

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP
Tuesday, June 27, 2023
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School
6:30 p.m.**

*Present: Dennis Golding, Brianne Lavalley, Darlene Anzalone, Geoffrey Allen, and Diane Foss
Superintendent Peter Weaver and Clerk Kristina Fowler*

I. SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

• School Board Goals/Vision

The workshop started at 8:24pm.

Superintendent spoke of the Board giving him some arching goals around academic progress and school culture. He reviewed some of the examples from documents he shared back in May. He suggests bringing it back in August and sharing the overarching goals with the staff when they return and how to know when we are being successful or falling short. Discussion was had regarding changing the culture of the relationship between the Board and staff including potentially having board member/s come to opening day. The Superintendent briefly discussed ways for the Board to increase staff appreciation. Discussion continued about recognizing teachers and making a difference in small ways. Discussion was had regarding a goal of academic achievement and how to motivate the students to want to take tests. They spoke of the PSAT and SAT testing and that it is only one data point of how well the students are doing and potential reasons for not scoring well. There was a brief discussion regarding many students do not do well on the test but have good grades. Superintendent spoke of looking at the top 10% of student performance and discussion was had of other data points that can be used to celebrate the students and share that with the Board. It was suggested to highlight trades and show the other great things our students are doing and promote all the different pathways to a career. It was suggested to look at what the students did after graduation. Overall discussion was had regarding improving academic scores, getting more data points and academic achievement, acknowledgement and improve communication.

Goals:

- Academic Accountability
- Celebrate the good- staff and students (culture)
- Improve Communication

Superintendent suggested adding, “Continue Fiscal Responsibility”.

Suggestions were made how to move forward with finalizing goals. Superintendent suggested allowing him to work with the leadership team to develop it more, such as taking academic achievement and breaking it down by adding multiple data points under it, how many kids are playing sports or extra-curricular activities etc. He will work with the administration team and share a draft with the full Board for review. It was suggested when the iReady data is presented to include other data points with it such as how many students are on honor roll etc.

• Board Operations/Roles & Responsibilities

A question was raised regarding defining roles of chair, vice chair and member’s role in communication. This was briefly discussed and it was noted not all the members are present. There was a brief discussion regarding appointments/new hires during the Board’s recess in July and not wanting to lose applicants. The members agreed to authorize and delegate the responsibility to Ms. Lavalley and Mr. Golding to approve appointments/new hires nominated by the Superintendent with the understanding the entire Board will be updated with all information at the first meeting in August. A question was raised if there are any other roles and responsibilities to discuss. It was suggested when there are times in short notice, when an attorney may present to the Board or a situation like that that all members be notified and given the option to attend. Ms. Lavalley voiced the role of the vice chair and chair is to disseminate, receive and send out information to the Board. A brief discussion was had regarding the Chairman’s role concerning motions and the current policy, which says the chairperson will not originate or second motions. Superintendent commented it is because of chairperson’s potential undue influence. Chairman Golding voiced he sees the chair’s role to mediate and moderate, to get consensus but he also would like to have an opinion. Chairman Golding reviewed the Superintendent will provide a goals document in August for Board review.

The workshop concluded at 9:27pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Fowler*