

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 28, 2018
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School-Media Room
6:30 p.m.**

Present: *Harry Dailey, Matt Ballou, Charlie Post, Joyce Fisk, Carol LeBlanc, Miriam Lemire, Jonathan Vanderhoof and Alex LoVerme.*

Superintendent Bryan Lane, Director of Student Support Services Betty Moore, Principal Tim O'Connell, Technology Director Kevin Verratti, and Clerk Kristina Fowler

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dailey called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent Lane reported he has the following adjustments to the agenda; nomination for music teacher, press release and parking at WLC.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Ballou and SECONDED by Mr. LoVerme to accept the adjustments to the agenda.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jessie Salisbury, resident, commented regarding the Governor signing an Executive Order to create a commission to study starting school after Labor Day. Chairman Dailey noted the Strategic Planning Committee will be looking at that.

Ms. Susan Bogdan, resident, spoke regarding the WLC Athletic Booster Club previously asked to hang banners in the gym and received a response which needed clarification. She asked how many banners and what size can be hung in the gym. They would like to offer a limited number of banners and market them to alumni and families rather than local businesses. The response previously received was that any business interested should write a letter and ask permission. Superintendent Lane clarified not all businesses are appropriate to advertise within a school setting and he wants the Board to have knowledge of it. Chairman Dailey voiced a concern regarding space. It was noted you can update the banners to consolidate information. Mr. Ballou recommends this be put on the agenda for future discussion. This will be added to a future agenda.

IV. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

a. Reports

i. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lane gave an overview of his report. He noted as of today all the positions have been filled with the Board's approval of the music teacher this evening. Teacher orientation and staff opening day went well. The draft of the teacher and paraeducator evaluations were reviewed during opening day. The final documents will need Board approval. The process continues to be worked through. To date there are 48 kindergarten students with a few additional pending paperwork. There are 568 students enrolled in PowerSchool. On the first day of kindergarten we are required to send the enrollment numbers to the State and we will not miss the opportunity to secure funding. Chairman Dailey requested to see the enrollment numbers of special education students vs. regular education

students within the district for fall enrollment. Superintendent Lane reviewed dates of his upcoming meetings.

ii. Director of Student Support Services Report

Ms. Moore reported 4 additional new special education students to the district (7 were reported on August 21, 2018) which bring the total to 11 across all grades. Marathon interview sessions were completed today and all vacant positions should now be filled.

iii. Director of Technology's Report

Mr. Verratti reported attending PowerSchool training for a week focusing on start up for the school year, system functions, core functions and customizations and enhancements. He welcomed Andrew Stevens to the District who will work primarily at FRES and LCS. A message was sent out to parent/students regarding surplus monitors; 11 families collected them with the remaining offered to the town and since they did not need them, the remaining monitors have been recycled. The backup system has been transitioned from DATTO to carbonite and is backing up all the files. The WLC computer lab has been moved successfully with the help of an intern and computers have been upgraded with additional RAM and new software has been installed. He confirmed the half time desktop support position spoke of at the last meeting, is due to need. He meets with the town administrator on Friday to see if there are opportunities for collaboration and saving tax payer dollars.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

i. Donation-WLC Athletic Booster Club

ii. Budget Timeline 2019-18

• Press Release

It was requested to remove from the consent agenda the following items, press release by Mr. Post and donation from Mr. Ballou. These items were removed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Ms. LeBlanc to accept the remaining item on the consent agenda (budget timeline).

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Lane reported a presentation regarding the current state of education funding and reduction of stabilization funds was given in the North Country and some of the Superintendents thought it would be great to have it available in the Southwest. This event will take place on September 20, 6pm (at Keene Middle School) and is open to the public. A copy of the press release was provided. The WLC School District and Superintendent Lane's name are listed on the press release. Superintendent Lane clarifies if the School Board has opposition to it, he will have the district's name and his removed. Discussion was had regarding this press release. Mr. Post voiced concern regarding the wording of the press release as it says the school board is "promoting *advocacy* for equitable, sustainable, funding for education in NH". Mr. Vanderhoof is in agreement.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Vanderhoof and SECONDED by Mr. Post to strike "promote advocacy" (and read raise awareness only).

Voting: six aye; one nay from Ms. Lemire, motion carried.

The consensus of the Board was with these changes it will be supported and if changes are not made it is requested to remove the school district's name. Superintendent Lane would also have his name removed. Superintendent Lane will inform Superintendent Witte, SAU93 of the requested changes and will cc the School Board.

Mr. Ballou thanked the booster club for the work they do and the donation which is greatly appreciated.

101 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Ballou and SECONDED by Mr. Vanderhoof to accept the donation from*
102 *the WLC Athletic Booster Club of \$500.00.*
103 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

104 **VI. BLIZZARD BAGS**

106 Superintendent Lane provided information regarding blizzard bags including documents from the
107 DOE. A plan would need to be submitted to the DOE prior to implementing. In order to make the day
108 count we would need to show 80% of student participation. Assignments must be prepared in advance
109 and teachers must be online and available during those days. Dr. Heon had told Superintendent Lane
110 blizzard bags were used in a previous district she worked and although there were advocates for and
111 against, the district moved away from using them. It was also a burden for some parents to make the
112 students participate. Whether doing it or not depends on the quality of it and it would not “kick in”
113 until the 6th snow day and for us that is typically in February. Superintendent Lane noted it is not
114 something he would lean toward doing. There is also the issue of some students not having internet
115 access and power outages are a potential issue. Members voiced opinions and a brief discussion was
116 had. Mr. LoVerme suggested sending parents a survey; provide them with a brief description of
117 blizzard bags and ask whether or not it is something they would like to have.

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119 *A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme to survey parents regarding blizzard bags.*
120 *There was no second to this motion, therefor it is not considered.*

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122 Superintendent Lane noted he will follow up with the DOE regarding the timeline and provide the
123 information in his report. Mr. Vanderhoof would like to have information from teachers and Dr. Heon
124 to see if it is feasible to do and if it is beneficial educationally. The consensus is to have this as an
125 agenda item for the next meeting. Ms. Lemire would like to know the percentage of how many
126 students currently do their homework. Superintendent Lane suggests members speak to their
127 constituents regarding the subject and an email blast with go out to parents to let them know it will be
128 on the next agenda for discussion.

129 130 • **WLC Parking**

131 A discussion was had regarding the Wilton Select Board directing people to park at WLC and creating
132 a path in the woods along the snowmobile trails from Garwin Falls. Concerns were raised regarding
133 liability, safety and authority. Chairman Dailey volunteered to attend the next Wilton Select Board
134 meeting.

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136 *A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Mr. Ballou to instruct the Wilton Select*
137 *Board to not direct anyone to park at WLC (going to the reservoir or Garwin Falls).*
138 *Voting: six ayes; one nay from Mr. Post, motion carried.*

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140 Chairman Dailey confirmed he will attend the next Wilton Select Board meeting and advise them not
141 to direct any people to park at WLC going to the reservoir or Garwin Falls and he will report back to
142 the School Board.

143 **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

144 **a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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146 *A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Ms. Fisk to approve the minutes of*
147 *August 14, 2018 as amended.*
148 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

149 **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

150 **i. Strategic Planning Committee**

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Mr. Vanderhoof reported the majority of the meeting focused on discussions of the MS configuration and staffing as they are closely linked. They also discussed the district calendar. There were only a few minutes left to discuss food service and that will be the first thing on the next Strategic Planning Committee agenda.

IX. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES

• Appointment of Elementary Music Teacher

Superintendent Lane reviewed the nomination for Claudette Barker, Elementary Music Teacher.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Lemire and SECONDED by Mr. Post to appoint Claudette Barker, Elementary School Music Teacher

Voting: six aye; one nay from Mr. LoVerme, motion carried.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jessie Salisbury commented she attended both meet and greets yesterday and both went well and the snow cones were appreciated.

XI. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Lemire questioned with regard to the special education students, when that data would be provided. Superintendent Lane responded he should have that for the second meeting in September.

Mr. Vanderhoof questioned if the NHSBA Call for Resolutions should be on a future agenda. Chairman Dailey confirmed it will be on a future agenda.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Ms. Fisk to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:41pm.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Fowler*