

1 WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
2 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

3 Tuesday, November 6, 2018

4 Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School

5 6:00 p.m.
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7 Present: Matt Ballou, Mark Legere, Miriam Lemire and Superintendent Bryan Lane
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9 The meeting began at 6:03pm.
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11 Minutes of previous meeting approved by consensus.
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13 Superintendent brings forward two documents to clarify questions posed from previous board meeting.
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- 15 ☐ A document from Atty. Diane Gorrow specifying that the Board can create a policy that re-
16 stricts staff members from carrying weapons while carrying out their contractual duties or on
17 school property.
18 ☐ A document clarifying the language currently being accepted in legal jargon around the words
19 should vs. shall.
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21 After a brief discussion the committee recommends moving policy JICI forward as presented original-
22 ly letting the Board know of the possibility of adding to the policy regarding staff. Mrs. Lemire indi-
23 cates she has heard concerns regarding this from community members. She inquires as to whether or
24 not it would be part of the teacher's annual contract if the Board made a restriction for staff. The Su-
25 perintendent clarified that contracts are signed by teachers and they are informed through the WLCTA
26 of any changes in policy.
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28 A school board member is present as a member of the public, there is a brief discussion what would
29 need to happen of an additional board member attended creating a quorum of the school board. The
30 Superintendent is unsure of the protocol in this case and will inquire.
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32 A brief discussion of the shall vs. should regarding the research done by the Superintendent. Clarify-
33 ing that in currently accepted legal language should and shall both are not words of requirement, they
34 are words of encouragement or aspiration. If the Board wants a policy that creates a requirement the
35 current recommendation would be to use the words:
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37 Will
38 Must
39 Has a duty to
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41 It is noted by the Superintendent that several approved policies indicate that the School Board will
42 elect a "Secretary". This has not been the practice of the Board. The Superintendent is tasked to look
43 through policies that reference the "Secretary" to bring back to the committee.
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45 Discussion of Policy BHE- Board Members Use of Email as a follow up to questions brought by the
46 Board. Consensus is to bring BHE to the Board changing the word "email" to "electronic communica-

tion.” It is noted that this will cover other modalities such as SNAP Chat, Twitter, etc. Policy includes board members at board meetings, addressing the concern raised at the board meeting.

Discussion of Policy BCB- Board Member Conflict of Interest. By consensus it is agreed to amend the sentence by adding the italicized:

“A board member who has a personal or private interest in a matter proposed or pending before the Board will disclose such interest to the Board prior to discussing the matter, will not deliberate on the matter, will not vote on the matter, and will not attempt to influence other members of the Board regarding the matter.

Also to amend the policy making the three occurrences of the word “him” in the 3rd paragraph to be gender neutral.

A member of the public who has been in attendance leaves the meeting indicating that the committee “Should have taken public input at the beginning of the meeting.”

The question is raised as to how a board member would bring up a concern that another board member has a conflict of interest that was not addressed. The Superintendent clarifies that the board member with the concern would bring this to the attention of the chair while the Board is still in public session. It is discussed in public and cannot be a non-public conversation.

The Superintendent asks the committee to confirm the intentions of the committee to move forward with Policy BCA Board Member Ethics as presented. A discussion around the Shall vs. Should language. Confirming that shall or should are not terms of requirement and either can be used in the same manner. A discussion around the concerns some board members had with the term “my” when describing the NHSBA or NSBA. The consensus of the committee is not to make any new recommendations. To allow the Board to discuss the merits of changing the word “shall in the opening, amend item # 6, eliminate the number 10 and whether or not to add or amend the two suggested items numbered 11 and 12.

Mr. Ballou brings up new legislation around cyber security recommending that the Technology Director attend a workshop on December 12. The new legislation has specific requirements we will need to add to our policy and may have financial ramifications for up to three years.

Mrs. Lemire indicates that she has heard concerns from citizens regarding the possibility of policy making around transgendered students. The committee response is that we will be looking into that as we move into the new year.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:12. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 6 PM at WLC.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Fowler for Superintendent Bryan Lane