

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, May 25, 2021  
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School  
6:30 p.m.**

The videoconferencing link was published several places including on the meeting agenda.

Present: *Alex LoVerme, Jonathan Vanderhoof, Matt Mannarino (6:35pm), Tiffany Cloutier-Cabral (6:33pm), Mark Legere, Jim Kofalt, Charlie Post (6:34pm), Paul White and Brianne Lavallee (7:43pm)*

*Superintendent Bryan Lane, Business Administrator Rob Mullin, Director of Student Support Services Ned Pratt, Technology Director Mark Kline, and Clerk Kristina Fowler*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Legere and SECONDED by Mr. White to enter Non-Public Session to discuss hiring and personnel matters RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (B) (C) at 6:30pm.*

*Voting: via roll call vote, four ayes; one abstention from Chairman LoVerme, motion carried.*

**RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board entered public session at 7:30pm.

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Post and SECONDED by Mr. Mannarino to appoint Ms. Sarah Edmunds as the interim Principal of WLC MS/HS at a salary to be negotiated with the Superintendent of Schools.*

*Voting: six ayes; one nay from Mr. Vanderhoof, one abstention from Chairman LoVerme, motion carried.*

**IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Superintendent Lane reported the following adjustments, recommendation for appointment of a MS English teacher, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher and teacher transfer from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to MS math, a resignation for a kindergarten teacher and he provided a document regarding cash flow.

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

*Voting: seven ayes, one abstention from Chairman LoVerme, motion carried.*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The public comment section of the agenda was read. Superintendent called out all the phone numbers and names joined in the meeting asking if they wanted to comment.

There was no public comment.

**VI. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. Reports**

**i. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent gave an overview of his report. Interviews for the Superintendent and Business Administrator were held last week. Ms. Kristie LaPlante, Business Administrator will begin on July 1 or sooner for training. Interviews for Technology Director were held and he is looking to solidify a candidate. Tomorrow interviews will be held for a FRES Principal with 4 candidates and 2 interview groups, one is staff and one is parent/community. Principal Weaver and Mr. Pratt will facilitate the groups and the Superintendent will be the greeter. There had been a previous

question regarding what the balance is in the Building and Roadways Capital Reserve and that is \$178,077; this will increase by \$95,000 next fiscal year due to the approved warrant article from the voters. As requested, he provided a list in his report of the courses teachers have been taking. He spoke of struggling to find a food service director. The pool is thin and to provide another option, he will bring information to contract the service out. Federal guidelines still need to be followed; he plans to get an RFP out this week. At that point, we would not need a director, just a vendor to contract with. This had been investigated in the past and the school district would still be responsible for paperwork around free and reduced. Since the Federal Government will maintain the process of paying for student meals, it would make that process much less rigorous. In addition, there is legislation for that to continue beyond next year. Because we are struggling to find candidates, he wanted to provide another option. We will do an RFP, see what comes of that, and bring it back to the Board for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in June. A question was raised if we bring in an outside vendor can we keep the staff that is working. Superintendent responded, usually they want to keep them; there is a struggle with staffing in most districts as they are part of a collective bargaining agreement and with this district, that is not an issue. They don't get benefits except one person who has increased hours so there is not a deterrent and we would encourage them to keep the employees. To have someone onsite who is already food safe certified is a benefit; they are responsible to follow the federal guidelines and report.

#### **ii. Director of Student Support Services Report**

Mr. Pratt provided an overview of his report. Regarding ESY, they have sent about 60 invitations to parents recommending ESY, which is a lot. They are working to firm up the numbers; the deadline was today. The RISE program starts earlier than the other summer programs. They have hired staffing which also increased a bit. Planning for next year is ongoing and they are wrapping up related services. Needs are being identified in the ABA area; this is a fluid time. There may be a couple of additional needs, which should be cost neutral, and a memo would go the Board in June. Preschool continues to evolve; there is a new preschool teacher coming in with a lot of experience plus experience as a preschool SPED teacher in the ABA field. As always this time of year, materials are being replenished for the students; staff is on top of that. The staff has done a great job working together and it's no surprise, work has begun on the 2022-2023 budget. It will be a busy summer.

#### **iii. Director of Technology's Report**

Mr. Kline reported he has been planning for his leave at the end of June; there are some things that they are doing to allow the new Technology Director to hit the ground running and move forward in a way that they had not been able to. There is an accurate inventory and during student device collection, they can identify things that have not been turned in. Damage will be looked for and taken care of right away this way if they have to bill for it will happen sooner than later in the summer. This year they are collecting teacher laptops, as they want to make sure they are up to date and check software and firmware, which has not been updated in a while. This is an area the hacker community has moved into. He will make sure the technology offices are cleaned out and ready for new people. In preparation of the update to the network infrastructure next summer, wireless access points will be determined, as we don't know exactly where they are in each room and this would make it easier to replace them when the time comes and trace any unused wire ports. Most all is wireless now and many of the circuits are unused and they will figure out which those are. Because the budget process starts so early, it is difficult for someone to learn about the district and do the budget at the same time. He will share a suggested budget that can be modified as the new director sees fit. Purchase orders will be prepared and submitted for things such as subscriptions allowing the new director to not have to do deal with this right away. They have worked hard to document their processes and things that new staff and students can use to make their work more effective. Contacts and accounts are in one place and can be easily accessed. This gives the Board an idea of the efforts to try to leave things in good shape. Appreciation was expressed for all the work Mr. Kline has done to get things ready. Mr. Kline notes he believes things are in much better shape because they could replace the problematic equipment. He doesn't think it will be a difficult transition as it was a couple of years back. Things do come up however, new issues like COVID and remote learning which was not expected. He doesn't think it will be incredibly difficult but that's easy to say; it does depend on personnel and what administration is looking for as time goes on. They have been in a mode of improve and fix and now we are in a position to move forward which has been difficult to do in the past. A question was raised if we do get into another situation like we have been in for the last year and a half can we make a quick transition. Mr. Kline believes we can, teachers are familiar now, we have Chromebooks, iPads for the younger grades and it won't be the difficulties of finding equipment as it was this year. We are ready for that if we have to do it. He sees it as one of the least difficult things to manage for a new person because we have all been through it now. Thankfully, staff has done a good job of remote learning and learned many things themselves that will help in remote or in-person learning, which benefits the students and teachers.

## **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **i. Treasurer's Report-July 2020**

Superintendent reviewed as discussed with the Board he recognized there was only 1 month listed on the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer, Ms. Marzella has the numbers she needs for 3 months and will prepare for the first half of the year; the first 3 quarters will be done and provided to the Board but not the last quarter. One of the things he did recognizing that was an issue, was provide the cash flow statement. He provided the Board with what is basically the check register and payments for the school year. He thanked Ms. Blood for providing it. As of May 20, we are in a cash position of \$1,632,000, which is more than enough to cover our payroll and bond payment and puts us in a good position to start the school year with. Mr. Vanderhoof suggested this might be a good document for the Budget Committee to look at when reviewing prior year's budgets. Superintendent agreed.

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Kofalt and SECONDED by Mr. White to approve the consent agenda.*

*Voting: eight ayes; one abstention from Chairman LoVerme, motion carried.*

## **VIII. 2020-2021 YTD Reports**

Mr. Mullin provided year-to-date reports for the general fund and food service. He gave an overview of the expense variances for the general fund, which included:

**1100 General Education** – Expenses in this group accounts include laptops that will eventually be offset with ESSER funds.

**1300 Vocational Education** – There has been an encumbrance but are waiting for the final payment to come in to pay that.

**2300 Administrative Services** – Software is being covered by ESSER funds.

**2500 Business Services** – (Continued use of Contracted Services as consultants.) He contracted with the former Curriculum Coordinator, Julie Heon to help with grants management. She has been working for the past several weeks with him to get those completed for this year and to start the writing for next year. He is charging her current bills to the business office however; those will be covered by the grants. Once we start getting reimbursement, we will transfer the funds to offset that.

**2600 Facilities** – Variance due to purchase of air purifiers covered by ESSER funds which we will transfer once reimbursed.

**2700 Technology** – Purchase of Chrome books to be offset by ESSER funds.

**5200 Transfer to Capital Reserve** – Funds received from Building Capital Reserve Account (\$82,450) to pay for roof repair last July. That account is "zeroed out" at this time.

## **IX. ACTION ITEMS**

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

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Cloutier-Cabral and SECONDED by Mr. Vanderhoof to accept the minutes of May 11, 2021 as amended.*

*Voting: eight ayes; one abstention from Chairman LoVerme, motion carried.*

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Vanderhoof and SECONDED by Mr. Post to accept the nonpublic minutes of May 11, 2021 as written.*

*Voting: eight ayes; one abstention from Chairman LoVerme, motion carried.*

### **b. Policy DFA-Investment-Annual Adoption**

Superintendent reviewed Policy DFA, which is required to be reviewed annually. The policy includes 3 objectives, safety of principal, liquidity and yield, plus standards of care to be sure we are not putting ourselves in a negative position concerning cash flow. The Government Finance Office Association of Practices governs the Standards of Care and policies under what prudent people would do regarding conflict of interest. That revolves around school board members and their businesses as it relates to not coming in conflict with district business and in his 5 years here it has never been an issue; also that we have internal controls. The Board needs to review this annually and vote to readopt.

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Kofalt and SECONDED by Ms. Lavalley to readopt policy DFA-Investment.*

*Voting: eight ayes; one abstention from Chairman LoVerme, motion carried.*

### **c. Transportation Bid/Contract**

Superintendent reviewed the Board directed Mr. Mullin to send out an RFP and bids concerning the bus contract for the coming school year. Two bids were received, one from Butler Bus Company with a 3 year contract, cost for next year at \$279,000 for regular transportation increasing by \$8,000 annually for 3 years. The other is from our current vendor Steve's Bus Company for a one-year extension at a cost for next year of \$253,540 for regular transportation, which is about \$24,000 less than Butler's bid. Both are for 5 buses as this is what we currently require. He reminded the Board that transportation is budgeted at \$247,046 for 174 academic days, next year is 176 days; this is part of the change in increase to some extent.

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Vanderhoof and SECONDED by Mr. Kofalt to accept the bid from Steve's Bus Company for a one year extension. \**

Superintendent confirms there is a change in dollar figure from the current contract; this cost is an additional \$3,540, it is for 176 days and the remaining 4 days are paid at 50% of the contract. He confirms insurance is required on the buses and both bids were contingent upon a waiver for performance bond and credit; this was waived for Mr. Brown in the past. A question was raised, where the extra money was coming from. Superintendent responded annually we budget for all the teams to make it to the state championship for athletics and generally, those accounts are under expended by about \$3,000-\$7,000. This is a good opportunity for that to be covered within the transportation budget. The school district will have to keep an eye on it. This year we have a lot of savings in that area because number of games were reduced and the trips were lessened; we budgeted for a regular season. If you look at the history, those accounts have been under expended, not all the teams make it to the state championship and where they travel to makes a difference. A question was raised if we will pay the \$253,000. Superintendent responds it's possible; he has not done the math but doesn't believe we will come to that figure.

*\*Voting: eight ayes; one abstention from Chairman LoVerme, motion carried.*

Superintendent will notify Mr. Brown and start working on the summer transportation.

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **i. Facilities Committee**

Mr. Vanderhoof reported the committee did not meet. He thought the lighting project was going to be discussed. Superintendent responds the Board can wait until the next meeting to decide but it would be advantageous to do it sooner than later. Based on discussion at the last meeting, there seemed to be a favorable tone on the project, the question was where the funds would come from. The Building & Roadway Capital Reserve Fund balance as of April 1 is \$178,077 and there will be an addition of \$95,000 from the approved warrant article, which will cover all of the projects for this summer. The balance of \$178,000 is available to cover the \$48,000 (approximately) for the lighting project; the Board could choose to take the money from the capital reserve, as they are the agents to expend from that account. Mr. Vanderhoof spoke that the only difference from the last meeting to this one is he thought the lighting project had been removed from the CIP but it had not. It was given to the voters with the lighting plan on it. He feels we are asking for this much money on a special warrant and these are the things we will expend it on and feels it should be taken from there. Superintendent notes the lighting project was a 2-year project for \$110,000 for one year and \$62,000 the next, if the Board chose to do that during this time period those two things would be taken off the list and it would reduce the amount of money needed in the future. A question was raised if there was discussion from the Budget Committee regarding this. Mr. Vanderhoof confirmed they have not met. Ms. Lavallee had received a question from a member of the Budget Committee about it; they wanted to follow up regarding Energy Management Consultants as they had a proposal without any capital investment from the district. Superintendent notes in his email to Ms. Lavallee once the decision was made to remove it from consideration in the CIP for the current school year it was dropped at that time and not brought up for further consideration. Mr. Vanderhoof agrees there would not be any funds going out initially but it would take longer before you capture those savings; you would be paying higher utility bills for a longer period if you did it this way. It is not clear what the "payback" is with that: we did not receive a proposal. The proposal we have is a 2-year payback, \$2,000 a month with \$48,000 out of pocket expense. Mr. Kofalt thought he saw a different number after the two years, which didn't make sense. It was noted there is labor cost to change all the fluorescents but you are also presumably saving labor by not having to do it as often. The energy cost alone is about \$24,000 a year. Superintendent notes the concept is if we can do this now we are able to schedule things for efficiently through the summer as summer programs and cleaning are going on. He assumes the sooner we can speak with them the sooner they can work within our schedule. There was an expiration on the offer; it is the end of June. There was support expressed for the project. Mr. Vanderhoof believes the Facilities Committee will meet next week. He doesn't know how much will change unless we plan to get additional quotes.

The Board could choose to pay it out of the general fund. It was noted this was not budgeted. Discussion continued. A question was raised what we have done to validate the numbers; it is hard to drill down on what was sent. Mr. Kofalt is interested in finding out if we can get a quick read on the numbers they put in and get a sense if it is reasonable. Superintendent confirms we did provide them with usage numbers over a 2-3 year period and that is how they figured out the numbers. It was noted they did provide a scope of work, which shows detail such as location, existing and proposed quantity and hours plus watts per fixture. A question was raised if they can provide references from other districts or municipalities they worked with, what their experience was, and did they see savings. The lighting project will be put on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss. Mr. Legere voiced that Eversource kicking in the 60% doesn't happen every year. A project like this has been done at his workplace multiple times. The utility company has to spend a certain amount of their money to fund these types of services and when they get close to the end of that fiscal year and they have not, they reach out to companies. Mr. Legere believes if they don't spend the money they may get fined or penalized in some way. A question was raised if we are at risk of losing the money if someone else takes them up on it sooner. Mr. Legere has thought about this; he believes it would be on the vendor but is not sure, if they spend the money they need to, we may not get the 60% from Eversource. His workplace has done this and it has paid off. Mr. Post spoke of a similar project that was done in Lyndeborough and Eversource came in and spoke with them. He will provide the contact information. Superintendent asked if there is any information the Board would like to have for the next meeting. Mr. Kofalt asked for reference checks from districts or municipalities they worked with also could the 60% change without notice or is it firm because it is part of the written offer. Superintendent believes it is firm but will find out. No Board action at this time.

#### **ii. Superintendent Search Committee**

Mr. Post reported the committee is done. Chairman LoVerme confirms he reached out to Principal Weaver and offered him the position of Interim Superintendent for 1 year and he has accepted. He thanked everyone who was involved in the process. Superintendent asked if the Board would like him to draft a document to inform the community. Chairman LoVerme would appreciate that. Mr. Post thanked all the volunteers and Ms. Cloutier-Cabral and Mr. Kofalt and the other candidates who came as well. It was a robust experience although we were not able to adhere to the timeline; they got it done in the end. Ms. Cloutier-Cabral expressed the community was a big help; thank you.

#### **iii. Finance Committee**

Mr. Kofalt reported the committee met last week and talked about the financial statement formats in particular getting a small group of 1-2 people from the Budget Committee and 1-2 people from the Board to work on understanding the capabilities of the software and potential ways to have that in a standard format to work with going forward. There were things the Budget Committee did with the budget with excel pivot tables to make it flexible. He produced something like that as well and it helps to zone in on categories or schools. That is the kind of thing they want to look at so that getting the information is quick, easy and intuitive. The committee thinks it makes sense to work with the business administrator on that once she has the opportunity to settle in a bit. The committee discussed communication with the Budget Committee and having an open line to them. We have a board liaison but when things come up like the electrical proposal, we need to talk with them or let them know. Regarding the start date for the business administrator, it is understood there is ramp up work to do and if there is any flexibility to the start date; they will leave that up to the Superintendent but they are open to it if it will help her get a running start. A question was raised if the program the business administrator is using is compatible with what Mr. Kofalt is looking for or does the data have to be transferred manually. Mr. Kofalt explained he thinks this kind of register is useful especially in terms of cash in and out. In excel with pivot tables, if you do a raw data dump from your accounting software, you can create another worksheet that pulls from that data and "slices and dices" it in different ways. That is what he is looking for; how can we put a system like that in place without creating a lot of work for the business administrator but give the ability to obtain the information easily. The committee discussed during the budget process duplicate work had been done and time may be better spent in other ways. If the software doesn't give us user-friendly reports, how can we easily take that raw data out and build something to present it nicely and be institutive.

#### **iv. Short-term Strategic Planning Committee**

Mr. White reported the committee did not meet. There is a need to find out what we are doing with summer school and mask use. He contacted the Principals and they have contacted the teachers who are teaching summer school. At FRES, they are in favor of it being optional for the summer. Ms. Edmunds sent a survey out to teachers and roughly 39.3% are not comfortable with it being optional and 46.4% are comfortable and the remainder are split, some with yes under certain circumstances such as, if they are outside, depending on the number of people who are vaccinated

etc. The data is pretty split although swings a little in favor of it being optional. He supports this being a transitional period, the year is over, it is not in the contract, there is more spacing as there are less kids in the summer, they have the air purifiers, windows are open and if we make it an option now it will make next year's transition easier with whatever we need to do. It will also allow us to get an idea of the climate in regard to any bullying. He has been a proponent of keeping the masks on however feels if we are going to make a change, this is a good time to do it if the Board chooses to. Ms. Cloutier-Cabral suggested the teachers who indicated they would be uncomfortable if they wanted to, could let the Board know what may make them feel more comfortable. Mr. White will reach out to Ms. Edmunds regarding this. Ms. Lavallee spoke that there are students at WLC who need to come in for credit recovery and she wants to be sure we are not shutting the door on students who were remote all year and need credit recovery to move onto the next grade. We already said for this summer remote is not an option, which means they will have to come in. She would like to get an idea of the comfort level of these parents and students that require credit recovery; are there things we could to make them more comfortable such as having classes outside, do we need tents for shading, etc. She would like this information before she makes a final decision. Mr. White will reach out to Ms. Edmunds. Mr. Kofalt encourages the committee to look at options even if we don't go with full mask optional, are there other steps we can take to move in that direction. He spoke to someone in the Londonderry district; they are not requiring masks when students are seated but are requiring it when they are outside at recess, which is almost the opposite of what we are doing. Ms. Lavallee noted it could be because of the structured vs. unstructured stipulation and agrees there are steps we can take to move in that direction. Chairman LoVerme voiced July 1 starts a new school year and it is time for schools to move forward. As more and more people are being vaccinated, we will start seeing more younger people do it. He wants to see summer school mask optional. Mr. White notes the biggest issue is spacing and open windows. Chairman LoVerme adds, we do everything else the same, just make the masks optional. Mr. White will try to get a committee meeting together next week.

## **XI. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES**

### **a. Resignation-Kristi Legere-Administrative Assistant-FRES**

#### **• Resignation-Nicole Dane-Kindergarten Teacher-LCS**

Superintendent reviewed the resignations. The Board would need to vote to release Ms. Dane from her contract.

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Mannarino and SECONDED by Ms. Lavallee to release Ms. Nicole Dane from her contract as Kindergarten teacher.*

*Voting: eight ayes; one abstention from Chairman LoVerme, motion carried.*

Mr. Post requested an exit interview be done. Superintendent agrees to this and noted there are 9 applicants at this time for the kindergarten position.

### **b. Appointments-Pending**

#### **• Hannah Schwack-Trovitch-Transfer from 1<sup>st</sup> grade FRES to MS math WLC**

#### **• Kristin Dame-1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher-FRES**

#### **• Amalia Traffie-MS English-WLC**

Superintendent reviewed the appointments noting Ms. Schwack-Trovitch will transfer from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching position (appointed at prior meeting) to the MS math position as recommended by Principal Weaver. She has been the student teacher in math at WLC this year. The position was budgeted at \$49,500; her salary as approved by the Board on May 11 will be \$37,000. Recommendation for Ms. Dame to fill the 1<sup>st</sup> grade position. She has been with the district since 2009 as a Title 1 teacher and this year as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. Ms. Traffie also was a student teacher at WLC.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Cloutier-Cabral and SECONDED by Mr. White to appoint Ms. Kristin Dame as 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher with a salary of \$38,000 Bachelors, step 2.*

*Voting: eight ayes; one abstention from Chairman LoVerme, motion carried.*

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Mr. Kofalt to appoint Ms. Amalia Traffie as MS English teacher with a salary of \$37,000 Bachelors step 1.*

*Voting: eight ayes; one abstention from Chairman LoVerme, motion carried.*

Superintendent will provide an updated salary comparison for the next meeting.

333                   **XII.     PUBLIC COMMENTS**

334     The public comment section of the agenda was read. Superintendent called out all the phone numbers and names  
335     joined in the meeting asking if they wanted to comment.

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337     There was no public comment.

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339                   **XIII.   SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

340     Mr. Kofalt thanked everyone who was involved with the interviews and ongoing interviews; he is excited about some  
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343     Mr. Mannarino echoed the comments of Mr. Kofalt, he is excited about some of the new hires made and those who  
344     resigned will be sorely missed. We are in a good position to move forward.

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346     Mr. Vanderhoof thanked the student who sent an email regarding the masks. It was a good email, showed critical  
347     thinking and brought up a lot of good points. It is good to hear from students.

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349     Ms. Cloutier-Cabral echoed Mr. Vanderhoof's comments and encouraged more students to reach out to the Board. It  
350     is great to hear from our students and good that they are comfortable doing so. She thanked all the teachers and  
351     everyone in the district for what everyone has done. She has been thinking of it this week, all the people that work in  
352     this district are raising our kids. She stopped by the school the other day and was thinking of all the things people  
353     have done and all the experiences our kids have had that we see and those we don't see, it's a lot and it stays with  
354     them forever. Thank you so much for that.

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356     Mr. White thanked everyone for all the work they did to get people interviewed and hired on staff; we are starting to  
357     fill in the gaps. It is more comfortable going into the new year and knowing many of these people are from within the  
358     district, it's not as if our kids haven't seen these people before and need a longer adjustment period. He noted his  
359     kids are doing great and the teachers are doing a fantastic job.

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361     Mr. Post thanked the students who sent emails to the Board. He asked them to come and speak tonight. He thinks we  
362     need to listen to them and members of the public and agrees it's probably time to go to masks optional as it is almost  
363     behind us. To address the public's concern at the last meeting, there was so much up in the air and so much change.  
364     He understands change is tough; this is our communities children's lives and staff, teachers and administrator's  
365     livelihoods. It may have looked a little messy at the last meeting but he thinks we are in a great position; he is  
366     looking forward to next year. He thanked everyone that got us over the line this year.

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368     Ms. Lavallee informed the group, this is her last meeting of this school year as she won't be here in June but will  
369     attend graduation. She thanked the board members, teachers, and staff. It was a year full of "ups and downs" with a  
370     few surprises but tonight she felt good as a board member and as a parent. She feels we are moving in the right  
371     direction and there are many positive things happening, it makes her hopeful. She notes there are many changes;  
372     some she wished were not happening but is still hopeful. She agrees it was wonderful getting emails from students  
373     and would like more. Change is coming!

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375     Chairman LoVerme reminded everyone about Awards Night on June 1 and Graduation on June 5; he asked if board  
376     members could make it that would be great. Last year we did not have an Awards Night. He thanked all the board  
377     members for all the time they put in this year and all the committees and hours they spent, late nights; it's a lot of  
378     work and he appreciates it. He thanked the students, teachers and staff. We have 11 more days of school!

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380                   **XIV.   ADJOURNMENT**

381     *A MOTION was made by Mr. Kofalt and SECONDED by Mr. Mannarino to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:47pm.*  
382     *Voting: eight ayes; one abstention from Chairman LoVerme, motion carried.*

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384     *Respectfully submitted,*  
385     *Kristina Fowler*