

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School
6:30 p.m.**

The videoconferencing link was published several places including on the meeting agenda.

Present: *Dennis Golding, Brianne Lavalley, John Zavgren, Michelle Alley, Paul White, Darelene Anzalone, Diane Foss, and Jonathan Lavoie (6:32pm)*

Superintendent Peter Weaver, Technology Director Nicholas Buroker, and Clerk Kristina Fowler

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Golding called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. PUBLIC HEARING RSA--UNANTICIPATED REVENUE RSA 198:20-b

The hearing reconvened at 6:32pm. Chairman Golding reviewed the Board held a preliminary Public Hearing on June 10, 2025, where they anticipated receipt of funds from the district's property insurance provider in excess of \$20,000 for a January 2025 insurance claim. The final reimbursement was not finalized on June 10th, and the Public Hearing was continued to June 24, 2025. On June 17, 2025, Primex, the District's property insurance provider, notified the School District that they will make payment in the amount of \$56,039.62 for the January 2025 Freeze claim at the Middle-High School. He informed the members that they need to decide whether or not to accept the funds. He asked for any questions or comments from the Board. Ms. Foss voiced she wants to accept it and does not see a reason not to. No further board comments were made. Chairman Golding asked for any public comment. There was no public present. Superintendent read the names and numbers online asking for any comment. No public comment was heard. Chairman Golding closed the hearing at 6:33pm and returned to the board meeting.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavalley and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to accept \$56,039.62 in unanticipated revenues from Primex for payment of a January 2025 insurance claim.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent requested to add 3 additional nominations.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavalley and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to accept the adjustments to the agenda under resignations, appointments and leaves for the nomination of Stacy Maghakian, Joseph Wedge, and Megan McLaughlin.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comment section of the agenda was read. Superintendent called out all the phone numbers and names joined in the meeting asking if they wanted to comment. There was no public comment.

VI. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

a. Reports

i. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent spoke of purchasing a van after July 1 in FY 26 using funds from the budgeted SPED transportation line which would be for transporting a couple of SPED students to Massachusetts which currently costs about \$270 a day. He spoke of needing to add lights as required to the van. He informs the group that he has been speaking to the Milford Superintendent about the possibility of including a student of theirs who attends the same school which would include further savings if it worked out. He confirms we could also use the van for back-up athletics. He confirms nothing will be done until after July 1 if approved. He informs them that if there is a significant change in the financial model (outlined in his report) then he will bring it back to the Board in August. If there are any significant flags such as the cost is \$70,000 for example vs. the \$45,000-\$65,000 he quotes in his report, then he would bring it back to the Board. He adds that he wants to stay within that price range and is hopeful of having continued savings if it is acquired. He is hoping the Board will discuss this and take a vote. Chairman Golding asked the members for any questions. A question was raised whether it would take care of the problems that were had with transportation

or most of it. He explained with the new policy that allows parents to transport and having 2 vans, the goal would be to mitigate the issues. He feels we would have plenty of drivers and does not feel that would be an issue. He spoke of Butler needing to collapse routes due to no drivers and not being able to transport students to athletic events. He believes the van will help with the athletic events. A brief discussion was had purchasing a new van vs. a used one as is outlined in his report. If there was a van that was new and close in price, we would need to bring that back to the Board. He confirms part of the quoted cost includes outfitting the van with lights and maybe a stop sign as well. There was a brief discussion about whether or not a special license was needed to drive the van. Superintendent confirms that it would be looked at and a possibility that the driver would need to take the 10-hour course, test, and finish requirements with the state. He has attended the 10-hour course already. He confirms the van would not need specialized set up inside the van. He confirms the funds would come from the SPED transportation line in FY 26 which is what we would use to pay the bus company to drive the students. Superintendent was asked if there would be additional cost to staffing lines for drivers and if we are using the van for both purposes is that going to be impacting others as sometime students in athletics get dismissed earlier and the van may not be back until 3:15pm for example. Superintendent explains there are still a lot of challenges to work out and it is complicated. Just because we solve the van, it doesn't mean we have solved all the problems such as timing and certified drivers. He confirms we have a driver for Massachusetts school. He spoke of having a good problem to solve which is that 21 students are going to the CTE program next year. We went from 5 to 21. He spoke about working with Milford regarding the possibility of driving their student down to Massachusetts and in turn they have CTE vans and drivers during the day. Could they come and pick up our students and then drop them off for CTE and bring them back sort of like a trade. We are trying to work out those little details because that is another problem we are trying to solve. There was a brief discussion about whether Milford has a welding program. Superintendent confirms they do not at this time that was part of the bond they were trying to pass but confirms meeting with Hitchiner Manufacturing and inviting them to look at our space at WLC and the potential option of us hosting the program. He spoke of people finding value in the vocations again and those types of programs. Parents and kids are seeing that you don't have to go to college for 4 years and you can have a great career. These careers are very lucrative. If you can finish the welding program you can go anywhere and have a great job. We are working on the problem and will have a solution before the school year starts.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Lavoie and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to allow the Superintendent to explore the van idea.

Superintendent confirms he would like to purchase the van if it is within the price range (\$45,000-\$60,000) so that we can move forward with outfitting it.

Mr. Lavoie AMENDED his motion to include "purchase the van within the price range described" (\$45,000-\$60,000) instead of explore the van idea.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

ii. Technology Director's Report/Data Governance Plan

Mr. Buroker reported the Data Governance Plan remains mostly the same as last year, with the big change regarding the PowerSchool breach, we implemented a 1-year expiration on staff passwords and administrators having a 6-month expiration on passwords. It would not have stopped the breach but if PowerSchool had followed that paradigm it would have. The live stream of graduation was successful although the audio needs some work. The Chromebook return this year was successful and smoothest it has ever been, and all the credit goes to his technician here at WLC. He is conspiring with Principal Ronning regarding making the morning announcements live streamed which seems feasible to him and to also get the Chromebooks out to students prior to the first day of school. There are a couple opportunities where students come in particularly student athletes, they have to get their concussion testing and the medical part etc. It was suggested that we could get them out to students prior allowing them to start their first day with them in hand. He comments that it has been a somber and reflective end of year. The intern is graduating and moving on and our technician at FRES has accepted a position in Merrimack Valley School District and will be moving on as well. They will both be missed.

VIII. POLICIES

a. 1ST Reading

i. JICD-Student Discipline and Due Process

Ms. Lavalley informed the group we are still submitting policies the committee approved of back in March. This is the 1st reading with changes in red. She asked for any questions or comments. None heard. It will return for a 2nd read in August.

ii. ADC-Prohibitions Regarding Use and Possession of Tobacco Products, E-Cigarettes, and E-Liquids in and on School Facilities and Grounds

Ms. Lavalley informs the group that the changes are in red and include minor changes relating to the annual review and law changes. She asked for any questions or comments. None heard. It will return for a 2nd read in August.

iii. BGAA-Policy Development, Adoption, and Review

Ms. Lavalley reported this is a new policy. A number of policies which are to be withdrawn were condensed into this one policy which reviews the process of developing policies. She did not ask for withdrawals of the policies under the withdrawal section as they will be back on the agenda for the meeting in August for withdrawal as she wanted to allow people time to review them and would not withdraw until policy BGAA is adopted.

Ms. Anzalone suggested a language change to the last sentence in JICD, letter B, number 1 regarding allowing the student to respond and should it be changed to correct the behavior. A discussion was had regarding allowing the student to respond and how that language is interpreted. Discussion included that there are different responses to behaviors and examples were given. There are behaviors directly witnessed, and it is mostly cut and dry and then behaviors which are not. There are responses where it is appropriate to correct the behavior and responses where either it can't be corrected because it already happened, or the student was not the one infracting. Maybe the response is to correct the behavior or maybe it is to explain. It was noted that it could be interpreted as the student can be disrespectful and argue back escalating the behavior. It was discussed that the staff member would warn the student that they will be removed if they do not correct the behavior and that allows the student to respond by correcting the behavior. Each classroom has a set of rules and certain behaviors which are automatic removal, and they are made aware of this in the beginning of the year and then there are the gray areas. Discussion was had regarding changing the language including removing to respond and adding resolve or remediate the action or resolve the issue. Consensus is to remove "to respond" and add "the opportunity to resolve the issue". This policy will be amended and will be returned for a 2nd read at the next meeting in August.

b. Withdrawal

- i. **GB-Board Policy Process** (should be BG)
- ii. **BGA-Policy Development System**
- iii. **BGB-Policy Adoption**
- iv. **BGC-Policy Review and Evaluation/Manual Accuracy Check**
- v. **BGE-Policy Dissemination**

Withdrawals will return to the next meeting in August.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

A MOTION was made by Ms. Foss and SECONDED by Ms. Alley to approve the minutes of June 10, 2025, as written. Voting: seven ayes and one abstention from Mr. White, motion carried.

b. July/August appointments

Chairman Golding reviewed with the members what we normally do since there is not a meeting in July if we have an opening that gets filled, the Superintendent would like the opportunity to allow the person to start in July. Normally we elect one board member to authorize it and then we come back to the next meeting, and we all vote on it instead of having to wait until the school year has almost started. There was a brief discussion about this. Superintendent confirmed we have the PE position open, and it would be good to have the support to move forward with a candidate even if someone were to resign before the board reconvenes in August. Chairman Golding reviewed all the members have the opportunity to read the resumes and provide feedback immediately to the person who is chosen to authorize and that person will email (communicate) to the Superintendent to move forward or not. It was noted that a 2nd person (alternate) would be good to have in case.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Lavoie and SECONDED by Ms. Anzalone to nominate Chairman Golding to have the authority to appoint teachers until the board reconvenes.

Mr. Lavoie AMENDS his motion to include Chairman Golding as the primary and Mr. Zavgren as the alternate, Ms. Anzalone seconds.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

VII. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES

a. Resignation-Jeffrey Caisse-WLC MS Science Teacher

Superintendent reviewed the resignation. He had not signed his contract.

b. Appointment-Joshua Reid-WLC Computer Science Teacher

Superintendent reviewed the nomination.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Mr. White to appoint Joshua Reid, Computer Science/Technology Teacher at WLC, Bachelors, Step 3, salary of \$50,000.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

• Appointment-Joseph Wedge-WLC Science/Social Studies Teacher

Superintendent reviewed the nomination.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Mr. White to appoint Joseph Wedge, Science/Social Studies Teacher at WLC, Bachelors, Step 1, salary of \$48,000.

181 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

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183 • **Appointment-Megan McLaughlin-WLC English/Social Studies Teacher**
184 Superintendent reviewed the nomination.

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186 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to appoint Megan McLaughlin, English/Social Studies*
187 *Teacher at WLC, Bachelors, Step 1, salary of \$48,000.*
188 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

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190 • **Appointment- Stacy Maghakian-FRES/LCS Principal**
191 Superintendent reviewed the nomination.

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193 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Foss and SECONDED by Mr. White to appoint Stacy Maghakian as the FRES/LCS Principal at a*
194 *salary of \$111,000.*
195 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

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197 Chairman Golding welcomed Ms. Maghakian. Superintendent informed the group she will be starting in July.

198 **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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200 The public comment section of the agenda was read. Superintendents called out all the phone numbers and names joined in the
201 meeting asking if they wanted to comment. There was no public comment.

202 **IX. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

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204 Ms. Alley voiced support for the 2nd van purchase and appreciates the research done with that and getting it for our schools.

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206 Mr. Zavgren commented that he thinks the van is a good idea and looks forward to hearing more about it.

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208 Ms. Foss commented that she doesn't think it is a secret to folks on the Board about what a great job Mr. Buroker does in terms
209 of navigating our technology. It seems like an easy thing but the minute you have 1 crisis it can all blow up. She really
210 appreciates what he does and the recognition he gave his subordinates. She appreciates the time the Superintendent spent on
211 researching the van and trying not to cancel on kids and hopefully this is a step in the right direction on curbing those things.

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213 Chairman Golding welcomed everyone who was appointment this evening and can't wait to talk to Ms. Maghakian and hear her
214 plans for the year at FRES.

215 **X. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C)**

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217 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Lavallee and SECONDED by Ms. Foss to enter Non-Public Session to review the non-public*
218 *minutes, RSA 91-A: 3 II (C) at 7:23pm.*
219 *Voting: via roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.*

220 **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

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222 The Board entered public session at 7:28pm.

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224 *A MOTION was made to seal the non-public session minutes by Mr. Lavoie.*
225 *Mr. Lavoie RESINDED his motion.*

226 **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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228 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Lavoie and SECONDED by Ms. Alley to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:28pm.*
229 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

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231 *Respectfully submitted,*
232 *Kristina Fowler*