

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
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, and Jonathan Lavoie*

Superintendent Peter Weaver, Business Administrator Kristie LaPlante, Technology Director Nicholas Buroker, and Clerk Kristina Fowler

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. STUDENT/STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

There were no acknowledgements.

IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent requested to remove YTD Reporting.

*A MOTION was made by Mr. Allen and SECONDED by Ms. Lavallee to remove YTD reporting from the agenda.
Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comment section of the agenda was read.

Mr. Adam Lavallee, Lyndeborough commented that we are getting close to the annual budget and to district meeting. There has been a lot of discussion about that and at the last budget meeting there was a lot of talk about how high the tax rates are and also about possibly “killing” the district and sending people to Milford. This got him digging and wondering, the first thing he wanted to do was to congratulate the Board and Budget Committee because the school tax rate in Milford is almost \$15.50 and the high bill for Wilton out of their 2 was only \$14 and change and the low bill was \$12.18. Lyndeborough was under \$15 as well. The big difference though is the town of Milford, their town tax rate is about \$5.50 where Wilton is about \$7.50, that is about 50% higher and Lyndeborough is about 8. If you want to look at per thousand why your taxes are higher, here it is it’s not because of the school. It’s all public record; this can be all looked up. He thinks that is important that this Board has that information because there has been a lot of talk about that and he is somewhat surprised that nobody really looked into what those numbers are. The town of Amherst’s town tax rate is under \$5 and their school is almost \$16. We are doing better than they are too.

Mr. Bill Crouse, Lyndeborough commented that he has 3 kids at WLC, grades 7, 9 and 12. He looked up the last meeting minutes and Principal Ronning had a description of the Washington, D.C. trip and then you Board reacted with a vote to appropriate some funds for that which he appreciates but it was the way he described it. His 12th grader is going on the trip; his freshman daughter was offered the D.C. trip back in MS and was unable to go because of the same issue essentially. People dropped out because the cost kept going up and then was a self-fulfilling cycle. They went to Boston instead. This could be a deficiency in the minutes but he read it so he is here to address it. Principal Ronning said it was being offered to 9th through 12th grade. It was never offered to the 9th graders; his concern is triple fold where his daughter who wasn’t able to go the year that it was offered in MS and now was not offered it and that was confirmed. It would be a consideration we would take into account now. That would also address the issue brought to you of a lack of numbers and then your reaction. He has a concern for that too that the Board is then spending money, which wasn’t appropriated for that based on the fact that supposedly it was offered to all students but it, wasn’t. He thinks maybe that population (for the trip) issue could have been solved by offering it to the 9th grade. That’s a minute point but maybe worthy of saying so he felt he should.

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

Ms. Mary Golding, Wilton, tried to comment however, those present could not hear her online. She indicated not to worry, she will comment during the 2nd public comment. IT worked to resolve the issue.

VI. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

a. Reports

i. Business Administrator's Report

Ms. LaPlante sent the report out this afternoon, she doesn't have a YTD complete. There is quite a bit of content in her report, which she considers deep content so to speak. She reviewed during the FY 26 budget process one of the questions that came up especially when it came to the sound and lighting system for the Performance Tech Committee was could we use the Building and Roadways Capital Reserve to fund it. Another thing that came up through the Facilities Committee was could we use that capital reserve to fund the purchase of any of the equipment that our facilities crew uses for their job that they do such as lawnmowers for example. Another thing that came up is regarding the facilities truck. She did all the research back to 1987 when the warrant was created. She tracked back all the legal votes to change it and our district's attorneys have determined that the building equipment portion is for building equipment such as HVAC, your roof, windows, and lighting stuff like that but it can't be used for physical equipment used by our facilities crew for building maintenance (like a lawnmower). What this means is when it comes to the truck is when it comes time to replace it we're either going to do a warrant article for the whole cost or set up a new capital reserve fund or change the purpose of it. In chatting with Ms. Fowler this has been a question that has long been unanswered. Ms. LaPlante wanted to provide the information in a document for future reference that this is what we can and can't use it for specific to building equipment. She received a heads up from NH Municipal Bond Bank, that our bond that we have for the renovations at FRES they were looking to renegotiate those package bonds to get us a lower interest rate. They came back at the end of December and were able to reduce our portion of their large bond package by \$297,233 on future interest. In order to account for that legally with the DRA and the Government Accounting Standards Board we can't take that as a revenue right off the bat and can't just reduce our future payments. We still have to pay that full amount but in working with the auditors that revenue will be booked so that every year for the next 10 years we're drawing off that revenue. We will still ask voters for the money to spend, but then we will also be accounting for it on the other side with the revenue, it is kind of a wash in accounting land. You're spending it but you're getting that same amount back to reduce taxes. She spoke of student loan repayment assistance (per CBA). When we negotiated the teachers' contract the last time one of the things that they advocated for and the Board agreed to was providing up to \$10,000 a year for student loan repayment assistance with the caveat that no teacher could get more than \$2,000 and if it were more than 5 teachers, the amount per teacher would be reduced. We were delighted to get 9 requests for loan assistance; two of those were rejected because they didn't have the appropriate information. Right now, we have 7 that will move forward and will pay those out in May or the very beginning of June in accordance with the language of the CBA. Our FY 22 audit that we talked about this time last year was significantly delayed. It was due in large part to the need for a single audit, which is the technical legal term for the amount of federal revenues that you get. If you get a certain amount or higher you have to go through some specific auditing requirements while at the same time they were doing that a lot of single audit standards changed. The audit process was extremely lengthy. Now that we got through that, everything is great. Our auditors were out 2 weeks ago doing the fieldwork for the FY 23 audit. They're confident that's going to be able to wrap up so that we can do our FY 24 audit in the spring, which will put us back on track to have everything completed before the fall of 2025. Later this year we will be completely caught up on our audits. For the new members, in FY 21 it was delayed as well due to the turnover in the business office. She was pretty excited to hear that the auditors did note that one of the reasons the audit has been going much smoother this time is because of the lack turnover, we have consistent people in the business office. She spoke of a very tricky concept she needs to explain, which is in her report. Historically, the Budget Committee reviews the general fund and food service fund; this is the practice she inherited. The language that we have been putting forward in our warrant article has included total appropriation, the total expenditure for the general fund and the food service fund and the warrant article needs to include those two as well as our grants fund. We now have to include those 3 values in our warrant article. It gives the appearance that we are asking for about \$380,000 more or \$350,000 more but we make up for that on the revenues. We're not asking for it and it's not like we don't have the revenues coming in to suffice it. It literally washes out, expenditures and revenues are always going to wash out. We're not going to be asking our local taxpayers for it but because of that the Budget Committee has to revisit the budget on Thursday to revise the amount that they appropriated. Similarly, the entire time we've been discussing our general fund and the entire time we've been discussing food service fund we have not been discussing any of our grant projects that we put forth, that's ok. It was briefly discussed on December 9th but this is the feedback she got from the auditors, DOE, and DRA. What is interesting is all 3 entities looked at it along the way. The opportunities for multiple layers to pick it up didn't. This is our year to correct that. She has made outreach to the Budget Committee Chair and is going to be talking with him to make sure that the committee members understand the totality of that when they meet on Thursday evening and also making sure that we have the transparency and the communications correct so that at the Budget Hearing and again during district meeting it is easily explained. She provided important upcoming dates for the FY 26 budget for board members and the public to write them in their calendars. These are the remaining dates we have to get us through the FY 26 budget and election process. She confirms the Budget Committee will have to vote on a new number (thinks about \$15,800,000 vs. \$15,400,000) but does not have it right now. She confirms she has not figured out the tax rate and is just finalizing the values right now. She confirms when we go to district meeting the tax rate will stay at the \$15,400,000 rate because we have to ask for permission to spend in the warrant article but then we also have the revenues behind it. We are not asking to spend any more than what we've already discussed so to speak. She explains it is a really technical topic that she can easily explain in her head but being able to explain it to others is a little difficult. The tax rate is not going to increase because of this because we

have the revenue on the other side. It was noted it is going to have to be thoroughly explained. This is why she opened dialog with Mr. Jones. It was suggested that when that discussion happens that we bring historical numbers so that we can show the taxpayers that last year we asked you for this much money and if we presented it the same way it would have said this much, so that they can see in real life what that actually is as it is difficult to understand and requires some over explaining.

VII. YTD REPORTING

This was removed from the agenda.

VIII. BOARD BUDGET/WARRANT ARTICLES

Chairman Golding spoke that we cannot vote on the budget because it has to go back to the Budget Committee for a different number the only thing we can vote on is the SRO unless anyone has anything they want to discuss regarding the budget, none heard. He asked Ms. LaPlante if the SRO numbers are set. Ms. LaPlante confirms they are and she read the article, "To see if the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,740 for the purpose of contracting with the Town of Wilton to fund a School Resource Officer for the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District. The total cost of this contract is \$166,320, with the Town of Wilton funding \$41,580 of the total cost and the District funding \$124,740. This article shall be contingent upon the passage of a Warrant Article by the Town of Wilton, approving their appropriation in the sum of \$41,580. If the Town's Warrant Article does not pass, then this Warrant Article shall not take effect." It was noted this is a warrant article put forth by the school board and for clarification we are now going to vote whether or not we recommend it. A question was raised why would the school board put forth a warrant article that they don't recommend. Chairman Golding responded because when we put out that survey over 60% of the towns people in both towns wanted the SRO to happen. In discussions, he believes, we all discussed we felt like it should be part of the district meeting and allow the voters to decide whether or not they wanted it, whether or not we would recommend it. They wanted to see it; let's let them have their discussion about it and figure it out. Ms. LaPlante was asked if she has the tax implication of this. She does not have Lyndeborough's values yet, once she does, she can pull those numbers together. We are finalizing it. Ms. Alley informed the group that the Budget Committee did not recommend this article. Superintendent added it was a 7-2 vote not in favor of recommending the SRO. Ms. Alley confirms when asked, it was a roll call vote. Ms. Lavallee spoke that she supports the idea of the SRO but has major concerns with the passing of the budget in general and the price tag. Her vote at this point would be to not recommend it because of the money and also it would add to the next budget FY 27. We would be looking to add that funding into the general fund and have a significant impact especially considering the numbers that will be added to the general fund from the CBA approved last year. Ms. Anzalone spoke of going back and forth. We put it out there and people said they wanted it, if it is a concern they can always vote no and maybe we can look at it later. We were told as a Board, there was support for it, a majority of support, we put it together, and now it is on them. She doesn't think people will say no to the budget because of this, as it is separate and can easily vote it down. Chairman Golding clarifies what the Board is voting on is whether or not we as a Board recommend it. It will still go to the town and come forward at district meeting.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Lavoie and SECONDED by Ms. Alley to vote on article 6 (SRO) whether to recommend or not as written.

Ms. Alley spoke that she has a unique situation where she was able to vote at the Budget Committee meeting and voted no because of the budget but would like to vote yes as a school board member. She is still concerned about what it will look like if passed, who is in charge of it, what will they do and where will they be assigned. She asked if there is a write up on it or any more thought. Superintendent responded this has been ongoing since 2019 the narrative is pretty consistent. A general SRO and what it looks like in our district is a little different. The primary focus is safety and that trumps anything else. Report what they observe to the Principal. What else do we want them to do during the day, some do all police work all day because there is so much (of that in other schools), a lot of drugs, alcohol and fights, some he has worked with teach or co-teach law classes for kids. He thinks it will be a little different in general. We are buying primarily safety; if we refer to the survey that was given a couple of years ago, it was for safety primarily. Some research says they do not do anything for safety, other say it does, it is hard for us to tell. His biggest concern is putting this in the budget the following year, he sees it as one big budget (including warrant articles) that we asking our communities to support, it is a lot. He feels we take safety as seriously as we can. We have written grants for it, cameras etc., we made investments in the facilities, protocols and constantly trying to keep kids safe, for me, I have concern about how we sustain it. It is a lot of investment for us and if we can only have it for 1 year then after that are looking for a new CBA for teachers, support staff, bus company and this is all happening in the 2nd year of the SRO. All that together in his opinion is a lot and has to look beyond just the one year. This will be a warrant; we have to put together slides for the members who will present it. He suggests Ms. Alley sit in when developing those as it may help answer her questions. It will need to be unique to our school. Ms. Cloutier-Cabral voiced she will vote to recommend it. She has looked at this for the last 6 years and has confidence in the product and more in the community that we are offering it, they make the choice, she respects their choice, and if they vote for it, they know it will be on for the following years. If we don't pass it now she thinks we eventually will, she doesn't think schools backpedal on it because of the value it brings. Mr. Allen agrees we had 2 police chiefs from the community speak about it. He had reservations because we didn't have a job description but they both stood here and gave specific examples of SRO's from other schools who had saved students from harming themselves, harming each other and solved crime. Based on that and the overwhelming request he has heard from the community that the people he has spoken to wanted it for the most part and so he will support it as well. A question was raised if the police chiefs can help as they are addressing the towns. Can they be part of the

presentation or is it only board members; they could share what other schools have seen and what they are using an SRO for. The Superintendent responded it makes him a little uncomfortable with the police chief advocating to increase his staff. He does not know how that plays out legally, politically too but feels they should be there, in the audience to help answer any community questions that arise when people ask as they can really speak to it better than us. A question was raised if they can be part of the group to help put the presentation together. We can find out and report at the next meeting. We can find out if there are any legal barriers to it. Mr. Allen noted he would tell Lyndeborough for sure, they would have opportunity to stand up during discussion.

Voting: Via roll call vote, five ayes, four nays from Mr. Zavgren, Ms. Lavallee, Ms. Foss and Chairman Golding, motion carried.

IX. POLICIES

a. 3rd Reading

i. EH-R-Public Access to School District Records-Procedures for Public Access to District Records

“Right to Know Requests”

Ms. Lavallee reviewed there were no changes since the 2nd read. This policy is back for a 3rd read, as there were changes after the 1st read. She asked for any questions or comments, none heard.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to accept policy EH-R-Public Access to School Districts Records-Procedures for Public Access to District Records “Right to Know Requests”.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

X. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Fowler was asked if line 123 the word defray should be defer. Ms. Fowler responds defer.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Lavoie and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to approve the minutes of January 7, 2025 as amended.

Voting: eight ayes; one abstention from Mr. Allen, motion carried.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

i. Budget Liaison

Ms. Alley reported the meeting was well attended with lots of public comment. She thinks Mr. Vanderhoof did a good job with the line by line items he thought we could take off and she thinks it was about \$5,000 or so that they voted on. There were probably 25-30 items and then we voted on article 5, and article 6 did not pass and the budget overall was passed. Mr. Lavoie questioned when Ms. Alley said it was well attended; he is assuming there was a good amount of public there. Ms. Alley confirmed yes. Mr. Lavoie added we’ve been seeing a lot of stuff online on social media from people some for and some against and it’s at both ends of the extremes. He was wondering what the audience was like and if there were both there too. Ms. Alley confirms some anger and then some calmness, some more reasoning she would say but both sides like you see on Facebook. It was noted it is almost like Facebook was there.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comment section of the agenda was read.

Mr. Jonathan Vanderhoof, Lyndeborough, spoke, that after the Business Administrator’s Report, he had a question regarding what she was talking about with adding funds to the budget that would be offset by revenues. He asked if they are the expenses that are covered by the grants that we had a big huge long discussion about last November and December regarding putting those expenses in the budget and offsetting them with grants. Ms. LaPlante responded yes.

Mr. Bill Crouse, Lyndeborough spoke regarding the SRO conversation, he is 50/50, he doesn’t like the idea but if it were to happen, 100% of its value is based on who is hired. He thinks that the stress on that point and where that decision gets made and by who is paramount to anything else. He doesn’t think someone fresh out of the academy should be put into that position. There should be some serious training and maybe a requirement. He is sure there are lots of rules around it but who is in that position has more to do with its positive effect than anything else.

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

Ms. Mary Golding spoke that earlier she wanted to say thank you to the person who shall not be named for bringing recognition of the town budgets to light. Policy Princess is amazing, she knows her policies inside and out and up and down. Ms. Lavallee you are amazing, you research constantly, its just wow. Thank you so much for all that you do for that. As well as all of you on the Board, you all have families you have jobs. She thanked Ms. Cloutier-Cabral and Ms. Anzalone for researching the SRO and getting all that information. She is a hard no on that; we have seen a lot of presence from the police force. She also sees a lot on Facebook and

thinks people don't understand budgets and doesn't think that they would realize that the SRO in order to sustain it has to be part of the school board operating budget every year. Plus Wilton has to have a larger part of that. With all the complaints about the taxes, it's a great idea but she is not really sure that she is behind it and also the Budget Committee was not behind it as well but let's see. The tennis courts, it was a bad investment. Now we have to keep up with those and it ends up being in the budget. She thanked again the budget member who she fondly called motion man for going line by line and cutting over \$5,000 in the budget. He did a great job and lastly she wanted to say she was able to attend some basketball games at WLC. The girls MS are tough little nuggets. They fight hard it was an exciting game. She thinks that if you go and sit in those bleachers and cheer them on it really helps to support them and it's such a great community event so do that and have a wonderful evening. Thank you for all you do.

XIII. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Alley commented that she wanted to reiterate that she does think putting the SRO in front of the town is important especially with 60% wanting it. She doesn't think that it is the best financially, especially right now and this year.

Ms. Foss commented that she does her best to keep informed in terms of what is on Facebook and doesn't say very much unless she can be helpful but if there is one thing that she feels really concerned about it's when people come on and post that they think as a Board and administration that we need an outside audit. The reason that that is concerning to her is because when she listens to the things that our business administrator comes in with every meeting we have in terms of how organized she is, highly competent, and she is honest. It kills her when people drop a comment like that on Facebook as though there is no oversight at all. I would just say you should say thank you to our business administrator. She is highly competent. She knows what she is doing. She has no problems whatsoever with our budget in terms of it being truthful, honest, ethical and whatever else you need.

Ms. Cloutier-Cabral spoke, as a Board; we do a lot of research. We look into things and we bring forward the things that we look into for the public to learn about and then to make their decisions about. She has really appreciated being a part of that process and is looking forward to that coming up again. It is an offer every year to the communities for what they want and that is true again for this year. Whatever you all decide is what we're going to do. She respects that, appreciates all the participation the feedback, and just thanks you for having her for the last 6 years. She has 1-2 more meetings to go and is looking forward to a big end. Thank you.

Ms. Lavallee thanked everyone during the budget process, she thanked the Budget Committee and wanted to point out that the change in the warrant article was one that Mr. Vanderhoof did discuss last year and asked us for and wanted to recognize him for pointing that out. She also wanted to reiterate what Ms. Foss said, since she has been on the Board, she has had 3 or 4 different business administrators sit in that position. She will say that although there were some that may have gotten us our information faster at times, it was often riddled with mistakes and she thoroughly recognizes the benefit she is to our district and how thorough she is and she appreciates that she takes the time to make sure that the information she presents is accurate as possible. She wanted to thank everybody for that. In regard to the SRO, as she said before, she really appreciates the hard work that you all put into the SRO and she does see the value in that position. The only reason at this time she did not recommend it is because she is concerned about the dollar amount and would hate for us to be having to look at taking things out of our budget next year when we're building FY 27 because we are trying to push that in. It is just a matter of balancing what she thinks are the priorities at this time and what our towns can handle in regards to the taxes. She thanked everyone.

Mr. Lavoie spoke regarding all the stuff we see on Facebook. We see that there's a lot of people that might be confused about the budget. He thinks it's really important for us as a Board when we run into those types of people because we do talk to people in person or online and they have questions for us that we really make sure they understand that the budget that we're trying to pass and appropriate sums for this year was passed last year by the same people that were sitting in the room with us. When we explained everything to them, we were very honest about it and it was an overwhelming, about 90% vote, from everyone in that room that said yes, let's pay these teachers. He thinks that most of our money in the school and our budget when going toward academics and is probably a good spend. It's an easy argument not to win but to express to somebody who may have some skepticism how we were spending our money. When you run into those people just educate them nicely and let them know that this is stuff that we voted on last year that we are paying for now. Other than that, the SRO that everyone is discussing, he thinks it is going to be a 50/50 vote just like it pretty much was here and is going to be up to the same people that were sitting in the audience whether they want to pay for it or not. He thinks we are doing the right thing by letting them vote on it.

Ms. Anzalone thanked Mr. Crouse because she thought she completely missed something when they said it was offered to the 9th graders and she has a 9th grader and a junior that's going. She thought she had not realized they offered it to the 9th grade but they didn't. Thank you for clarifying. Regarding the SRO, she wants to make sure and it is very important to her when we do the presentation that we're very thorough in talking about this and it's not a new cadet out of the academy. It is someone that has specific training for this. She definitely agrees and she spoke with an SRO when she was looking into this and he told her you don't want someone that is brand new. We need to pick the right person and want to be sure as we look to hire someone we do something like we do with the Principal and bring in the whole community with board members and staff on it and make sure everyone is involved in that process. The Budget Committee meeting, you guys did a great job last week. She listened and it was like both sides but you guys did a great job and Mr. Vanderhoof was amazing going line by line trying to find areas that we could cut it down for the taxpayers. People have to remember from what she has experienced on the Board and before she was on the

Board is it all depends who shows up that day how things go. If you want to make sure your voice is heard, you have to show up the day of the meeting and ask your questions and vote. Finally when it comes to Facebook she will be honest, she tries not to read it too much just because there is a lot of information on it, which she often finds is not accurate. We have a great thing here. When she got on the Board, she was not necessarily pleased but the administration we have now is great. She has seen a complete 180 and the kids are happier, the teachers are happier, everyone is happier and she thinks the kids are thriving and a lot of opportunities for our school to grow and she encourages people to come to the meetings and see what's going on in our schools.

Mr. Zavgren spoke about the budget, there is a process and then there is a result. To reinforce what Mr. Lavoie said, he thinks the budget supports the teachers and thinks supporting the teachers is of paramount importance. Forty years ago he worked as a teacher and he quickly figured out he could clean swimming pools and roof houses, stock shelves and make far more money than he could as a teacher and so he quit. Fortunately, now he can teach as a hobby. He enjoys teaching and does a lot of it. For professional teachers, he wants them to know that he supports them very much. If he were philosopher king, which he is not, but if he were, he would give every teacher a raise. He thinks that is crucial. As far as the result we got is adequate, he thinks it is good. The process for getting there, you need to allow people to express their feelings. There are people that feel that the budget is too high and he is not sure what evidence they have that says it is too high, he is not sure they are comparing it to other things. He means when people say things like the budget is too high he wonders what you are comparing it to and what are the factors that go into making it appear to be too high. What are the all the elements. What are you really thinking about. During the budget meeting there were people that were very anxious to trim the budget. There were 30 motions made to trim the budget, which resulted in \$4,800 in reductions of the budget. He looked at that in comparison to the amount of the budget, it comes out to .03%, and he figured out how many people are there in these towns and what does a donut cost. That shaving of the budget boils down to 1 donut for every person in the two towns. He is not trying to trivialize that he is just saying that the act of trimming the budget was a cathartic process he thinks. There were some people that were at that meeting who thought; wow finally somebody's listening to me when I am complaining about how high my taxes are so he thinks there is value in that.

Mr. Allen echoed much of what everybody else said. He is very pleased with administration and the staff here. Ms. LaPlante does a great job. Ms. Fowler is the unsung hero behind the scenes that makes everything work. It's amazing the hours of night and on weekends that she answers my emails that I don't expect her to answer until work hours. She is always on the job. He spoke about the 3-standout teachers over the last couple of weeks; he gave a shout-out to Mr. Wiley, Ms. Norton, and Ms. Hall. They always are going above and beyond. He appreciates what they do and he appreciates the reports his kids bring home even when they come home to tell me they got in trouble by one of them. He appreciates it and appreciates what Mr. Vanderhoof did. He thinks when people say the budget is too high, it doesn't necessarily have to be dollar amount, did we take a dollar from the taxpayers that we didn't have to and if we can shave \$500 here and \$1,000 there he thinks that is a good exercise we should go through every year just to make sure we're using tier money prudently and giving our teachers and our students the best. He appreciates Ms. Lavallee who always knows the policies inside and out. He appreciates everybody. He appreciates getting through the budget season reasonably unscathed and our job really is to answer our constituents, the public's questions and help them with explaining it and justify why we do what we do.

Chairman Golding informed the group tomorrow is the first day for you to declare your intention to run for School Board or Budget Committee. If anybody out there thinks they can have one of these seats and understands what the gig is about, he would like to inform you that this is not what you think it is. It's tough. Everybody up here can tell you it's tough but if you think you have what it takes get out and put your name out there. Let your voice be heard.

XIV. 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, RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C) at 7:31pm.

Voting: via roll call vote, all aye, motion carried.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board entered public session at 7:46pm.

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.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Lavoie and SECONDED by Ms. Anzalone to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:46pm.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Fowler*