

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 7, 2015
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School-Media Room
6:30 p.m.**

Present: *Geoff Brock, Harry Dailey, Matt Ballou, Mary Guild, Fran Bujak, Joyce Fisk, Carol LeBlanc, and Alex LoVerme.*

Superintendent Christine Tyrie, Business Administrator Lise Tucker, Director of Student Support Services Betty Moore, Elementary Principal Timothy O'Connell and Clerk Kristina Fowler

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brock called the meeting to order at 6:29pm.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent Tyrie requested Mr. O'Connell provide an update regarding an incident at LCS.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Jessie Salisbury announced a party had been given for anyone who attended the one room school house and the youngest attendee to the party was 73. Those who attended the school but were not present for the party will try to be found. Nadine Preftakes will collect written memories or photos for future preservation.

IV. TEACHER INFORMATION SESSION

• Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grant

Mr. O'Connell introduced members of the School Gardening Club, Kelly Eshback, Becky Sanborn, Deb Roske, and Diana Zoltko all of FRES. Ms. Zoltko gave a presentation on the FRES school garden. The grant is for \$2,000 and will be used to purchase soil and tools, build or purchase raised beds and planting boxes and build or purchase cold frames.

Mr. Bujak expressed concern accepting grants for things that may or may not be needed especially given the age of the students and that there is a short growing season and school is out in early June.

Mr. Dailey agreed that most of the work (planting, harvesting) is being done over the summer when the students are not in school. There is also construction going on at the school throughout the summer and space is an issue.

Ms. Zoltko responded that the staff in the Gardening Club are committed to taking care of the project throughout the summer as well as have parent volunteers to help. The cold frames will be on wheels.

In response to a question from Mr. Brock, Ms. Zoltko responded that there is no long term commitment, they have one year to show what has been done and there is no contingency in the grant.

Responding to Mr. Bujak, this project is for FRES and not LCS although the grant was open to all schools to apply. There are no plans for it to be brought to LCS.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Ballou and SECONDED by Ms. Guild to approve the garden grant for Florence Rideout Elementary School.

Voting: six ayes; one abstention from Mr. Bujak, motion carried.

- **Competencies**

Teacher, Dolores Fox provided a presentation on competencies. WLC has been working on this for a number of years. Course credit will be determined by course competency in the fall. It changes the conversation to not about *what it means* to *demonstrating* learning. They are still working on the “reporting out” piece which is the next step.

In response to a question from Mr. Bujak the traditional grades will still be reported and sent to colleges although there is a move in some colleges going toward competencies.

It was noted that continual feedback to students and parents is vital and whatever method should be consistent.

V. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence to report.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Reports

i. Superintendent’s Report

ii. Principal’s Reports

iii. Donations

iv. Co-curricular Updates-Athletics

v. Transfers

The reports have been reviewed by the Board.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Ms. Guild to approve the consent agenda.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Ms. Guild to approve the minutes of March 18, 2015 as written.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

b. Nomination Slate 2015-2016

A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Mr. Dailey to accept nomination slate for 2015-2016 as presented.

Voting: six ayes; one abstention from Mr. Ballou, one abstention from Mr. Bujak relating to a relative only otherwise accepted, motion carried.

- **LCS UPDATE-MR. O’CONNELL**

Mr. O’Connell reviewed with the Board that on April 2, there was a reported smell of propane gas. No students or staff injured during the incident which was investigated by the facilities manager, fire department, Chief McQuade and Assistant Chief Smith. The regulator on the stove in the kitchen was found to be outdated. A hood would need to be installed in the ceiling of the kitchen as currently the one there is not up to code. Due to this the contingency plan is that meals are being prepared at WLC and are being transported up in hot boxes. The planned renovations for LCS will include a kitchen in

the multipurpose room and being that there is only a short time left in this school year it would not be cost effective to put the money into the current kitchen.

• **PRIMEX INSURANCE**

Primex Property and Liability and Workers Comp Insurance is requesting an agreement for three years with a percentage cap on rates not to exceed 10% for workers comp and 9% for property and liability reported Ms. Tucker.

In response to a question from Ms. Guild, Ms. Tucker responded we would need to “bid it out” to determine what the rates of the other company “LCG” (Local Government) would offer.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Mr. Ballou to accept the three year “capped rate” policy from Primex.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

c. Freezer Purchase/Unit Ventilator Purchase

Ms. Tucker reviewed that the unit ventilators are the four at WLC that were noted in the Honeywell and McCormack reports for \$7,500. Quotes were received from Control Tech for \$6,500 to do all four. This will take care of all of them in the gym, coming from the maintenance budget.

Ms. Tucker reported she had detailed quotes for \$22,900 and \$29,000. She will meet with Mr. LoVerme to review the information that was requested. Mr. LoVerme also requested that she look at smaller independent companies for quotes.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Bujak and SECONDED by Ms. Fisk to expend \$6,500 to fix the ventilators in the WLC gym.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

d. Policies

i. DFA-Investment Policy-2nd Read

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Ms. LeBlanc to adopt the amended DFA-Investment Policy.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

i. Elementary Building Committee

Mr. Dailey reported that demolition started this week. The “slack” that was in the schedule previously is gone and it will be very tight this summer. If any projects can be moved up they will. Barring any setbacks, they will be ready just before school opens. Having a generator at FRES is an advantage to the school and will cost more than expected. The town has agreed to pay \$8,500 and the district would pay the rest of the estimated \$12,500. They would like to have some type of freezer at FRES to shorten the amount of trips they need to make to WLC during the week. This summer there is a plan to move everything into the hallways instead of into trailers and to *purchase* totes instead of renting them. They will go over soft costs to see where we are with how much is left over to do the gym including redoing the floor, painting, ceiling and lights and rebuilding the bleachers. They are also looking at purchasing a floor machine and “burnisher” to polish the floors.

ii. Elementary History Committee

Mr. Brock reported the committee met during the FRES tour of the addition. They have collected many photos and Ms. Salisbury has a draft of the LCS history and Mr. Potter is working on draft of the FRES history. The Facebook page has been updated and the next meeting is April 27.

151 **IX. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES**

152 **a. Resignations**

- 153 • **FRES Secretary-Debi Cook**
154 • **ESOL Teacher-Janice Hart**
155 • **WLC-Paraprofessional-Sheila Harwood**
156 • **Retirement/WLC-H/S Social Studies Teacher-Eric Yannone**
157 • **Retirement/WLC-M/S Social Studies Teacher-Michael Dring**
158 • **Retirement/WLC-M/S Social Studies Teacher-Michele Thomas**
159 • **Retirement/FRES-Music Teacher-Sharon Knotts**

160 **b. FYI-New Hire-ABA Therapist-Ashley Ansara**

161 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Guild and SECONDED by Mr. Bujak to accept these retirements with*
162 *deep regret.*

163 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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165 **X. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

166 Mr. Dailey requested to add a Social Media Policy and a Staff Attendance Policy to the parking lot.
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168 Ms. LeBlanc requested to add to the next agenda, Granite State Challenge and Mr. Ballou requested to
169 add the Tuition Policy.
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171 Teacher Dave Weir noted a donation was made by “Chuck” at Kimball Physics. Ms. Tucker noted
172 this will be on the next agenda once additional information is provided.
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174 **XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A: 3 II (A)**

175 • **Compensation**

176 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Ballou and SECONDED by Ms. Guild to enter Non-Public Session to*
177 *discuss a personnel matter relating to compensation and reputation RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C) at 8:06pm.*

178 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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180 **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

181 The Board entered public session at 8:55pm.
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183 *A MOTION was made to seal the non-public session minutes for 50 years by Mr. Ballou and*
184 *SECONDED by Mr. Dailey.*

185 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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187 **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

188 *A MOTION was made by Mr. LoVerme and SECONDED by Ms. Fisk to adjourn the Board meeting at*
189 *8:55pm.*

190 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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192 *Respectfully submitted,*
193 *Kristina Fowler*
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