

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, January 7, 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, Diane Foss, and Jonathan Lavoie*

*Superintendent Peter Weaver, Business Administrator Kristie LaPlante, Principals Tom Ronning and Principal Bridgette Fuller, Assistant Principal Katie Gosselin, Technology Director Nicholas Buroker, 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 Fuller and Principal Ronning honored staff with nominations for the Starfish Award and spoke of the reasons they were nominated. The nominees are Kristin Dame, Buddy Erb, Katie Gosselin, Linda Draper, Alice Bartoldus, Taryn Anderson, Joe Sullivan, Laura Seale, and Vicki MacPherson. Vicki MacPherson was chosen as December's recipient. Principal Fuller commented through the years, Ms. MacPherson has touched the lives of countless students and shows her students that they matter every single day! Ms. MacPherson was congratulated and given a round of applause.

**IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Superintendent requested to add a nonpublic session regarding a personnel matter.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Cloutier-Cabral to accept the adjustments to the agenda.*

*Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Ms. Mary Golding commented, wow, regarding the list of nominees for the starfish award. She doesn't know how you can pick one of them, as they are all amazing. Kudos to all of them. Kudos to a young man named Cade that she met today, Superintendent Weaver may know him, who was helping at FRES, and he is a wonderful young man. Thank you for always being so supportive to the school, students and staff; you are a great Board and are appreciated.

**VI. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. Reports**

**i. WLCTA Report**

Ms. Rosana reported for WLC.

- iReady testing January 6-9
- Midterms January 15-17
  - Teachers are working to prepare students for midterms and continue to uphold rigor
  - Teachers have been using PLC time to discuss, create, and edit midterms

- New semester begins Jan. 21- teachers are working to prepare for any new classes beginning
- NHS continuing to provide monthly tutoring for MS students in all subjects
- NHS and Mr. Comerford working together to provide weekly Math tutoring during WIN which is open to all students.
- Students going on the France/UK trip in 2026 raised approx. \$1,500 towards their trip with the Double Good Popcorn fundraiser; thank you to all of those who contributed!
- Unified Arts teachers held a Holiday Fair on Dec. 13 at town hall– kids had a great time! Special thank you to Emily Hall and Olympia Clark
- Danyeale Manning spearheaded our Winter Pep Rally on Dec. 20th– the kids and faculty had a great time!

Ms. Kudlich reported for FRES/LCS.

- FRES and LCS will be hosting the New Hampshire Dance Institute for a residency from January 15th to the 22nd. Students will be dancing every day and putting together a performance for the 22nd, which will be on Wednesday, January 22nd, in the WLC gym.
- FRES will be hosting the Scripps Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 23rd at 8:15. Throughout the first two weeks of January 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be competing in classroom competitions, and the top three students from each classroom will move on to compete in the school-wide competition. We are looking for community members to volunteer as judges for this event, so if you are interested please email Morgan Kudlich at m.kudlich@sau63.org.
- The FRES/LCS PTO is hosting a Read-A-Thon starting on January 13th to encourage students to read more. You can register your reader at the following link: <https://www.read-thon.com/readers/r/323831373239/>.
- Second quarter wraps up on January 17th, and learning profiles will go home on January 24th. We are officially halfway through the year, and students will be completing mid-year benchmark testing to make sure they are on track to meet their goals for this year. Teachers will be meeting to go over data once testing is complete to shape their plans for the rest of the year and make sure any weak spots are being reinforced.
- 4th graders will be going on a field trip this month to the state capitol in Concord to learn more about our government and state. This is a yearly trip for them and they have fun seeing how our government works.
- 5th graders will be going on a field trip this month to the Science Museum in Boston.
- This Friday the PTO is hosting a Skate Night at FRES in the gym from 5:30pm-7:30pm. The theme is glow party, wear “glowy” things or wear white to glow under the lights.

Ms. Lavallee commented that she is working on the annual report, looking at data and just being in the schools too, she wanted to say thank you to the teachers. She can tell the teachers are working hard and it is not just during school hours, but all the extras you are doing afterschool whether it is for a trip, fund raising etc. and acknowledge the asset you are. You are making a difference and she can see it. Ms. Kudlich acknowledged it is always wonderful to hear that and expressed it does mean a lot. Chairman Golding asked regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip if they get in touch with any local representatives before they go to the state house to see if they could give the students a tour and guide them around. He is sure there is an ex-school board member who would probably enjoy that. Ms. Kudlich responded yes, she believes they do that and the students interact with the people who work there and do some sort of activity with them. They may still be looking for chaperones.

## **ii. Principal's Report**

Principal Fuller gave a shout out to Ms. Kudlich who was monumental getting those activities scheduled and planned, the Spelling Bee, NHDI and Read-A-Thon. Ms. Lavallee commented she loves the addition of the photos to the report. She enjoyed attending the holiday concert and loved seeing the new curtains, it makes a significant difference, it builds community pride and thanks to facilities for taking care of that.

Principal Ronning reported that Ms. Rosana shared a lot of the same material. He voiced that one of the things that WLC has set out to do is support the community; they have really supported us. One of the ways that came up is Baseball Coach Levesque works with Sleep in Heavenly Peace and he wondered if there was a way we could raise pillows for kids in need. We did a Pillow Drive with the goal of 100 pillows and we raised 168 pillows. He thanked the community, those who donated, and Coach Levesque who put it together for us. He expressed often during the

holidays families can struggle; we had community members, staff, retired staff, the Women's Club and American Legion family who donated money and gift certificates to our school so we could help families in our community in need. The community really supports us and when they have needs, we want to be there to help. He thanked all those who donated. Last Friday, was the gym dedication to Dave Finch, former teacher, coach and athletic director. Principal Ronning was not able to be present; he was out sick but heard it was quite a moving ceremony. Assistant Principal Gosselin and Linda Draper did a lot of work organizing it and put a lot of work into it. When you look at people who dedicate their lives to education or especially to one community it's great that we were able to recognize him for what he has done for us. Ms. Lavallee thanked staff for letting her come in to help with the holiday meal and she gave a shout out to the student volunteers that helped with that. It was great to see them in action. She sees the benefit of how that experience has matured them and prepares them for later in life. She thanked the dance team for all the work they did preparing for the Nutcracker; it was disappointing we were not able to see it this year. Principal Ronning informed the group it was rescheduled to January 15. He thanked Ms. Lavallee for helping us. Regarding the Washington, D.C. trip for students, he requested the Board authorize use of unspent funds of up to \$2,600 to use to offset the cost for students as several students have dropped out and it raised the cost to those going. The original cost to students was \$1,115 and since then it has increased by \$155 costing \$1,270 due to several students not being able to go. He is asking the Board to approve this so that students going would pay the original cost and not have to absorb the cost of the other students who are not going. He would really hate to ask families to come up with the additional funds, it may result in additional students not going and that would have a ripple effect. He is hoping to be able to use unspent from the end of the year. A question was raised how he would use it. He confirms it is to defer the cost to those students who are going. We had to lock in the price and then had students drop out; we still have to pay that original amount regardless. He prefers not to put that additional onto the students. Ms. Foss voiced she would be supportive to this and understands sometimes people have to drop out and it is already an expensive trip. A question was raised if a plea has been put out to see if any other students want to take their place. Principal Ronning explains we had already opened it up to additional grades and now is open to grades 9-12 and no other students have come forward. He was asked what his plan is if the Board does not authorize it. Principal Ronning indicated if he had to pay it out of pocket, he would and could go to the community etc. but his first step is to ask the Board. Ms. Anzalone recused herself from the vote as her son is going on the trip.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Cloutier-Cabral and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to use \$2,600 in unspent funds for the Washington, D.C. trip.*

Mr. Lavoie asked Ms. LaPlante if this is possible, if she is ok with it and if she thinks it is a good idea. She asks the Board to rephrase the term unspent funds as that is what we typically use later. She had spoken with Principal Ronning asking if we could allocate any funds toward it. She then spoke with Superintendent Weaver regarding this and we were not comfortable without the Board's feedback because it is funding for a trip we would not otherwise fund, we don't want to set precedence. She would be looking for the Board to approve overspending the existing line so we can get students on the trip without further impacting them financially, not necessarily "unspent funds" but authorization to overrun the line.

*Ms. Cloutier-Cabral AMMENDS her MOTION to authorize overspending the line up to the amount of \$2,600 to be used for the Washington, D.C. trip, Ms. Foss SECONDS.*

A question was raised how many students are going. Principal Ronning confirms he does not have the number of students going with him at this time.

*Voting: all aye; motion carried.*

## **VII. BOARD BUDGET/WARRANT DISCUSSION**

Chairman Golding questioned if there has been any movement at all on the warrant articles. Ms. LaPlante confirms there has not been any formal movement. We have been looking at the budget to see what we can trim here and there and will present to the Budget Committee a budget with an increase of about 4.15% next Tuesday when they meet. Chairman Golding asked the members if there are any questions or anything we have not discussed, none heard.

## **VIII. POLICIES**

### **a. 2<sup>ND</sup> READ**

#### **i. BDFE-Facilities Committee Goals and Preparation of Capital Improvement Plan**

Ms. Lavallee reported there are no changes since the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. She asked for any questions or comments, none heard.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to approve policy BDFF-Facilities Committee Goals and Preparation of Capital Improvement Plan.*

Ms. Cloutier-Cabral commented the Policy Committee did a great job with this, it is appreciated. Ms. Lavallee thanked the Facilities Committee; as well, it was a good collaboration.

*Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

#### **ii. BDFF-R-CIP Worksheet**

Ms. Lavallee reported the amount on the top was updated to \$20,000 to reflect the same as the policy. No other changes since the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. She asked for any questions, none heard.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to approve policy BDFF-R-CIP Worksheet.*  
*Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

#### **iii. IGA-Curriculum Development**

Ms. Lavallee reported there are no changes since the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. She asked for any questions or comments, none heard.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to approve policy IGA-Curriculum Development.*

*Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

#### **iv. IMGB-Therapy Animals**

Ms. Lavallee reported there are no changes since the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. She asked for any questions or comments, none heard.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to approve policy IMGB-Therapy Animals.*  
*Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

#### **v. EH-Public Access to School District Records**

Ms. Lavallee reported there are no changes since the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. She asked for any questions or comments, none heard. She asked for any additional questions or comments, none heard.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to approve policy EH-Public Access to School District Records.*

*Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

#### **vi. EH-R-Public Access to School District Records “Right to Know Requests”**

Ms. Lavallee reported upon further review from administration, updates are requested and indicated in red text and deletions are crossed out. This will be brought back for another reading prior to adoption. She asked for any questions or comments, none heard.

#### **vii. EH-F (1)-Request for Waiver of Electronic Communication Record Charge**

Ms. Lavallee reported there are no changes since the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. She asked for any questions or comments, none heard.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to approve policy EH-F (1)-Request for Waiver of Electronic Communication Record Charge.*

*Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

#### **viii. EH-F (2)-Affidavit of Indigency for Waiver of Electronic Communication Charge**

Ms. Lavallee reported there are no changes since the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. She asked for any questions or comments, none heard.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to approve policy EH-F (2)-Affidavit of Indigency for Waiver of Electronic Communication Charge.*  
*Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

**b. Withdrawals**

**i. BEDG-R-Access to Minutes and Public Records**

Ms. Lavallee reported this policy is incorporated into EH and EH-R and is not needed. We can withdraw it ask long as we follow procedures within the law. She asked for any questions or comments, none heard.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to approve the withdrawal of policy BEDG-R-Access to Minutes and Public Records.*  
*Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

**ii. IGD-Curriculum Adoption**

Ms. Lavallee reported policy IGD is incorporated into policy IGA. She is recommending it be withdrawn. She asked for any questions or comments, none heard.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to approve the withdrawal of policy IGD-Curriculum Adoption.*  
*Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

**iii. JLCE-R-Emergency Information Form**

Ms. Lavallee reported this policy; JLCE-R is not used, and is obsolete. It is an administrative form and is constantly being updated by administration. We don't feel we need it and recommends withdrawing it. She asked for any questions or comments, none heard.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to approve the withdrawal of policy JLCE-R-Emergency Information Form.*  
*Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

**IX. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Cloutier-Cabral and SECONDED by Ms. Lavallee to approve the minutes of December 17, 2024 as written.*  
*Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Cloutier-Cabral and SECONDED by Ms. Lavallee to approve the nonpublic minutes of December 17, 2024 as written.*  
*Voting: seven ayes and one abstention from Ms. Anzalone, motion carried.*

**X. 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 voiced the NH Dance Institute, Read-A-Thon and Spelling Bee, so exciting, there is so much going on. Even though she does agree with our amazing business administrator about not spending unspent funds on field trips because it does set a precedent, she was one of those popcorn purchasers for the fundraiser for the Europe trip and is more than willing to participate and contribute to any fundraiser for the D.C. trip. Coach Levesque, great man, she actually knows him personally. He is a wonderful human. She loved hearing that (Pillow Drive) because she knows our community, it is so supportive of our schools, our children and our neighbors. Please know you are all appreciated regardless of the keyboard warriors out there, there a few of them. The staff and the school board; lets' just remember that school board members are all volunteers and put in so much time that it could be a full time job plus they have full time jobs. The teachers, they spend so much time doing additional things volunteering. It is not 9-5 and wants you all to know you are so appreciated; this community loves you, thank you all so much.

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274 **XI. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

275 Ms. Cloutier-Cabral congratulated Mr. Finch and is so glad our beautiful gym is going to be something that honors  
276 him and remembers him for his wonderful service. Our Starfish Awards are always a highlight of every meeting.  
277 Whenever she hears the nominations, she wonders how you pick someone because everybody is so strong and such a  
278 star. Ms. MacPherson is really exceptional and so is everybody else on this list.

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280 Ms. Foss echoes all the kudos said.

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282 Ms. Alley congratulated the nominees and the Starfish Award winner. Ms. Rosana and Ms. Kudlich, thank you for  
283 coming and representing here at the school board meeting. That dance program, NHDI, she was at another district  
284 that did something like that and the kids loved it and were so excited about it. Thank you to those doing the Pillow  
285 Drive, it is amazing that you got so many pillows and for the Policy Committee and Facilities Committee for all their  
286 hard work.

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288 Chairman Golding reminded the public that the district office would start accepting declaration for candidacy starting  
289 January 22, 2025 for School Board and Budget Committee positions; if you feel you have something to offer please  
290 go and sign up.

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292 • **NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C)**

293 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Mr. Lavoie to enter Non-Public Session to discuss a*  
294 *personnel matter, RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C) at 7:12pm.*

295 *Voting: via roll call vote, all aye, motion carried.*  
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297 **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

298 The Board entered public session at 7:33pm.

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300 *A MOTION was made to seal the non-public session minutes RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C) by Mr. Lavoie and SECONDED*  
301 *by Ms. Alley.*

302 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*  
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304 **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

305 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Lavoie and SECONDED by Ms. Lavallee to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:34pm.*

306 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*  
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308 *Respectfully submitted,*

309 *Kristina Fowler*  
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