

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School
6:30 p.m.**

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

Present: *Dennis Golding, Brianne Lavallee, John Zavgren, Michelle Alley, Tiffany Cloutier-Cabral, Darlene Anzalone, Geoffrey Allen, Diane Foss, Jonathan Lavoie (6:33pm)*

Superintendent Peter Weaver, Business Administrator Kristie LaPlante, Principals Tom Ronning and Principal Bridgette Fuller, Assistant Principal Katie Gosselin, Director of Student Support Services Ned Pratt, Curriculum Coordinator Samantha Dignan, and Clerk Kristina Fowler

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. STUDENT/STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Principal Ronning informed the group that he would like to move the student acknowledgement to the next meeting due to student commitments. He recognized several staff who were nominated for the Starfish Award at WLC, teachers Laura Bujak, Emily Hall, Olympia Clark, and Guidance Counselor Alice Bartoldus and reviewed the many reasons for their nomination including their work with students, and community. Principal Fuller recognized several staff from FRES who were nominated for the Starfish Award, teachers Tammy Cargill, Greg Lamers, and Meghan Levesque and reviewed the many reasons for their nomination including, dedication to students, leadership and community work. Ms. Levesque was the winner of the Starfish Award and was congratulated.

IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

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.

Ms. Mary Golding recognized the nominees for the Starfish Award noting Ms. Levesque is very deserving of this award. She thanked everyone for all they do and noted she is happy with this Board.

VI. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

a. Reports

i. Business Administrator's Report

Ms. LaPlante reported currently working on teacher contracts, which have been distributed, and the rest of the contracts would be out later this week or next Wednesday at the latest. She spoke of the proposed revision of next year's budget process being helpful to her office, which is outlined in her report

ii. Principal's Report

Principal Ronning reported WLC held a simulated accident on school grounds Friday; he thanked Chief Nourse for his help. The simulated accident was for students to understand the importance of choices and accidents can happen. He thanked the many community volunteers including Wilton Towing, Michaud Funeral Home, UMASS Helicopter, a local prosecutor who spoke to the students after to debrief and all of the emergency responder personnel. The day was really important for students. We have 4 track athletes who have been invited to the Last Chance Invitational tomorrow, Kelsey Crouse, Ben Jacobs, Aiden Rivet and Sandy Sanchez. Senior Project Extravaganza will be held on May 23, see how seniors prepare for life after high school; please join us. Friday is prom night. SAT scores are out and results are promising. Students and staff worked hard and it shows our school is moving forward with an academic culture. Scores are above state average and some above national average. An assembly was held regarding internet crimes against children. Students understand different things that can happen online and we had individuals in to speak to this and the importance of knowing who is out there, don't just automatically "friend" someone. We are pushing to take final exams from a level 1 depth of understanding to level 3, which is the application of skills. Making sure the calculation and performance of knowledge is moving forward. Assistant Principal Gosselin spoke regarding the discipline logs. High School March and April numbers are 6 and 8 which we are proud of, that represents 5 students out of the entire HS. The MS is similar with 6 students, which is lower than usual, and March is a long month for us. These are exciting

numbers to see. She spoke regarding the Italy trip. There were 20 students, 10 adults. Ms. Erin Rosana coordinated the whole thing and it was phenomenal. They started out in Venice, spent a few days in St. Mark's Square and went to Florence by high-speed train, learned about art history, went to Rome and the Vatican. They learned beyond history, they learned some basic skills, for some students this was their first time flying. Students needed to be responsible and they exceeded our expectations. Kudos to Ms. Rosana, there was a lot of planning and prep work prior to the trip. We are planning another trip in 2026. They are looking at going to England and France. This trip was 8 days total, and would need more time for the next trip. In response to a question, Principal Ronning spoke regarding the depth of knowledge he spoke of earlier and not all teachers have been asking for level 1. Depth of knowledge level 1 is memorization, and giving you back facts, answering a math problem vs. taking a situation and using math to solve it. Ms. Anzalone noted she has concerns and was directed to contact Principal Ronning. Assistant Principal Gosselin noted tomorrow night is the end of year dance performance. Ms. Lavallee asked if they could speak about the Hall of Fame ceremony. Assistant Principal Gosselin informed the group this is the 2nd induction for the Athletic Hall of Fame and inductees are, Athlete Julie Doran, Coach Diane Doran, Athlete Tom Conrad, Athlete Sandy Vanderhayden and Athlete Steve Claire. We have 52 confirmed RSVP's, which is more than last year. It will be held on May 22, with a dinner option in the café, banquet style \$15 per person and if you only want to come for the ceremony it is at 6:45pm and no charge for just the ceremony. Mr. Dave Finch (past long time PE teacher) is part of the committee and will do a lot of the announcing and awarding.

Principal Fuller informed the group FRES is having an offsite evacuation on May 28. This is a component of our emergency operation plan designed for safety of students and staff. An offsite evacuation could be activated if it is deemed unsafe in the building, could be for a loss of power, or no water etc. We are in partnership with the bus company and students will be going to WLC for this phase 1 of the evacuation plan. The Celebration of Learning is Thursday at FRES at 6pm; make sure to stop by all the classrooms, Economic Fair and open house for the W.I.N. program. Parent Information night at LCS for the rising kindergarten parents to learn about the program is May 23 at 5:30pm. Girls on the Run has been working hard, they had their 1st 5K practice, and it was great to watch them. They will do that again tomorrow.

iii. Curriculum Coordinator's Report

Ms. Dignan reported we continue working with the vocabulary book study playbook afterschool. We are discussing different ways of implementing it in their classroom. We talked about LTRS training and these 2 programs work well together. The Professional Development Committee continues to adjust the Master Plan and it is just about ready to be put into action. There is a lot of teacher opportunities for summer learning. Some are going to OGAP (Ongoing Assessment Project) which is the math version of LTRS. Teachers at the MS are going to Open ScieEd training and administration is doing a book study. There has been an uptick on the curriculum website; ELA curriculum 6-12 is posted; amazing work from the ELA Department. She provided a photo in her report of the Artist in Residence work. It is currently at FRES and will move its way up here. Each school has a panel and you can see the progression of work. Regarding NHSAS (NH Statewide Assessment System) students at FRES completed their ELA portion and both 5th and 8th completed their science. Information on how to access the family portal has gone home. We are working on wrapping up testing reading and math WLC and math at FRES. SAT scores are in and she cannot wait to present this information in June; she put some spoilers in her report and iReady is going all across the district. A question was raised if student summer learning programs are the same as what was offered last year. Ms. Dignan responded yes, but we are still working out some details and looking into some other opportunities that teachers have asked about. A question was raised if we are offering anything to students who may struggle with the new WLC expectations. Ms. Dignan responded we are still working on summer plans.

iv. WLCTA Report

Ms. Erin Rosana reported for the following for all the buildings.

FRES & LCS:

- Seacoast Science Center FT - 2nd grade on the 31st
- Kindergarten going to the Friendly Farm
- Incoming Kindergarten parents night 23rd of May 5:30
- All LCS and FRES students performed their spring concerts with great success.
- 5th grade will be having their step up day on June 4th to visit the middle school with teachers accompanying them.
- Kindergarten will be having their step up day on June 4th to visit FRES.
- Everyone is in the middle of testing right now.
- Teachers will be having a final PD day on Friday, May 24th.

WLC:

- The Italy trip from April 13-20 was a success. It was amazing to see those kids grow during the trip.
- Prom May 17- Taylor Smith, the Junior Class Advisor, is working hard to finish last minute details and planning.
- Senior Project Extravaganza - May 23rd, shout out to Bill Comerford who did a large chunk of the planning and mentoring. She gave a shout out to the mentors.
- May 8-9: 21: MS overnight trip to Boston, spearheaded by Melissa Norton. It was successful.
- MS Student Government is planning a Field Day for June 12th tentatively.

- HS Math – Mr. Kiliulis: nearing the end of the stock market game competition, where students have to invest \$100,000 fake dollars into the stock market, and see who can get the best portfolio. Jonathan Crotty is still ranked 17th place in the entire state.
- Music Dept. - Taryn Anderson:
 - A select choir from WLC had the privilege of singing the National Anthem at a House session at the New Hampshire State House in Concord, NH on May 2nd.
 - WLC's Spring Concert will be Thursday, May 30th at 7pm in the WLC cafeteria.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Alley to approve the minutes of April 16, 2024 as written. Voting: seven ayes, two abstentions from Mr. Lavoie and Ms. Cloutier-Cabral, motion carried.

b. Tuition Rate

Superintendent spoke of one of the things we have been considering is how do we market our district if parents want to tuition in here. Every district has a tuition rate. Each district approaches it differently. The key is the market. We have a family interested who wanted to know our tuition rate is to see if it is affordable for them. We want one that our Board supports. He only asks that we have one that is competitive. Some districts set it at the state rate, some 50% of the state rate. He notes in 22-23 the state rate was about \$20,000 absent transportation and doesn't have the rate for 23-24. Some districts may even determine it per family. If we can keep it under \$10,000 that is as competitive as we can get. If we are able to set one, we want to think about other programs that may increase the cost such as if the student is taking CTE courses, we would want the parent to pay for that and it would be about \$1,500 cost to the parent. He asks the Board to discuss it and if they can come up with a rate he would love to get back to the parent to see if it something they want to consider. Chair Golding noted having experience with it, ConVal sets their rate at 40%, he does not believe Milford gives a break Ms. LaPlante added a lot of districts charge the people cost, whatever that shakes out to be. Ms. Anzalone noted Merrimack wanted \$16,000-\$18,000 per child. Discussion was had including if we are not getting 50-60 kids coming in and we do not need extra teachers, he doesn't see why we would charge full rate and would be happy with 50% or 40%. Superintendent noted if we have a handful of students coming here there is no additional cost we need to incur like hiring new teachers. If we had all 2nd graders coming in then at that point we may need to hire another teacher and relook at that. Right now, there is only 1 or maybe 2 families he is talking with. Mr. Allen questioned if we are looking at 50% or 40% what is that number. Superintendent responded looking at 2022-2023, we would be about \$8,000 and if we keep it under \$10,000 would keep us very competitive. He does not know what this years per pupil cost is and expects somewhere around \$20,000-\$24,000. Merrimack is charging the per pupil cost. Mr. Allen noted if it were \$24,000 at 40% puts us below \$10,000, he would support that. Ms. Lavallee questioned from a legal perspective if we set a rate are we locked into that. As an example, if a student tuitioned in here in the fall, and mid-year we have a group from the same grade coming in and we would be financially impacted by that would we be required to offer that same rate or would we have flexibility within the law? She would like to know this. Superintendent responded we could come back on the 28th with a specific answer. He expects we could be flexible and could deny the request because the cost may be too high. We will come back with the answer from our school attorney on the 28th. Ms. Alley likes the idea of having a tuition rate. She asked where that money go within our current budget. Ms. LaPlante confirms it is counted as a revenue, not recorded as an expense, just revenue. Chairman Golding asked if member wanted to vote on this or table it.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Allen and SECONDED by Ms. Foss that the out of district tuition rate for incoming students would be set at 40% of the per student rate.

Ms. Alley questioned if the motion should include we have the ability to reevaluate or change the rate depending on the effect it would have on our district.

Mr. Allen AMMENDS his MOTION (if it is legal) to include, set the out of district tuition rate (for incoming students) at 40% (of the per student rate) with the option to reevaluate/amend if the costs exceed our per student rate.

Ms. Anzalone asked if we would absorb the CTE cost or would the incoming family. Superintendent responded the 40% would be the base rate and can adjust it as necessary. If there is an adjustment in the cost for us, anything that gives us room to revisit and leave it open is the best way because we don't know what the situation may be.

Ms. Alley suggested the motion include tuition "base" rate.

Mr. Allen AMMENDS his MOTION to add (tuition) "base" rate.

Ms. Foss SECONDS Mr. Allen's ADMENDMENTS.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

VII. ESSER FUNDING & UNSPENT FUNDS REQUESTS

Ms. LaPlante reviewed as we discussed the use of ESSER funds; we are currently working on our 3rd round with the full allocation being \$684,010 with the caveat that we must commit at least \$136,800 to address learning loss specifically. As you can see, the Board directed all ESSER expenditures to come before the Board. She had a side bar conversation with a school board member regarding the first couple of rounds of funds were not spent with as much purpose as the Superintendent or she would have preferred and wanted to be sure that this was an open process for everyone. Over the time, we have approved projects, costs have changed, and the DOE has denied one or two. Right now, we are coming back asking the Board for 2 programs, one is for an extended year kindergarten program for 15 days kicking off right after this school year ends for identified students cost not to exceed \$10,100 and the second is for FRES grades 4-5 for learning loss Summer Academy not to exceed \$14,225. Typically, we run Summer Academy through Title I but our 4th and 5th graders are the kids most affected by the pandemic and could use some specific help. It falls under the learning loss criteria of ESSER. We are looking for support for these 2 programs. WLC and SPED are evaluating additional programs and will come back on the 28th with those. With these 2 projects approved, we will have approximately \$135,238 remaining in ESSER III. She confirms we have met our learning loss minimum. She confirms the remaining has to be used by September 30 and the 2 programs coming on the 28th will be for a small amount of funding. We will be looking at returning, she believes over \$100,000 of ESSER funds. We could look at this and say we have this amount of money what do we want to do with it. She thinks the School Board has done a tremendous job trying to make sure the programs we put into place are not going to create a fiscal cliff that many school districts are experiencing right now. They spent, spent, spent and implemented programs that were great but now have no way to fund them because the taxpayers can't sustain them. She thinks the School Board has done a phenomenal job with making sure what we have meets our district and student needs and whatever supports we put into place are sustainable in the end. A question was raised if that September 30 date that the funds have to be spent or encumbered. Ms. LaPlante noted that is a great question. The federal guidelines are different from what the state is using; the State of NH is using a tighter timeline. We have not been able to get 100% clarity from the state on that and she is going on the assumption we have to spend it by September 30. Ms. Foss noted feeling supportive of both of those programs; it is a good use of money and is fiscally responsible. Mr. Allen would like to see before we give back \$100,000 to really dig into it; maybe we did this but could we bring it down to the teacher level perhaps. We mentioned FRES and WLC and SPED made great strides. We still have some individual pockets or individual students or classes that need a little extra that doesn't have to create a system that goes on but maybe there is some spot treatment. Whether bringing out of state programs or purchase a program or tutoring what won't affect future tax years and allows us to use it now rather than return it. Ms. Lavallee was thinking the same and suggested another if possible, is to host an information night for parent around mental health difficulties kids are facing, is that something we can offer returning to school in the fall or other projects that might fall under that which are not in the budget. She would like to see us use as much as possible before returning it.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Mr. Allen to approve the Kindergarten extended year program for 15 in June 2024 not to exceed \$10,100 and Grades 4-5 learning loss summer academy in the summer 2024 not to exceed \$14,225.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

Ms. LaPlante reviewed that she provided a list of projects that administration has put together either during budget process of concepts deferred or discussed along the way. She reviewed those briefly. Two 21' sections of 5-row aluminum bleachers for soccer fields with cost of approximately \$16,000 originally but website has updated the quote because of cost of aluminum \$20,000-\$22,000 and is waiting on a final quote for delivery on that. Replace four basketball backboards at WLC as well as upgrading pulleys with \$19,200 for the blackboards and \$2,400 pulleys. Purchase a used 18-foot used scissor lift, which will make the higher repairs more efficient to do \$4,000 - \$7,000. Replace rear stage curtain at FRES includes the fireproofing that is required, which is a saved cost annually by replacing the curtain \$3,000. These items would need to be purchased and items in transit or received by June 30, 2024 to qualify it under the Dept. of Revenue standards for lapsing appropriations. A question was raised if any of these items were on the Facilities Committee radar. Mr. Allen responded that all of these have been discussed at facilities meetings but deferred for whatever reasons. Some of these are must haves in his opinion and some if we don't have it; it is not a big issue. It is all less than \$50,000 and the taxpayers mandate was they want us to be thrifty with spending but all of these things we know about and there is no reason he would not support it. Mr. Lavoie noted it sounds like a good use of money. Ms. Anzalone brought up that last year; the issue came up regarding the high temperatures in the classrooms. She believes we purchased a few A/C units and she asked if it is possible, we use some of these funds to get in better A/C units so it is not as miserable the last few weeks. Ms. LaPlante responded the quick answer is no, we can't use ESSER funding and as far as the A/C's no, we don't need to put in any effort into the pricing. Last year we purchased 16. Ms. Anzalone questioned if we have the funds, could we purchase more. Superintendent voiced that we could do an inventory of the classrooms, come back on the 28th with the exact number, and ask you to support it. You are right; there are some classrooms that do not have A/C units. Ms. Anzalone asked that LCS be included. Ms. Alley noted that she thinks it is important the kids have A/C. It affected her kids last year. She doesn't know what happened last year but it seemed like it was rushed and wonders if it can planned instead of rushed. Ms. LaPlante responded last year it was how the funding came up and it is the same for this year. It is not in the budget and not something we can do mid-year. Discussion continued including that last year someone brought up, looking into doing A/C in the building as a whole and it is not feasible. Mr. Allen noted he would have liked to seen more stuff come to them, if we push this off to the 28th then we have only a week or 2 until the end of school. If this is something

the Board wants to consider, if you need this next year we need to plan for it. Superintendent voiced that we can amend this request of unspent funds and have a ceiling so that we don't have the delay that Mr. Allen mentioned. It was confirmed the units from last year were deployed and LCS did not receive any. Mr. Erb believes that last year they cost about \$550. Superintendent suggested we amend the request to include A/C's not to exceed \$10,000 as we did last year, we would likely be able to do it for this. Ms. Anzalone suggests that we amend the request to include A/C's for up to \$12,000.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Anzalone to approve the items presented tonight with the addition of \$12,000 for air conditioning units to be used in the district.

Chairman Golding reviewed the cost of administration's request with the addition of up to \$12,000 for air conditioners. (Each up to: \$22,000 for bleachers, \$19,200 basketball backboards, \$2,400 backboard pulleys, \$7,000 scissor lift, \$3,000 stage curtain plus \$12,000 total \$65,240)

Ms. Alley noted remembering some issue with the effectiveness of the A/C's and questioned if there were any problems. Chairman Golding did not hear of any issues, Principal Fuller did not hear any.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

VIII. POLICIES

a. 1st Read

i. JLCF-Wellness Policy

This is the first reading of this policy. Ms. Lavallee reported the committee worked on it extensively throughout the year. Ms. LaPlante collaborated on the changes. This is a required policy. No questions or comments heard. It will come back for a second reading.

ii. GBCD-Criminal Background

This is the first reading of this policy. Ms. Lavallee reported this is also a required policy and were extensive updates due to legislative changes. There were no questions or comments. It will come back for a second reading.

iii. JKAA-Use of Child Restraint and Seclusion

This is the first reading of this policy. Ms. Lavallee reports this is a required policy. They worked on it in the committee and Mr. Pratt reviewed it with no suggestions for changes. No questions or comments heard. It will come back for a second reading.

iv. EFAA-Meal Charging

This is the first reading of this policy. This is a required policy. She worked on this in committee and collaborated with Ms. LaPlante. We do not have this policy in place but is required and was brought to attention from a recent audit. Ms. LaPlante noted we would not be able to qualify for National School Lunch Program free & reduced lunch next year without having it in place. No questions or comments. It will come back for a second reading.

b. Discussion of Policies

i. BA-Evaluation Board Operational Procedures

ii. BA-R-Evaluation Board Operational Procedures-Instructions

iii. BAA-Evaluation of the Board

Ms. Lavallee spoke that the reason these were added to the agenda was in going through the policies; these are not required policies, adopted in 2010 and no changes since. We do not follow them and wanted to add it to the agenda for the Board to discuss. She spoke to the SAU office, and we have the upcoming workshop and we do try to routinely do as a board and her suggestion is to discuss and withdraw them and create a policy to have a goal to have an annual workshop. We are not following these and she doesn't feel we should keep them.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Lavoie and SECONDED by Ms. Cloutier-Cabral to withdraw policies BA-Evaluation of Board Operational Procedures, BA-R Evaluation Board Operational Procedures-Instructions, BAA Evaluation of the Board.

Mr. Allen spoke that he feels some of the content of the policies is important. While he agrees with the theory, why would we have policies we are not following? It is important we look at ourselves on how we are doing, how do we govern. He thinks it is more of shame on us for not following them. If the Board feels, we should get rid of them then let's get rid of them but if the Board feels, there is value then let's look at ways we can meet the intent of those when originally adopted. Most Boards do something to evaluate their effectiveness whether they are on track or whether their mission statement has been met. Ms. Alley questioned if it is that we feel we are doing this anyway or that we just don't want to do it or we are not following it so we are not going to do it. Ms. Lavallee responded we are not following it per say. There are specifics in here we are not following through with. Her thought was to create a policy that incorporates the important information we need but also provides us some leeway to adapt it to what a future Board or our Board would need. Chairman Golding commented what she is looking to do is create a policy that may encompass all of these. Ms. Lavallee confirms this is correct. Ms. Anzalone questioned why we would not come up with a new policy first. She adds this is her 3rd year on the Board and we don't do this but feels it is important that we evaluate ourselves. Ms. Lavallee responded a policy was not created because our policy says the way the committee decides to address policies is either by direction of the Board or legal standards have changed or administration directs them. She did not

want to make a unilateral decision on it and did not want to put the work into creating a completely new policy given the amount of work the committee already has if it was not something the Board wanted the committee to do. Discussion continued including these policies are asking us to grade ourselves and most will grade ourselves well. They are not useful the way they are now. If the voters think, we are not doing a good job they will vote us out. We should come up with something more constructive that others grade us. Mr. Allen commented that the public doesn't necessarily follow how we organize or the structure of this. Ms. Cloutier-Cabral is in favor of getting rid of these, they are dated. We have laws and we take an oath. She thinks it is OK to let go of these and come up with something more fitting. Ms. Alley agreed. She notes that policy BA talks about formulating goals and objectives and is not seeing it. She questions if that is an individual practice. She sees it as something the Board would do. Ms. Lavallee responded it is something we do in a workshop and is why she mentioned having a policy that has a goal of an annual workshop. She thought it would be helpful to have a guideline to move us in a direction and have it all in one place. Chairman Golding added last year we did set goals and didn't review them because we couldn't get a date or time for all of us to meet, as everyone is busy. It is tough to set a date to discuss all of this. While he likes the idea of an evaluation, doesn't like the idea of doing our own and suggested asking administration, teachers and select groups, if we are going to do a true evaluation.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

Ms. Lavallee add to the next meeting agenda to discuss the direction this will go and a goal to have a completed policy in the fall due to other required policies the committee is working on.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

i. Policy Committee

Ms. Lavallee reported having a good last meeting with a ton of policy work completed. She is breaking them up into several meetings and will meet again next month to do planning regarding how the committee will look next year. There will be about 10 policies coming to the Board based on legal changes with some withdrawals staggered. The legislative updates have come out although she has not read all of it and will attend the session in the fall to go over the policy changes for next year.

ii. Technology Committee

Chairman Golding reported the committee discussed having an AI policy and code of ethics. It was determined to have a code of ethics and not a policy per say because by the time we completed the policy there would be changes. Mr. Buroker can update us each month in his report. We looked at an updated website. We talked before about having an ad hoc committee to come up with a couple of options, they picked their favorite and Mr. Buroker will present this on the 28th. The one the committee chose looks great and is seems more user friendly. We learned Swiftreach (alert system) is not doing any more business at the end of this year, June 30 we believe and Mr. Buroker will tell us what they will use instead on the 28th. He was elected Chair of the committee and Mr. Zavgren is Vice Chair. Ms. Lavallee offered to help Mr. Buroker with language if needed for the code of ethics.

iii. Facilities Committee

Ms. Cloutier-Cabral reported having a great meeting. The facilities department is working hard; Mr. Erb and his team are on track with current projects and looking at the upcoming projects, which are on track as planned. We are looking at the locker rooms right now. Mr. Erb brought forward some plans we will review and choose. Superintendent notes we present these to the Board on the 28th. The next meeting is June 10, 6pm at the FRES library.

iv. Budget Committee Liaison

Ms. Alley reported the committee met on April 18, Mr. Jones was elected Chair with Mr. Lavallee elected as Vice Chair and Ms. Kirsch as secretary. They voted on 2 new members, Mr. LoVerme was voted in and cannot remember the other. They worked on assigning members to the committees. Ms. Mooney and Mr. Lavallee on the Technology Committee, Mr. Jones and Mr. Vanderhoof on the Facilities Committee, Strategic Planning is Mr. Brooks and Mr. Lavallee and the School Board Liaison is Mr. Vanderhoof. They spoke about how they would like to do the joint meetings. Chairman Golding spoke to this.

• Joint Session Dates and Discussion

Chairman Golding reviewed as discussed in our first board meeting he was directed to talk to the Budget Committee Chair on how to move forward with the budget meetings. He met with Mr. Jones, the Superintendent and Ms. LaPlante. Ms. LaPlante spoke that the Budget Committee wants to focus on looking at and defining the budget since that is their task and the joint meetings we have had are not the most productive and it lengthens the process. We talked about how to do this with the 2 groups together and make it flow. The first meeting would be in September, a joint meeting to recap FY 24 and discuss strategies and goals giving administration a rough guideline to go back and start building a budget. The second joint meeting would be to review the 1st draft of the budget and subsequent meetings would occur with administration with the Budget Committee and other subsequent groups. On the School Board side we would want to start discussing warrant articles in October, it is not a contract year and theoretically should be easier than this year. We would be looking at the first meeting in December wrapping up the budget with a joint session and there is still time to have another meeting if there is not a consensus reached. That is what we discussed and Mr. Jones will present it to the Budget Committee next week. We felt this was a responsible way to address what both groups want to achieve and the timeframe. Chairman Golding commented that we felt the way the meetings went last year were bad, no structure and people asked the same questions over and over again and it got a bit redundant. They are the Budget Committee, they come up with the budget and we spend it. Ms. LaPlante will still be here so we will be seeing the budget every step of the way. We don't need to have those lengthy go nowhere discussions he felt. Ms. LaPlante added it also is

not pulling administration into multiple meetings a week. Ms. Lavallee commented she is happy with this, she feels it is a much more effective use of our time. One thing she had a hard time with is the budget takes so much of the time that we are not talking about some of the things we should such as curriculum, or testing or some other areas that the Board needs to keep their eye on. It is a more effective use of our time and administrations. Ms. Alley reports the next Budget Committee meeting is May 21, 6:30. She will report out on May 28 if the Budget Committee approves it and if so Ms. Fowler will add those dates to the calendar.

v. Strategic Planning Committee

• Appoint Community Members

Chairman Golding reviewed the board members on this committee are Ms. Anzalone, Ms. Cloutier-Cabral and Ms. Alley. There has not been a meeting yet. Our last meeting Sarah Chadzynski sent an email asking to continue on the meeting but we never voted her in. Heather Gibson has also asked to continue on the committee. There have been no additional community members coming forward.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Cloutier-Cabral and SECONDED by Ms. Lavallee to appoint Ms. Sarah Chadzynski and Ms. Heather Gibson to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Ms. Cloutier-Cabral pointed out that the Facilities Committee needs community members, one from Lyndeborough and one from Wilton.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

• Set Meeting Date for Strategic Planning

Committee members discussed a meeting date. The date was finalized for June 17 at 6pm; Superintendent will attend without Ms. LaPlante. Ms. Fowler was directed to let the appointed community members know.

X. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES

a. Resignation-Dawn Hall-WLC HS English Teacher-End of the Year

Superintendent reviewed the resignation.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comment section of the agenda was read.

Mr. Bill Crouse, Lyndeborough volunteered to be on the Facilities Committee and will email Ms. Fowler. Regarding Swiftreach, he finds the pdf coming up blank. He prefers you put the text in the email, as the pdf is a total pain. The locker room plans, is there some way they can be put up on the website so we can look at them. Ms. Cloutier-Cabral thinks we can do that. He spoke of the A/C's, believes that was a good fix and you are doing it again. He wonders if you should have, an HVAC consultant come in to see if that is a better idea to look at mini-splits to use it for cooling and supplemental heat and there are rebates on those now.

Superintendent called out all the phone numbers and names joined in the meeting asking if they wanted to comment.

Ms. Golding commented the simulated accident; she heard from parents how effective it was. Senior projects, prom, Hall of Fame, she hopes they have lots of support. FRES Celebration of Learning on Thursday, please come to the 3rd floor to the W.I.N. room. Johnathan Crotty, wow what a fun thing to be a part of, Girls on the Run; she ran 2 laps with them yesterday they are on fire. They will do their 5K in Concord next month; she hopes everyone can come to support them. They have worked so hard. It is very exciting. Evaluating the Board, if you needed a community member she could totally volunteer to evaluate you, just putting it out there. Ms. Lavallee, all the work you do, all the policies, the writing, readings and I know you have a Policy Committee but there is so much more you do beyond the committee, truly. The joint sessions, so glad you are streamlining that, she never found them productive, good job on that and great job Ms. LaPlante. You guys are great!

XII. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Alley publically thanked Ms. Norton for putting together the 8th grade trip and anyone that helped. Her kids went and walked many miles, they loved it. She voiced appreciation for teachers who put things together for kids like that outside of school it is a beautiful thing. It is really refreshing as a new school board member to hear about all the amazing teachers and the awards you think about and give them and honoring them. In addition, it is great to hear about all the kids and their special reports.

Ms. Foss commented she was happy and impressed regarding the trip to Italy. She is really glad to hear they are thinking of doing another one. For anyone who has been on one of those trips, it is really a life-changing thing. For some of those kids, it may be one of the only time they leave the country and see how other people live. It is wonderful thing but a tremendous amount

of responsibility and work for our teachers and chaperones. She knows they do a lot of work anyway and probably are used to the pressure but we really should give them a big thank you because it is hard to do.

Ms. Cloutier-Cabral voiced she is always impressed by what we can do as a small community. The simulated accident, it all looked so real and all the community that helped and really thinking about everything. We are lucky to have all the volunteers and to have a helicopter come over, the attorney, that is really something to celebrate, broadcast and cheer. Thank you everyone who helped put that together.

Ms. Lavallee echoed what everyone said.

Mr. Lavoie voiced Principal Fuller invited him to do some incoming teacher interviews, he is happy to report there are some good candidates coming in, she has some tough decision to make. He wishes the juniors and seniors a great prom, have fun and be safe.

Ms. Anzalone thanked all the teachers, she was not able to participate in Teacher Appreciation Week this year but wanted to formally thank all the teachers for the amazing job they do.

Mr. Zavgren voiced the feedback on the Italy trip was excellent. They are life changing and we should do more of those.

Mr. Allen thanked himself for not eating all the delicious treats he saw leaving his house for Teacher Appreciation Week. He congratulated the Starfish nominees. He loves seeing the names, the longer he sees their names the more he sees what these teachers put in day after day and reaching out to him as a parent. They are always thinking of ways to improve education and the experience the children have here. He is so grateful for them. Congratulations to administration and not just administration who work at LCS and we see here but those who are behind the scenes. He voiced his son raved about the Teddy Bear Picnic, and the times he gets calls that his children are not always as good as they can be that day and how they handle that and the care they show. He really likes what he is seeing from administration and is seeing a revitalization in some of the people who may not have had that in the past few years. You see that in the test scores and what is coming out of the school. Thank you to all, the school board members for your dedication and all you do, and the parents.

Chairman Golding voiced that he decided that during Teacher Appreciation Week he was going to try to look every teacher in the eye and express his gratitude for all they do for us and shake their hand and tell them how much he appreciated what they do for us. He was only able to get to FRES but will make it to LCS and WLC. He expressed you are the backbone of our district. Thank you for what you do.

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

A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Mr. Allen to enter Non-Public Session to review the non-public minutes, discuss a student matter RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C) at 8:15pm.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board entered public session at 8:43pm.

A MOTION was made to seal the non-public session minutes RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C) by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Mr. Lavoie to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:44pm.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Fowler*