overview which included it being designated for students who require a deeper understanding of material. Challenge options are intended to foster a sense of independence, self-motivation and responsibility. All students in good standing are eligible. There will be more to come on this topic. In an effort to raise academic standards, we will institute mandatory summer school for those who do not meet the standards. STAR 360, NH State Standards and teacher recommendations will be used to determine who will be recommended to attend. If the recommended student does not attend a placement hearing will be held. Accommodations will be made on all assessments as designated in the IEP. The program starts July 1 and lasts 6 full weeks. This week we are doing NH State Assessment and the effort we are seeing now compared to before the summer school letter went home has changed dramatically. He does not support retention but if a student is not ready to move to 9<sup>th</sup> grade from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, a meeting with the parents will be held and ultimately it is the parent’s decision. He referred to language in the handbook on page 22. A question was raised why wait until the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to institute this and clarification was asked for why the criteria (listed in his report) was that students must score at least at a 6<sup>th</sup> grade level. Superintendent clarified that some students struggle with standardized tests and a teacher may see something else on a daily basis which is why teacher recommendations are important. The test data point shouldn’t just be a one shot deal; it’s those 3 things that make the determination. Students with planned vacations scheduled during the time of summer school will be provided options. He confirmed transportation is not in the budget; we may be able to look at using the van as we move forward. It was noted that it may not be possible to have summer school mandatory if no transportation is provided and lack of transportation can be difficult for parents. Principal Bagley confirmed the program starts at 8:30am ends at 12 daily for 4 days a week and the daily schedule depends on what the teacher recommends for the student. He does not expect more than 10 students. Superintendent will look into the transportation piece. Principal Bagley confirmed it will be run by one or two teachers and he budgeted \$5,000 for next year to help pay for the teaching staff and will possibly will look at grades 6-8 in the future.

A question was raised regarding the policy/practice regarding background checks for paid coaches and volunteer coaches. Superintendent will report back on this.

A question was raised regarding the softball backstop in the budget. Superintendent clarified the 2018-19 budget indicated replacement *softball* backstop and the note should have been changed to reflect *baseball* backstop in the 2019-2020 budget.

A question was raised why the softball dugout was taking so long, Superintendent will look into this.

It was noted track seems to be the fastest growing sport this year and a question was raised how much money was spent on this vs. other sports. Superintendent Lane will look into the long term maintenance.

Principal O’Connell reported there are 26 kindergarten registrations for next year. Parent orientation will be May 2. April is autism awareness month; \$175 in donations have been collected. Assessments are being done in grades 3,4,5 for ELA; 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have science and math assessments later in May. He thanked the PTO for providing treats during the week. He joined the UDL (Universal Design for Learning) team in Concord. Members of CAST put on a great conference focused on the latest research to improve teaching and learning. Feedback will be provided from a CAST representative who will visit FRES to observe instruction. The math consultants will visit all classrooms at LCS and FRES on April 15 and 17 to observe math instruction and provide feedback. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

grade chorus performed the National Anthem at the Delta Dental Stadium for NH Fisher Cats Game. He thanked Ms. Barker and Ms. Legere for organizing the event. Mr. Shenk has events planned for Jump Rope for Heart to raise awareness for the American Heart Association. Principal O'Connell confirmed there are about the same number of kindergarten registrations now as there were last year at this time. Currently the kindergarten class is the largest in the district with 57 students. He will continue to provide updates on enrollment. Mr. Vanderhoof requested information on what effect it is having on instruction and if there is anything specific that may be changing. Chairman Ballou voiced appreciation for the invitation to Read Across America.

#### **iv. Curriculum Coordinator's Report**

Dr. Heon spoke regarding the conference she attended with others on behavioral health and social emotional learning. This group will provide input into the creation of a scope and sequence for K-12 health. There are 3 competitive grants we are eligible for; 2 have been submitted, the other one will be submitted in a day or two which specify special projects and cannot take the place of what we already have. Summer academy is included and one item that made it a huge success last year was the transportation to pick up and return students and to go to the Boys and Girls Club. March has been added to the mix of STAR results which were provided; target is grade level plus .7 for this time of year and all are at or exceed their grade level. Reading for kindergarten is age equivalent and shows 69% which is really excellent. Comparing to last year the most common improvement was about 10% in both grade level and age. In reading we are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the new reading resources which are making a difference and adding the writing component has been successful as well. She confirmed you put "more stock" in the percentile than grade equivalent. The grade level is based on every student that takes the test in the US. Superintendent added it doesn't tell us how we compare on the state level and the bar for NH students is higher than across the country. Last year there was a concern that this data didn't have a correlation to the state assessment. The state takes in account the NH students and this one takes into account the entire USA. Dr. Heon confirmed there is not a way to see STAR data against just NH. Schools use many different assessments such as NWEA. She hopes after 2 years of state data they will do a realignment and take NH STAR scores and compare to state performance and show how they line up. Regarding the math program, they started with 12 and are down to 4. Mr. Vanderhoof would like a clearer direction where we are going with the social emotional learning piece. Dr. Heon confirmed that's what this task force will determine. Many are finding it will benefit students with conflict resolution and how to make effective decisions. A question was raised if it was being looked at as a focused program or something that will be incorporated into a regular school day, she responded some of each. Mr. Vanderhoof wants to be sure there is a plan with measurable results if they are going to have expenses put forth. Superintendent added the Principals agree this is a growing issue expanding over time and one thing they looked at is to use current staff, manipulate the schedules and find ways to "plug things in" without increasing staff or cost. Principal O'Connell spoke to the current programs that are in place at FRES. Superintendent confirmed there is no intention to eliminate unified arts or take anything away. Dr. Heon confirmed they will develop it and hope discipline issues will be reduced, that is one data point that some schools see and there are also serious health concerns that can be reduced this way; all these related factors have been shown to increase student achievement. She confirmed she can provide materials such as digital articles for review.

#### **b. Letters/Information**

##### **i. Right to Know Request**

Chairman Ballou reported a right to know request was received and is available as Board Correspondence.

##### **ii. Rescind Resignation**

A request to rescind a resignation has been received and will be reviewed during nonpublic.

##### **iii. Donation**

Superintendent Lane reviewed a donation from the Guild of NH Woodworkers for wood lathe. Mr. Kane did a great job researching whether or not working with your hands on a wood lathe is still viable to move toward as career ready. The donation is under \$5,000, will be delivered and is in good shape. Superintendent accepted the donation (no board action needed) and has provided a letter of appreciation. Mr. Kane was instrumental in finding this. He confirmed grades 6-12 would be using these; grade 6 more of a demonstration. They do have the safety materials needed.

##### **• FRES ELEVATOR**

Superintendent provided a document regarding a concern raised that the FRES elevator's inspection was expired. Original instruction to Principal O'Connell and Mr. Erb was the program for the student who needed to access the elevator would need to be moved to a ground floor egress. Mr. Erb notified him the elevator was inspected on Jan. 24, 2019 and again on Feb. 19, 2019. Superintendent contacted the Department of Labor and confirmed it was inspected on these days and passed inspection. They do not send us the inspection paperwork until it is paid and they

220 did not invoice us for this until March 6. Copies were scanned to him and he will work with staff to ensure once the  
221 inspection has happened to obtain the permits in a timely fashion.

## 222 **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

223 There was no consent agenda to report,  
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## 225 **VII. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC INPUT DISCUSSION/JOINT MAILBOX**

226 The following policies were provided as information for the discussion. BEDB-Agenda Preparation and  
227 Dissemination, BEDH-Public Participation at Board Meetings, KE-Public Complaints, KEB-Public Complaints  
228 about School Personnel, Employees, Students or Administration.  
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231 Chairman Ballou voiced that this is a follow up conversation to the last meeting to provide a better way and better  
232 format to correspond with the public. Superintendent reported a common email portal has been set up for citizens to  
233 email the Board with one email address. The Chairman would determine if it is appropriate for an agenda item or  
234 nonpublic discussion. Mr. Clark suggested because the School Board only has authority in session, to provide an  
235 auto response with policies as to set expectations. He further suggests to have a communications policy, include how  
236 to respond, a time frame and to live stream the meetings and use social media to broadcast dates. Discussion was  
237 had that the policies need updating, comments regarding items not on the agenda should not be accepted and we have  
238 more than one public comment (conflicts with policy). Mr. Clark is in favor of changing the policy to match what is  
239 being done. No objection was heard to send policies KE, BEDB to the Policy Committee for formal review. A  
240 communication policy will be looked at. The email address/mailbox will not go live until further review. It was  
241 noted there should be something formal on how to handle anonymous information. The Policy Committee meetings  
242 are open to the public. The policies will come to the Board for review and adoption after the Policy Committee has  
243 made their recommendations.  
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## 245 **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

### 246 **a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

247 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Vanderhoof and SECONDED by Ms. Lemire to approve the minutes of March 19,*  
248 *2019 as amended.*

249 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*  
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### 251 **b. Form Food Service Committee**

252 Superintendent voiced they are looking at options to include people who work in food service or volunteer parents  
253 who want to join. It was noted a separate/focused committee should be formed for food service and will be an ad  
254 hoc committee. Two board members will be sufficient on this committee, Mr. LoVerme and Ms. Cloutier-Cabral  
255 volunteered. Mr. LoVerme will contact the Superintendent to send out a notice for interested parents to join. It is  
256 suggested to limit the number to 2 parents (or community members) from each school and one staff person from each  
257 school, a student from the honor society was also suggested. The charge of the committee is to look at current  
258 practice, determine the level of effectiveness, quality, quantity of food combined and recommendations to improve  
259 and or maintain quality of the program in place. Finances will be included in their research. The charter can be  
260 tweaked a little if needed. It was noted the Board will want reports back and certain things may need to be addressed  
261 sooner rather than later. A new food service director would likely be in place August 1. This committee would  
262 continue throughout the summer if members can meet.

### 263 **c. Committee Assignments/Wellness Committee**

264 Ms. Lemire and Mr. Clark have agreed to switch committees; Ms. Lemire will move to Facilities Committee and Mr.  
265 Clark will move to Negotiations Committee. A brief discussion was had regarding community members on  
266 subcommittees. Questions were raised regarding what is the process on renewing (or is it just continuous), can  
267 community members be added if they want and as a Board it should be determined how many community members  
268 for each committee. Superintendent reported Mr. Bujak has volunteered to continue on the Facilities Committee.  
269 Superintendent can send a letter to the editor informing the community they can volunteer for subcommittees. Mr.  
270 Vanderhoof suggested a list of committees we are seeking public for and to contact the office. Mr. Clark suggested  
271 to add the ad hoc committees to policy BDE-Committees and Delegates. Superintendent to provide a list of each  
272 committee and members. Mr. Clark suggested to have a list of each committee's charge. Superintendent will also  
273 provide this and include the Wellness Committee. Ms. LeBlanc noted the Wellness Committee has been more staff  
274 health and well-being rather than student driven. Mr. Clark suggests the wellness policy should be revised.  
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### **d. Community Request to Restrict Transferring 2019-2020 Funds**

Superintendent explained his interpretation was the \$81,000 would be restricted to certain accounts. He created a scenario that the dollar amount was specific to these accounts and could not be used without Board vote. Looking at the minutes and what he heard, he believes this was the intent. The Board can choose to move forward or not move forward. The School Board approves any transfers of \$5,000 and the Superintendent has the authority to transfer anything under \$5,000. He presented a document at the last meeting that went along with the MS-22 which showed reductions equal to \$82,289. The MS-22 reflected the final approved budget number of \$12,679,674. Mr. Vanderhoof voiced disappointment. There were no votes, just a signed MS-22 and no voted upon action. He also noted he did not hear the holding fund should be attached to utilities. It was noted we have hundreds of lines (of accounts) to show where the money is going. Superintendent will provide the budget which has specific lines where everything is with reductions that are included. Discussions were had including, no reason for a holding fund when it is required that any excess funds be returned to the tax payers, it cannot be used for any other line item, the intent was to have transparency on where the money is going, the Board was asked to create a holding fund for \$81,000 and we were not able to use the funds without a vote; not sure if utilities were part of it. Mr. Matthew Simard spoke to try to clarify and voiced that the \$81,000 was not specified to come out of any line items because at the time it was not specified to come out of any line items and not attached to anything and "now it has disappeared". Mr. Fran Bujak voiced that (at district meeting) he identified multiple items with multiple accounts and it would make sense the tape is listened to. Chairman Ballou voiced that the voters were clear there was no restriction on this and since at the last meeting funds of \$125,000 were requested for special education and only \$80,000 was authorized. He thinks we are in a tight budget and should not restrict the funds. Discussion continued. Mr. Vanderhoof voiced there was never a vote by the Board on what should or shouldn't be taken out, there was never any approval, no action was taken to explain where those funds are or are not going and we have made no decisions on where the money should be spent. Decisions still need to be made to get there.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lemire and SECONDED by Ms. Fisk to not restrict funds in a holding account.  
Voting: eight ayes; one nay from Mr. Vanderhoof, motion carried.*

Discussions continued regarding the reductions and that the decisions have been made by administration and not the Board. A suggestion was made to bring forward the entire budget, showing where the \$81,000 would be spent and it can be officially accepted with all the line items in it. Superintendent will provide this. He will highlight areas where the changes are and you can determine if that is an appropriate distribution of the funds. No objection heard.

#### **e. Technology Audit**

Superintendent reported the Board authorized going out to bid for a technology audit and meeting the standards for SB 1612. Specifics of the bid were provided to the Board and the bid went out to 5 companies with 2 proposals (Focal Point \$45,880 & Corporate Data and Voice Solutions \$18,225) returned which were extremely different in cost. Per discussion with Mr. Verratti he believes the Corporate Data Voice Solutions would be sufficient and meet the needs around the law for SB 1612. Recommendation from administration to award the bid to Corporate Data and Voice Solutions in amount of \$18,225 with funds to come from the WLC Technology Advancement Capital Reserve. Mr. Legere voiced he would like to have something in writing to indicate that Corporate Data Voice Solutions includes all the specifications that were outlined in the bid as it appears to only include SB 1612, this would ensure the comparison of the two bids is equal. It was also noted to update the location of work address for Corporate Data and Voice Solutions.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lemire and SECONDED by Mr. Ballou to table the technology audit bid until verification is received (regarding specifications are equal).  
Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

#### **f. Tyler Tech Contract**

Superintendent reported this contract is for the financial system that has been used since 2013; there is no increase. Ms. Tucker is recommending to extend the contract for 5 years to ensure no increase over time. Yearly maintenance fee for the application is \$19,500. Superintendent confirmed it expired last fall and we are in an auto renewal period. A question was raised whether this should wait until a new business administrator is hired. Superintendent responded the candidate who will likely be brought to the Board has extensive experience with this system. He confirmed the cost is encumbered in the budget. Chairman Ballou added he has used it and it is a very good.

*A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Ms. LeBlanc to approve the Tyler Technology (Infinite Visions) contract.*

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

**g. Signatures for Infrastructure Fund**

Superintendent Lane provided the documents for signatures regarding the infrastructure grant. By signing the form, the Board is approving the receipt of \$6,45.60 which funded a portion of the security infrastructure that was put in place at WLC. This form was due on April 1 but an extension was applied for and granted. All signatures were received.

**h. Policies**

**i. BZZZ-School Board Member Stipends**

Superintendent reported changes are included from the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading; this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. LeBlanc and SECONDED by Ms. Fisk to approve policy BZZZ-School Board Member Stipends as presented.*

*Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

**ii. DFA-Annual Re-adoption**

Superintendent reported this policy does not need a vote at this meeting, it is an annual adoption.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports. Chairman Ballou encouraged the members to schedule committee meetings and inform the Superintendent so meetings can be posted.

**X. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES**

**a. Retirements/Resignations**

**i. Marcia Contarino-WLC English Teacher**

**ii. David Finch-WLC Physical Education Teacher**

**iii. William Fox-WLC MS Science Teacher**

**iv. Judi Wing-WLC Art Teacher**

**v. Kevin Verratti-Technology Director**

Superintendent informed the Board of teacher retirements and provided confirmation letters. A recognition gift will be provided to retirees and they will be invited to the second board meeting in May for presentation. He provided a confirmation letter of Mr. Verratti's resignation and his last day is April 19. It was suggested to have the Superintendent prepare a document to show the savings based on retirements similar to years past. He will provide a comparison for each.

Superintendent informed members of a transfer request for Ms. Meyer, Special Education teacher to move to WLC from FRES. He has granted this request.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Susan Bogdan spoke regarding summer school, her child attended in Milford; there was no transportation provided and cost was \$400. She spoke regarding the track and as the president of the Booster Club, she had done a lot of research for the track, has phone numbers, company names and estimates she can share. Superintendent requested she share that with him and he can disseminate to the Facilities Committee.

Mr. Adam Lavallee, Lyndeborough, voiced that there was a "crazy amount of time" spent discussing 6.5/10<sup>ths</sup> of the budget. He spoke of a right to know request he submitted with specific questions all in regard to a public incident with the school's twitter account. He reviewed the questions and answers and emails sent to Board members by the Superintendent regarding this from October 30, 2017. An email indicated the school's twitter account had been hacked, there were inappropriate things on the "likes" section, the account was deactivated and notification was sent to parents. Mr. Lavallee read Mr. Verratti's answers to specific questions which indicated no formal investigation was done. Mr. Lavallee questioned if there was a decision to not have a formal investigation and or why wouldn't the Superintendent want a formal investigation. Chairman Ballou informed Mr. Lavallee they would not be able to answer all of his questions and it is his professional opinion the account was hacked. Ms. Brianne Lavallee commented that she feels it handled poorly by administration and feels the Board was misled in thinking an investigation was done when it was not.

Ms. Lisa Post, questioned if summer school is mandatory, how can it be up to the parents if the student attends. Principal Bagley responded if there is concern about a student, a retention hearing will be had with the parents, teachers and if appropriate a special education case manager. A recommendation can be made that the students can repeat the year. Ms. Post commented then we would not need to look into providing transportation as it is not mandatory for the child to attend summer school. Superintendent confirmed we cannot require a student to attend summer school. Ms. Cloutier-Cabral noted the language should be changed and not reflect it is mandatory. Ms. Post questioned what could be done to help the student prior to needing summer school. Principal Bagley to write a memo regarding this.

Mr. Charlie Post, Lyndeborough, questioned the Lavallee's filed a right to know request, what is the next step. He commented that Mr. Simard was not allowed to continue with his discussion regarding the Superintendent who is the CEO of the Board and they should be able to speak to the Board and get a response. Mr. Simard commented besides the surfing, he thinks his comments were correct. Policy KEB was read and Mr. Clark referenced policy BEDH regarding speakers are to conduct themselves in a civil manner and comments heard regarding the Superintendent would not be tolerated. Mr. Clark noted it would need to be on the agenda for a nonpublic personnel matter. Mr. Lavallee commented when he asked about the question regarding the email, he was asking if the statement sent to parents is true, he doesn't want anyone to think he is defaming someone. Ms. Lavallee spoke noting all the information we had tonight and presented is either our opinion or information that is public, the twitter post is public and many children saw it. She notes it is uncomfortable and understands how it would make the Superintendent uncomfortable but it's the nature of the beast when you are in charge in matters you may or may not be involved in.

Mr. Matthew Mannarino voiced his concern regarding the twitter account. He also spoke regarding addressing the Board on March 19 and found out that earlier that day an event happened at FRES when a friend/classmate of his child's was stuck in the elevator. He reports several attempts were made to call the school and were not able to get through, he is angry that none of the suggestions he put forward in an email to all board members were not taken into account. He will file his own right to know complaint and comments he has spoken with the DOE. "I was once given a commitment if I was not satisfied with a certain official's performance he would resign; I am not satisfied". He adds he was also given a commitment that his suggestions would be taken and steps would be taken. He states he will continue to show up at every meeting and register his dissatisfaction.

Ms. Julie Lemire, Wilton spoke in regard to summer school for MS, if our duty as shareholders is to try to get all of our students above expectations, bussing shouldn't be an issue as you will probably want them to be transported to attend. She questions if anyone has contacted Mr. Kane (industrial arts) for the dugout as it would make a great senior project.

Ms. Melissa Knight spoke in regard to an email sent about the elevator inspection and questioned who it was sent to. Superintendent responds he believes the FRES population but will double check his data.

Ms. Post suggests subcommittees have the same 3 year rotating member limit as the School Board and Budget Committee do.

Ms. Laura Gifford questioned if the school nurses can have input on policies, Chairman Ballou responded that their input is welcomed.

Ms. Post spoke in regard to the water fountain in the main hall being a health concern as the water comes out and "falls over" and suggests it be addressed.

## **XII. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. LeBlanc praised the drama club's performance with "Peter and the Starcatcher" but noted the sound system was not effective as many had difficulty hearing it,

Mr. Legere questioned who was on the Wellness Committee. Responses were Ms. LeBlanc, Ms. Tucker, the 3 school nurses, Principal Bagley and Mr. Deignan, Food Service Manager.

Mr. LoVerme voiced praise and congratulations to the students that competed at the NH State Science Competition, 9 students from HS and 10 from MS.



Chairman Ballou thanked the public for comments and noted we can't always answer everything and believes we are all here for the right reasons. All Board members are volunteers and none are lawyers but do the best we can to be responsive to the public.

Mr. Clark questioned if there is a way to tell tax payers the funds from the expiring bond will not be asked for anymore once expired. Chairman Ballou responded there has been discussion to use those funds for capital improvements and agrees it should be spelled out. Mr. Clark commented all transfers are public documents and anyone can request them if they want to see them. Mr. Clark comments that Bedford has a goals document indicating what they want students to do academically and believes it may be useful to have to show what we want to meet, sort of a goal sheet for the district and to have a budget document showing where the budget process is and where public input can be given. He spoke of the lawsuit with Con-Val and the state and questions if there is some merit pursuing this with a letter from the school board vs. hiring a lawyer; he would like to discuss this. He further adds any mechanism to tell the public about their taxes would be helpful. Mr. Clark responding to a question would be happy having the discussion regarding the adequacy aid lawsuit an agenda item and to obtain public input.

Chairman Ballou requests to add an agenda item for agenda building.

Ms. Cloutier-Cabral questioned where to find the district meeting tape previously mentioned and was directed to the school district clerk (Mary Jane Ryan). She commented the coop-connection gave a donation and does a lot of good and hopes it would be supported.

### **XIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (B) (C)**

*A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Ms. Lemire to enter Non-Public Session to discuss personnel matters RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (B) (C) at 9:41pm.*

*Voting: all aye via roll call vote; motion carried unanimously.*

*A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Mr. Legere regarding a personnel issue.*

*Voting: eight ayes; one nay from Mr. Vanderhoof, motion carried 8-1.*

*A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Mr. Legere to amend the nomination list.*

*Voting: eight ayes; one nay from Mr. Vanderhoof, motion carried 8-1.*

*A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Mr. Legere to approve the nomination list as amended.*

*Voting: eight ayes; one nay from Mr. Vanderhoof, motion carried 8-1.*

*A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Ms. Fisk to exit the Non-Public Session at 11:15pm.*

*Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously 9-0.*

### **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board entered public session at 11:15pm.

*A MOTION was made to seal the non-public session minutes by Mr. LoVerme SECONDED by Ms. Fisk.*

*Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously 9-0.*

*A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Ms. Fisk to appoint Mr. John Clark to the Policy Committee.*

*Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously 9-0.*

*A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Ms. Fisk to adjourn the Board meeting at 11:15pm.*

*Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously 9-0.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kristina Fowler*