

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 28, 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, Principal Brian Bagley, Curriculum Coordinator Julie Heon, and Clerk Kristina Fowler

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PRESENTATION-Middle School Challenge Options

A copy of the presentation can be found with these minutes.

A presentation was given by Ms. Erin Lhotsky, 8th grade social studies teacher and Ms. Laura Bujak, 7th-8th grade language arts teacher regarding the 2019-2020 MS Enhancement Plan (Challenge Options). Middle school teachers worked together to form this pilot program planned for this coming school year. Challenge options are designed for students to acquire a deeper understanding of course material; more advanced expectations than grade level expectations. It is open to any student who wants to try it. Notice has been sent home to parents. They will try to get students caught up if they are failing or missing work prior to trying the challenge options. Examples were given of the types of assignments for challenge options. A "check in" each quarter will be done to see if there are any modifications or tweaks that are needed during this pilot year. Teachers will still be able to see the students grade level skills and the challenge options piece is not extra work; it's elevated requirements in place of the normal work. The challenge options have been started this year and some students have taken advantage. All students are aware of the option; it is presented to everyone. The program will need Board support and there are costs for development of the curriculum over the summer for about 4-6 teachers. Superintendent confirms it is within the budget but not a separate line. One of the benefits is that students may realize they have "a bit more in them" and would challenge themselves with an honor class after being successful at the challenge options. At the end of each year the students will be recognized although this piece has not been finalized. A certificate will be presented to them. Effectiveness of the program can be evaluated in a number of ways including the completion rate of 20-25%, do HS teachers find the students are more prepared for work in honors classes, and in 4-5 years how many students are in advanced classes. A follow up will be provided to the Board after the first quarter, sometime in November.

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

a. Add Second Public Comment

Superintendent requested to add an additional nomination for a school nurse. Chairman Ballou noted having a second public is not technically board policy and should be listed as an adjustment. (The policy will be reviewed by the Policy Committee.) Requests were made to change the order of the workshop items to include the 1 to be live recordings/Social Media Presentation, 2 Communication, 3 Goals and Objectives, 4 Strategic Planning Assign Tasks/Prioritize and 5 Committee Membership.

*A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Ms. Fisk to accept the adjustments to the agenda.
Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Melissa Knight questioned the status of the Food Service Committee as she had sent an email volunteering for this committee but had not heard back. She notes if it is filled, it is OK. Superintendent will get back to her in the morning.

V. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES

Superintendent reviewed the recommended nominations for appointment.

a. Appointments

57 **i. Melissa Levesque-LCS Preschool Teacher**

58 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Lemire and SECONDED by Ms. Cloutier-Cabral to accept the recommendation*
59 *and appoint Ms. Melissa Levesque, LCS preschool teacher.*

60 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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62 **ii. Cathleen Bertoncini-WLC School Nurse**

63 Superintendent noted he was not clear if the DOE requires nurses who are already school nurses to be certified
64 through the DOE or not. Ms. Bertoncini understands she may need to go back to school if this is required. The
65 DOE has not finalized the requirements yet.

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67 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Lemire and SECONDED by Ms. Fisk to accept the recommendation and appoint Ms.*
68 *Cathleen Bertoncini, WLC school nurse.*

69 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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71 **b. Resignations**

72 **iii. Molly Moore Lazar-WLC MS Social Studies Teacher**

73 Ms. Moore Lazar requested the Superintendent pass along the reason for her resignation is that she has accepted an
74 opportunity that she could not pass up being minutes from her home and children. She wants the School Board to
75 be aware “what a wonderful little district they have here” and how much it has meant to her to be a part of it and
76 there is no negative reasons that she has chosen to leave only that it is best for her family at this time.

77 Superintendent notes, no vote is required.
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79 **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

80 **a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings**

81 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Lemire and SECONDED by Mr. Legere to approve the minutes of April 30, 2019 as*
82 *amended.*

83 *Voting: eight ayes; one abstention from Chairman Ballou, motion carried.*
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85 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Lemire and SECONDED by Ms. LeBlanc to approve the minutes of May 14, 2019 as*
86 *written.*

87 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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89 **b. Property & Liability Program**

90 Superintendent is requesting Board approval for the Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP)
91 of a 7% maximum increase over each year. The CAP period is 3 years starting July 1, 2020. Costs are driven by
92 the worker’s comp. claims we make. The Joint Loss Management Committee reviews the claims/issues and
93 determines if there are hazards that need to be addressed. This year there was a 2% increase and the year before 0.
94 The maximum CAP is extremely helpful in case something happens. It was noted there is one other company that
95 does this besides Primex. Superintendent notes, Primex also provides legal advice with no additional costs.
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97 *A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Ms. Lemire to approve the Primex Property &*
98 *Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP).*

99 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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101 **c. Technology Audit Bid**

102 Superintendent reported an addendum was added as requested on the last page to Corporate Data and Voice
103 Solutions packet. It was noted this satisfies the previous request to have the same language in both bids.
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105 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Legere and SECONDED by Mr. LoVerme that the Wilton-Lyndeborough*
106 *Cooperative School Board award the technology audit bid to Corporate Data and Voice Solutions in the amount of*
107 *\$18,225. Furthermore, for the School Board to authorize the sum of \$18,225 be withdrawn from the Wilton-*
108 *Lyndeborough Cooperative Technology Advancement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the*
109 *technology audit.*

110 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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112 **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

113 There were no public comments to report.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Mr. Legere to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:08pm.
Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Fowler*