

1 **WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE**
2 **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**
3 **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**
4 **Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School**
5 **6:30 p.m.**
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7 The videoconferencing link was published several places including on the meeting agenda.
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9 Present: *Dennis Golding, Brianne Lavallee, John Zavgren, Michelle Alley, Darlene Anzalone, Geoffrey Allen, and*
10 *Diane Foss*

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12 *Superintendent Peter Weaver, Business Administrator Kristie LaPlante, Principals Tom Ronning and Bridgette*
13 *Fuller, Technology Director Nicholas Buroker, and Clerk Kristina Fowler*
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15 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

16 Chairman Golding called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.
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18 **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

19 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
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21 **III. STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

22 Third grade teachers, Ms. Dame and Ms. Longval were present to recognize their students Katie Rawson and Addie
23 Pretzer who were recognized for their academics, effort, and hard work. Principal Fuller recognized Brendan Gerry
24 also from the 3rd grade who was nominated by his teacher Ms. Hobbs for his willingness to help his peers and his
25 academic achievements. The students were given a round of applause and congratulated.
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27 **IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

28 Superintendent requested the following adjustments, remove “project and ESSER funding requests” (move this to
29 May 14) and add a “personnel matter” to the nonpublic session. Ms. Lavallee requested to add “WLC PTO” to
30 correspondence.
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32 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Alley to accept the adjustments to the agenda.*
33 *Voting: all aye, motion carried unanimously.*
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35 **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

36 The public comment section of the agenda was read. Superintendent called out all the phone numbers and names
37 joined in the meeting asking if they wanted to comment.
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39 Ms. Mary Golding apologized for signing on late and although she missed the student acknowledgements, she
40 wanted to congratulate them.
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42 **VI. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

43 **a. Reports**

44 **i. Business Administrator’s Report**

45 Ms. LaPlante reported she has outlined the facilities projects in her report. This will be discussed further at the
46 Facilities Committee meeting in May. They will not change significantly. She spoke of the tennis courts and looking
47 to have surface work done in May, Mr. Erb has 2 contractors lined up and we should see some movement on that
48 soon. She followed up on the mold investigation done in room 101. The Lawson Group did the investigation and
49 found no signs of mold in the room; it is coming from the washing machine, which is used specifically in the RISE
50 program. The washer has been removed and will be replaced. When Mr. Pratt returns we will work on a maintenance
51 plan for that. It is great to hear there is no mold in the room other than the washer. Superintendent Weaver has
52 spoken with the parent who spoke of it at a meeting. Responding to a question Ms. LaPlante informed the group she
53 does not know how old the washer is, it is at least 5 years old before Mr. Pratt’s time. She believes the replacement is
54 being delivered Thursday. She confirms it does not need to be an industrial washer, it is UL listed and used in the
55 RISE program. Superintendent added it is used in the life skills program, part of the independent living used for
56 learning measuring, folding etc. Responding to a question Ms. LaPlante confirms we were able to get the price on

57 paving that we got because they are doing work in our area, when they come is dependent on when the work in this
58 area is scheduled. She will look into it to be sure it is completed by August 15.

59 **ii. Technology Director's Report**

60 Mr. Buroker reported 102 new tickets; we are sitting at 10 open tickets and a 7-day average, which is the goal. They
61 completed SAT testing and from a technology view, it went off as well as we hoped with some minor issue with the
62 College Board application. Currently they are gearing up for spring break to work on projects, which were planned
63 for February but didn't work out but lessons were learned. The radio upgrade projects is moving along, the radios are
64 in. We can contact FRES on them. There are a few kinks to work out and we are working with the vendor. The
65 beautification of the curriculum database is prettier and easier to navigate, he is proud of this. We had your "garden
66 variety" phishing attack on staff at FRES. He is pleased to report that his staff did things perfectly while he was on
67 vacation. Ms. Lavallee voiced kudos to the staff and Mr. Buroker for their training. A question was raised if the
68 walkie-talkies would be hooked up to the police department on a different channel. Mr. Buroker confirms we have
69 not looked at how we are doing that but do have a couple extra and there should be a way to get their radios to access
70 our radio channels. It is one of the goals though. Mr. Allen asked what are you using, is it GMS? Mr. Buroker does
71 not have that information but can get it. Mr. Allen noted it was not needed. Mr. Buroker confirms we do have
72 licensing. A question was raised regarding who is the "we" he refers to, is there a team working on projects like ones
73 worked on February break. Mr. Buroker clarifies he has 2 technicians in his department plus a student intern and
74 himself.

75 • **WLC PTO**

76 Ms. Crystal Gill was present and spoke of the success of the Penny Sale. She thanked those who attended. It was
77 amazing to have teachers, kids, school board and the PTO all working together. It was a "weather day" and still had
78 over 400 people. It would not have been such a success if it were not for the help we received. There were over 23
79 students ranging from 6 grade to 12th all wearing matching t-shirts. She spoke of how proud she is of them and
80 anyone who was there can attest to all the work they did. We brought in just shy of \$13,000, the PTO takes half, pays
81 out expenses and the junior class received a check for \$2,800. She spoke of the smooth transition and how hard
82 everyone worked, the students, Lions Club, Board, PTO etc. She spoke of the next event, Teacher Appreciation
83 Week. This is an event she is passionate about. It is May 6-10 and will have the "Friends" theme. This is an event
84 that we can show all our appreciation to the teachers and will have lots of food. Ms. Lavallee will send out a couple
85 of links for sign up or donations. She is asking if any board members want to help on May 9, providing crockpots or
86 food reach out to Ms. Gill. They appreciate any help. Mr. Allen spoke of the awesome job the PTO does and it is a
87 lot of work, time and effort that is put into the events. He will absolutely bring a crockpot or make something. Ms.
88 Gill noted they would take anything.

90 **VI. YTD REPORTING**

91 Ms. LaPlante informed the group that she is finishing the annual report the Board signs and anticipates having that
92 for the next meeting. Regarding year-to-date, we are looking at about \$645,000 in unspent funds projecting through
93 June 30. This doesn't take into account the revenues. From the \$645,000, a \$100,000 comes out for Warrant Article
94 #8, retaining those funds going into the building & roadways capital reserve. She spoke of working with the
95 Superintendent throughout the year on purchase orders. One of the things we try to carry forward from the previous
96 Board is if there is a need for this year we will fund it and if it is controversial, we bring it to the Board. She thanked
97 administration for working with them regarding this. Last year the Board started vetting purchases with unspent
98 funds and we have been racking our brain regarding any program needs or facilities needs and will bring any forward
99 on the May 14 meeting. She spoke of a few, FRES stage curtain, which we are getting a quote on, WLC scoreboard,
100 and pulleys for the backboard, field bleachers, manlift as ours is no longer serviceable, and we need to rent one when
101 it is needed. She is not looking for any decisions tonight but just wanted to give an idea of the things they are looking
102 at although these are not set in stone. She confirms the bleachers are not unsafe; there is no danger of someone
103 falling through otherwise we would have taken them out of service. Likely the damage is from moving them. A
104 question was raised if there are any line items that we are not spending as much as others. Ms. LaPlante confirms we
105 have savings in staffing as there are positions not filled or through hiring new staff and benefits such as budgeted for
106 a family plan and there is no insurance needed. She spoke of going through it carefully with the Superintendent, the
107 historical spending and ask what is different etc. A question was raised if there are any line items we are
108 overspending that are alarming; way over what we thought. Ms. LaPlante spoke of unanticipated facilities costs such
109 as the fire alarm panel at WLC, the FRES boiler issues, and broken sewer pipe at FRES, none due to neglect. She had
110 spoken with Ms. Mary Jane Ryan in Special Education today about SPED expenses and some overages there, but
111 nothing alarming; making sure spending goes against each building for future cycles. Those are things we will
112 address in the future budget. Superintendent spoke of the athletics program, there is a volleyball team now and we

113 want to grow the athletics program. We have 12 kids running track, an example is we needed a discus; it is little
114 things like that. We want to budget for what we actually need and look at uniform rotations. We had some issues in
115 the past with that and the inventory not being correct, this spring baseball needed some equipment and we think those
116 lines are a little flat and want to look at it realistically; we want more kids participating in the athletics program. It
117 was noted there was a great turnout for the first home game and the stage curtains are a great project. A question was
118 raised regarding the greenhouse, in the past it needed some repairs. Superintendent spoke about this. He had
119 discussions 4 years ago and found there was no curriculum and it was not in working order. He believes it would be a
120 significant cost to bring it back to where it needs to be. He cautions investing in it if we don't have a robust
121 curriculum built in. It is a shame it has deteriorated, kids can grow things and do experiments but now it is just
122 storage. He does think there are a couple of leaks in it. We could get the cost if it is something we want to invest in
123 but wants to be sure the curriculum is there. If we use it for storage, should we put money into making it more useful
124 storage so it does not leak? He was asked about how much is significant cost, does he remember about how much it
125 was then. He is not sure but Chairman Golding recalls it may have been \$10,000-\$20,000. Superintendent noted it
126 might have been something we could have used ESSER money for. A brief discussion was had about the value of
127 students learning to grow their own food, gaining knowledge, bee keeping etc. things crucial to the environment. She
128 would be supportive of it. Superintendent notes we can get it on the agenda to follow up on and see if we can come
129 up with a current number and decide what to do with it moving forward. A question was raised if Ms. LaPlante has
130 any initial estimates on the projects she spoke of. Ms. LaPlante responded she would have more of a formal proposal
131 on May 14. She was asked about the pulleys. She responded it is a carryover from the former Principal and wants to
132 provide a document to the Board and publish it for the public with the information. It was noted it is not an ideal time
133 to price out a scoreboard seeing it is baseball season. Superintendent noted ours is working but not working properly,
134 the bleachers are about \$7,000-\$9,000 for a set of aluminum bleachers and the scoreboard he believes would be less
135 than \$10,000. We need to reassess the pulleys as that number is outdated and there is no estimate on the curtain
136 replacement. It was noted the curtain is overdue.

137 138 **VII. PROJECT & ESSER FUNDING REQUESTS**

139 This agenda item was removed.

140 141 **VIII. SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP**

142 Chairman Golding informed the group we had set a tentative date for a workshop with the NHSBA (New Hampshire
143 School Board Association) for April 30 but they cannot do that date. Superintendent informed the group they have
144 offered to do it on May 15 or 16 but have said they are leaning toward May 16. He asked them to reserve May 16 for
145 us. The calendar looks good for that date as well, it does not appear there is anything scheduled that night. He
146 suggests 5:30PM or 6:00PM. There was a brief discussion. It was noted not everyone may be available but if we can
147 get the majority of members, it is preferred. Superintendent will lock in May 16 at 5:15pm with NHSBA for a
148 workshop. It was asked for those who could not attend if there are any resources that could be provided.

149 150 **IX. ACTION ITEMS**

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

152 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Anzalone and SECONDED by Mr. Allen to approve the minutes of April 2, 2024 as*
153 *written.*

154 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

155 156 **b. Appoint Community Members to Facilities and Strategic Planning Committees**

157 Chairman Golding reported there is 1 letter of interest received from a Lyndeborough resident, Sarah Chadzynski to
158 continue on the Strategic Planning Committee.

159 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Allen and SECONDED by Ms. Alley for the approval of Ms. Sarah Chadzynski to be a*
160 *community member on the Strategic Planning Committee.*

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163 A question was raised where it was advertised. Superintendent confirms the school district website and the town
164 websites. Chairman Golding notes we try to have 1 community member from each town on the Strategic Planning
165 Committee and Facilities Committee. Mr. Allen confirms there were 2 on the Facilities Committee but only 1
166 attended. Chairman Golding notices Ms. Heather Gibson who was on the committee and asks if she is interested in
167 continuing. If so to send an email to Ms. Kristina Fowler. Superintendent asked if the Board would like Ms. Fowler
168 to repost this. Chairman Golding confirms yes, for 10 additional days (and as many times as we can). It was
169 suggested to post it on the WLC Facebook page and ask the PTO to post it on theirs.

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X. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES

a. FYI-New Hire-Long-term Substitute Elementary Teacher-Patrick Dee

b. FYI-New Hire-Long-term Substitute Physical Education Teacher-Kelsey Gregorio

Superintendent reviewed the new hires for FRES who were interns with us. He spoke of being grateful to have these interns and the Board being supportive of a small stipend to get them here. The Universities have thanked us and everyone commented on the positive experiences they have had with us. We are working on getting student interns for the fall. Mr. Comerford is working hard on that. Typically, it is in the second semester and in the spring, they do their internship. Mr. Allen voiced praise for bringing that program forward, it was a great example of out of the box thinking and administration working together to create a program that worked well for the entire district.

XI. 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.

Ms. Heather Gibson commented that she would like to be on the Strategic Planning Committee again and didn't realize she needed to throw her name in again. Ms. Fowler confirms she did a send an email to her a minute ago.

Ms. Mary Golding thanked Ms. LaPlante for recognizing the folks online, some forget they are there and wants everyone to use their microphone so everyone can hear them. She is happy to hear there is no mold in the room and replacing the washing machine is an excellent idea. She is glad to hear about the walkie-talkies. Mr. Buroker you may sleep well, you have a great staff and she appreciates Dan LaSala at FRES, he is magical when figuring out how to print something from a Chromebook. She welcomes Mr. Dee and Ms. Gregorio, and is very excited to have you both. She spoke about the PTO and the amazing success they had with the Penny Sale. Everyone she spoke to had such high praises for everyone and loved seeing the children volunteering, what a huge part of their success. It is wonderful to do something without expectation of reward. She spoke of Teacher Appreciation Week, it's a great event and teachers deserve it. She commented the Chairman would make his cheesy dip in the crockpot, maybe. She knows when Ms. Gill says "we" she means herself and Mandy. Ms. Golding was a member of the PTO and it is usually 1-3 people at most doing all the work. She asks those to help if they can. She heard Mr. Allen volunteer as well. She spoke of the basketball fundraiser for Mr. Dailey, which was great, she could only stay an hour but the Chairman stayed throughout. Ms. Lavalley was there, not sure how many other board members attended to support that but everyone had a great time. They raised money for the scholarship, great event, hopes it continues each year, and gets bigger and bigger. She spoke to the Board, wonderful work as always, you are so appreciated and she knows you are not professionals and you do this you because you love your community and schools!

XII. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Allen commented great job; he appreciates the staff and the due diligence they put in. He congratulated the students who were recognized today and appreciates all.

Ms. Anzalone congratulated the 3 students who were acknowledged tonight and great job to the PTO and all the kids who volunteered, great job bringing in so much money. She spoke of Teacher Appreciations Week; she has helped, Ms. Gill and the team do most of the work. She asks if anyone can help to set up things in the morning, she will try to come in the morning to help.

Ms. Lavalley spoke about the FRES/LCS PTO noting she is not a spokesperson for them but attended the meeting last night and they are working on fundraisers as well. They are holding a book sale in May and the annual plant sale is on May 18 at FRES. If anyone has any perennial plants you want to dig out of the yard you can contact her or the FRES/LCS PTO to let them know, pick up or drop off and she looks forward to seeing the community there. They will have some annual pots for the patios that the LCS students will plant and put together on Earth Day. It is very excited to involve the kids this year who will be helping.

Ms. Alley congratulated the students who were recognized tonight. It is so great to see them helping the PTO. She spoke of the PTO putting together the teacher appreciation; it is a lot of work. She is grateful the teachers are able to

223 receive so much food and love that week. She thanked Ms. LaPlante for answering every one of her questions; she
224 always seems to have an answer and she appreciates that. She thanked our long-term substitutes coming in to fill
225 those positions, we have quite a few open and nice to hear those are filled.
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227 Chairman Golding commented the Harry Dailey Basketball Tournament was a better success this year than last,
228 looked like a good turnout. There could have been more adult teams but were a lot of kid teams, which led to a very
229 fun time. He hopes it continues with many good donations for a good scholarship for our kids here at WLC.
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231 **XIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C)**

232 **i. Review the Nonpublic Minutes**

233 **ii. Student Matter**

234 **iii. Personnel Matter**

235 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Allen and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to enter Non-Public Session to review the non-*
236 *public minutes, discuss personnel and student matters RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (B) (C) at 7:35pm.*

237 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*
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239 **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

240 The Board entered public session at 8:18pm.
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242 *A MOTION was made to seal the non-public session minutes RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (B) (C) by Mr. Allen and*
243 *SECONDED by Ms. Anzalone.*

244 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*
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246 *A MOTION was made to accept the resignation of Mr. Ben Thyng, MS Science Teacher, effective April 19, 2024 by*
247 *Mr. Allen and SECONDED by Mr. Zavgren.*

248 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*
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250 **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

251 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Allen and SECONDED by Ms. Alley to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:19pm.*

252 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*
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254 *Respectfully submitted,*

255 *Kristina Fowler*
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