

1                               **WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE**  
2                               **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
3                               **Thursday, September 13, 2018**  
4                               **Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School**  
5                               **7:00 p.m.**  
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7   Present: *Matt Ballou, Miriam Lemire, Mark Legere and Superintendent Bryan Lane*  
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9   Meeting began at 7:04.  
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11   The Superintendent brought forward 2 policies that needed to be amended in order to meet new  
12   legislation. The information regarding the legislation was provided by the NHSBA.  
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14   **Policy AD- Philosophy of the School District.**  
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16   HB 1499 was passed that dealt with programming for kindergarten. The bill specified that  
17   kindergarten programs needed to be developed that “contain aspects of child directed experiences,  
18   play based learning comprised of creative expression, exploration, socialization and movement.” The  
19   original language presented to the committee indicated “the District will create a kindergarten  
20   curriculum....” Mr. Legere made the suggestion to add the words “and maintain” after create.  
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22   The committee, by consensus, agreed to put forward the following change for school board  
23   consideration:  
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25   *“In realizing the changing needs of our growing community the District will create and maintain a*  
26   *kindergarten curriculum that contains aspects of child directed experiences, play based learning*  
27   *comprised of creative expression, exploration, socialization and movement.”*  
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29   As well as the addition of HB 1499 as a notation.  
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31   **Policy IK- Earning of Credit**  
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33   HB 1781 and SB 349 were passed specifying that students could earn credit in mathematics though  
34   means other than the traditional math class. The committee agreed a change needed to be made but  
35   wanted to be sure that any alternative method of earning credit would be approved by the school’s  
36   administration prior to the student beginning to the effort to earn credit. The Superintendent  
37   confirmed that there is an approval process for Extended Learning Opportunities. In order to meet the  
38   new legislative standard, the committee, by consensus, agreed to put forward the following change for  
39   school board consideration:  
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41   *High School students will have the option to earn credits in mathematics through methods outside*  
42   *the Wilton-Lyndeborough High School course of studies. This will include qualified classes*  
43   *through dual enrollment, career and technical education, or other means as agreed to by the*  
44   *school’s administration.”*  
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46   **POLICY BBAA- Board Member Authority**  
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48   This policy was discussed but no action was taken.

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50 **Policy BEA- Regular Board meetings**  
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52 The policy as it was adopted in 2011 included statements that were inconsistent with the current  
53 practice of the board and it gave little flexibility to vary the scheduling of board meetings. There were  
54 also statements included that required the chair or vice-chair to address board members who missed  
55 meeting in excess of 30%.

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57 The committee, by consensus, agreed to put forward the following change for school board  
58 consideration:

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60 Striking the first and last paragraph in their entirety. Adding the following to replace the first  
61 paragraph:

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63 ***“The Board shall meet in accordance with the calendar created annually at the first meeting of the***  
64 ***new board in March.”***  
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66 **Policy BCA- School Board Member Ethics**  
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68 The committee discussed the issue that in March of 2018, item 10 was removed by a vote of the board  
69 but the number remained in the policy. It was noted through the discussion that the NHSBA was  
70 looking into this policy and was scheduled to provide an update in regard to this but to date had not  
71 done so. The discussion did recognize that the NHSBA knew that the language that had been in item  
72 10 was problematic. The original language was recommended by that body.

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74 The committee, by consensus, agreed to put forward to the board to renumber the item #11 to #10 until  
75 such time as any recommendations were made by the NHSBA to consider, if any.

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77 **Policy JICA- Student Dress Code**  
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79 The committee brought this forward in response to changes that were made in the dress codes at WLC  
80 and a parent concern raised to the board at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

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82 It was noted by the committee that the second paragraph included language that was not being  
83 followed by the schools as part of their daily operations. The third paragraph was procedural for the  
84 buildings and not appropriate for a policy statement.

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86 The committee discussion agreed that since the school board reviewed and approved student  
87 handbooks on an annual basis that it would be more appropriate for the policy to direct the schools to  
88 develop an age appropriate dress code and a procedure to uphold the dress code within the student  
89 handbook.

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91 The committee, by consensus, agreed to put forward the following changes to the policy:

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93 Strike out the last two paragraphs and to modify the remaining paragraph as indicated with the writing  
94 in italics:

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96 The Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School Board recognizes that student individual dress is  
97 primarily a parental responsibility that should reflect concern for health and safety of students, staff

98 and others. *School administration will develop a grade appropriate dress code as part of the*  
99 *“Student Handbook” which is reviewed and approved by the school board annually.* When the  
100 dress of an individual student constitutes a health problem, is unsuitable for school wear, is a danger to  
101 any person, or causes a substantial and material disruption or substantial disturbance, the ~~principal~~  
102 *school’s administration* shall take appropriate action to correct the situation.

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104 The committee asked for information from other school districts regarding policies for transgendered  
105 students as recommended by the visiting team from the NHDOE.

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107 Other policies to consider are those identified by the NHSBA that are affected by changing legislation.

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109 The meeting concluded at 8:26.

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111 *Respectfully submitted,*  
112 *Kristina Fowler for Bryan Lane*