

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
Strategic Planning Committee
Wednesday, July 11, 2018
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School-Media Room
7:00 p.m.

Present: Harry Dailey, Carol LeBlanc, Jonathan Vanderhoof, Jennifer Bernet, Lisa Post and Superintendent Bryan Lane

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

II. ELECT CHAIRMAN

Call for nominations for Chair.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Post and SECONDED by Ms. Bernet to nominate Mr. Vanderhoof as Chairman.

Voting: 4-0-1 motion passes, Mr. Vanderhoof abstains.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. DISCUSS TOPICS FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Topics for the committee to discuss are: School Calendar, Middle School Configuration, School Administration Configuration, Building Utilization, Food Service and Adding Programs.

- **School Calendar**

Discussion began clarifying history of the calendar changes starting in 2009 when the district went from days to hours in meeting state requirements for instructional time.

Discussion included the contractual issues that were brought up by WLCTA during recent calendar discussions.

Discussion about changing week vacations during February and April, with no conclusions reached. Superintendent distributes a document regarding state regulations and how reducing the daily academic schedule could create a better quality of instructional time versus quantity of time.

- **Middle School Configuration**

Superintendent will provide documents from proposal made in October of 2017 during budget to committee. The purpose of the proposal was discussed; give options for eighth graders to gain high school credits and be ready to expand their opportunities as juniors and seniors and provide for more advanced classes.

History of the reorganization of the district when sixth grade moved to WLC was described by Mr. Dailey.

- **School Administration Configuration**

Superintendent distributes document describing multiple options on reorganization of administration. Description provided of original reorganization process that began in April of 2018.

Superintendent supports changes if the right administrative structure and changes implemented are to create changes that make sense for instructional purposes.

51 • **Building Utilization**

52 Superintendent was charged with getting information to the committee of actual usage of all rooms
53 within all facilities and their purpose.

54 Discussion included the idea of bringing in additional students from other school districts if the
55 availability was possible. Ms. Post asked if this was a policy issue. The discussion included
56 comments on the current policy and how it may need to be amended.

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58 • **Food Service**

59 Concerns have been raised by the Budget Committee and School Board in regard to the programs debt
60 as well as the product being served.

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62 The Superintendent described:

- 63 ○ Changes that will be put into place for food choices
- 64 ○ Issues around debts compiled by students
- 65 ○ Information from legal counsel about collecting debt in small claims court

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67 Mrs. Bernet asked for information on the possibility of the “green-house” being used to grow food to
68 be used by the food service program.

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70 The Superintendent was charged to gather information on:

- 71 ○ If the district left the FDA program what would we lose in funding
- 72 ○ Outsourcing the food service program to an outside vendor
- 73 ○ Pricing information
- 74 ○ What can be done to reduce deficit from non-payment

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76 • **Adding Programs**

77 Mr. Dailey described a concern that community members voiced about lack of rigor and wanting to
78 create a “school within a school” to create alternative programs that will keep high performing
79 students in district versus going to other schools or moving. This was particular to the middle school.

80 Ms. Post concurred with the concern.

81 Clarification given on loss of revenue when students withdraw even if they live in town.

82 Superintendent described potential to create internal programs which would be linked to changes in
83 the middle school structure.

84 Ms. Bernet described the idea of bringing in local resources around the arts.

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86 **V. DISCUSS NEXT STEPS/INFORMATION NEEDED FOR NEXT MEETING**

87 See above.

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89 **VI. SET DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING**

90 The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 30, 7PM at WLC.

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92 **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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94 *Respectfully submitted,*

95 *Kristina Fowler for Bryan Lane*

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