

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School-Media Room
6:30 p.m.**

Present: *Geoff Brock, Harry Dailey, Matt Ballou, Fran Bujak, and Carol LeBlanc*

Superintendent Christine Tyrie, Business Administrator Lisa Ambrosio, 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 6:27pm.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments to report.

IV. TEACHER INFO SESSION-STEM (Mark Ekberg, Sue Ballou)

Ms. Ballou gave a presentation on STEM/STEAM accompanied by Mr. Ekberg. She reviewed a recent conference that she and others attended on the subject. A team has been formed to continue this initiative throughout the year. (Slides presented can be found with these minutes) Additionally, Mr. Ekberg reviewed student work.

Superintendent Tyrie reported the Board had requested industrial arts program options be brought back for review when the sawmill was sold. Mr. Ekberg is here to present this as well.

Mr. Ekberg, Industrial Arts Teacher, presented several options for the Board to review including CNC lathe, 3-D printers, CNC milling machine, CAD software, and options for electrical and plumbing indicating different costs for each. He suggests inviting the various manufacturing companies to discuss what they may be looking for by way of future skills from the workforce to help narrow down what direction to go. There may be professional development needed (added cost) and to what extent would depend on which program/s would be offered.

Mr. Bujak suggested offering the course in the evening for the community to be able to take advantage of the program during nights or weekends. Mr. Ekberg noted in his experience, that these types of programs are sometimes hard to sustain.

Mr. Ballou noted that Milford's Technology Center is offering some of this already in which Mr. Ekberg responded that some students will simply not attend because it is not convenient or it doesn't fit into their schedule or they do not want to take the bus over to Milford.

Mr. Dailey added that funding for the program would come down to cost per student.

V. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Brock read a letter from Commissioner Virginia Barry, to convey at its September 9th meeting the State Board of Education voted to approve the letter dated August 26 regarding the apportionment of the negotiated bond as described in the Districts August 6 communication.

52 **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

53 **a. Reports**

54 **i. Good to Great Update (Superintendent's Report)**

55 **ii. Donations**

56 **iii. Budget-YTD Update (not available)**

57 **iv. Disposal Lists**

58 **v. Co-Curricular Updates**

59 The reports have been reviewed by the Board.

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61 Mr. Dailey pulled out the co-curricular updates from the consent agenda and questioned how the
62 amount was determined for the teacher of the visually impaired.

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64 In response, Ms. Moore explained this is the going rate for a contracted service provider who provides
65 this service. This provider also happens to be a .5 employee for the district but in another capacity.

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67 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Mr. Bujak to approve the consent agenda.*
68 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

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70 **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

71 **a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

72 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Ms. LeBlanc to approve the minutes from*
73 *September 9, 2014 as written.*

74 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

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76 **b. Approve Student Activity Fund Account-Electronic Score Board/Eagle Scout**
77 **Project**

78 Superintendent Tyrie noted a list of student activity accounts was provided from WLC and is
79 requesting to add an account for the electronic score board from the Eagle Scout project that was
80 recently presented to the board.

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82 Mr. Dailey questioned what happens when the money left in an account has not been used and or the
83 club is no longer in existence.

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85 In response, Superintendent Tyrie replied that if it is inactive for a year, the advisor of the club or
86 account is asked if we can close it and the money gets moved.

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88 Mr. Dailey suggests a protocol of how this is handled and which account the money is moved to.

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90 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Mr. Bujak (for discussion purposes) to*
91 *approve the Eagle Scout account.*

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93 *Mr. Dailey and Mr. Bujak withdrew the MOTION.*

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95 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Mr. Bujak to approve the Eagle Scout*
96 *account pending the approval of the Eagle Scout Board approving the project for the scoreboard.*
97 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

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99 **c. Capital Reserve Accounts**

100 Mr. Dailey questioned the amount of the Building/Equipment & Roadway account and asked that Ms.
101 Ambrosio to confirm. She will review this and report back.

103 In response to a question from Mr. Brock, Ms. Moore replied that \$250,000 is a good estimate to use
104 for Educationally Disabled Children's account. Mr. Brock agreed that this is the number to be used.

106 Mr. Ballou noted that there will be potential upgrades needed for technology and the technology
107 account he sees as similar to maintenance expenses, like insurance for unplanned expenses.

109 Mr. Dailey added that money should be put in the technology account yearly although Mr. Bujak
110 questioned why this is any different than anything else we would budget for curriculum.

112 Mr. Brock suggests making it \$20,000 based on the response from Superintendent Tyrie that to replace
113 servers it would be about \$10,000.

115 For building and roadway account, Mr. Bujak noted one of the rooftops needs work and is estimated
116 he believes to be \$19,000. The Facilities Committee will be working on collecting costs for projects
117 needed and the life expectancy for the projects. There will need to be a plan for when things at FRES
118 will need to be replaced or repaired and that should be reviewed soon.

120 Mr. Brock noted that we should wait to see what this account should be funded at after the Facilities
121 Committee has more information.

123 **d. Mountain Bike Club Proposal**

124 Superintendent Tyrie reported a staff member is requesting the approval to start a school sponsored
125 Mountain Bike Club. He will be the unpaid advisor and proposes that in two years it is a paid stipend
126 position. The students would compete in races and they would provide their own transportation.

128 Mr. Bujak noted that he thinks it is a good idea although if it is not tied to curriculum he wouldn't
129 support the stipend.

131 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Bujak and SECONDED by Mr. Ballou to accept the proposal for the*
132 *Mountain Bike Club as written.*

133 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

135 Mr. Ballou added that he would like the transportation to be provided.

137 **e. Policies**

138 **i. IMGA-Service Animals-2nd Read**

139 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Ballou and SECONDED by Mr. Dailey to approve the IMGA-Service*
140 *Animal Policy as written.*

141 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*

143 **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

144 **i. Elementary Building Committee**

145 **ii. Budget Liaison**

146 Mr. Dailey reported it is a busy week at FRES, all the steel has been going up and they are working on
147 the second level. We are still on budget and on schedule. There is ongoing discussion about food
148 service and how this will be handled from February to the end of the school year at FRES.

150 Mr. Dailey reviewed the Budget Committee met last evening, elected chairs and Mr. Davidson is the
151 Chairman and Vice Chair is Mr. Altner. There is still a vacancy from the departure of one member
152 which remains unfilled. Dr. Tyrie had reviewed the budget timeline with them and budget drivers.

153 They noted they wanted to see the cost savings that was promised. They realize some of the expenses
154 will increase such as retirement costs went up almost 4% across the board.

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156 Superintendent Tyrie added that it is going up from 11.9% to 15.5%.

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158 Ms. Ambrosio added that this does not enhance what anyone gets for retirement; it is just an increased
159 cost of it.

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161 **IX. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES**

162 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Mr. Ballou to accept with tremendous*
163 *reservation and deep regret, the resignation of Lisa Ambrosio, Business Administrator.*

164 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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166 **X. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

167 There were no public comments to report.
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169 **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

170 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Ms. LeBlanc to adjourn the Board meeting*
171 *at 8:04pm.*

172 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*
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174 *Respectfully submitted,*

175 *Kristina Fowler*
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