

Public Notice of Meeting
WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 20, 2025
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School
6:30 p.m.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER-Dennis Golding-Chair**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
- IV. BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION**
 - a. FY 2026-2027 & Warrant Articles**
 - b. Exterior Athletics Projects**
 - c. Open Enrollment**
 - d. Vote on Warrant Articles**
- V. 7:00PM JOINT BOARD & BUDGET COMMITTEE SESSION**
 - a. FY 2026-2027**
 - b. Warrant Articles**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is the public's opportunity to speak to items on the agenda. In the interest of preserving individual privacy and due process rights, the Board requests that comments (including complaints) regarding individual employees or students be directed to the Superintendent in accord with the processes set forth in School Board Policies KE, KEB and BEDH.
- VII. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a. Reports**
 - i. Superintendent's Report
 - ii. Director of Student Support Services Report
- VIII. YTD REPORTING**
- IX. ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**
- X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - i. Budget Liaison
 - ii. Strategic Planning Committee
 - iii. Negotiations
- XI. RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/LEAVES**
 - a. FYI-New Hire-Saige Paradise-ABA Therapist-FRES**
 - b. Resignation-Raisa Koch-ABA Therapist-FRES**
- XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- XIII. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

XIV. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C)

- i. Review the Nonpublic Minutes
- ii. Personnel Matter

XV. ADJOURNMENT

INFORMATION: Next School Board Meeting-February 3, 6:30 PM at WLC

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Superintendent of Schools

Ned Pratt
Director of Student Support Services

Kristie LaPlante
Business Administrator

Student Support Services Report

January 2026

This month's Student Support Services report will focus upon staffing FTEs for Student Support Services. Our District uses a combination of District staff and Contracted Service staff to serve our students and their families.

DISTRICT STAFF

1.0	Director of Student Support Services
1.0	Administrative Assistant to Director
1.0	Special Education Teacher – LCS
3.0	Special Education Teachers - FRES
4.0	Special Education Teachers - WLC
1.0	Para educators – LCS
4.0	Para educators – FRES
7.0	Para educators – WLC
1.0	Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) – District
20.0	ABA Therapists

43.0 District Positions

CONTRACTED SERVICE STAFF

3.2	Speech-Language Therapy Staff
1.5	Occupational Therapy Staff
0.2	Physical Therapist
2.0	Reading Specialists
0.8	School Psychologist – District
0.5	LMHC – District

8.2 Contracted Service

- We have **122** students identified as needing special education services through the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District. **7** students are receiving their services Out of District (OOD) at private and public placements.
- Our RISE/ABA program has 24 students and 20 ABA Therapists
- Our Speech and Language staff serve 68 students
- Our PT staff serves 4 students
- Our OT staff serves 38 students
- Our Reading Specialists serve 17 students

The number of students seen by our staff varies dependent upon the frequency and intensity of services as listed on each students IEP.

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 6, 2026
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School
6:30 p.m.**

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

Present: *Brianne Lavallee, John Zavgren, Michelle Alley, Erin Collins, Darlene Anzalone, Diane Foss (online), Jonathan Lavoie Superintendent Peter Weaver, Business Administrator Kristie LaPlante, Principals Tom Ronning and Principal Stacy Maghakian, Director of Student Support Services Ned Pratt (7:30 PM online), Technology Director Nicholas Buroker, Curriculum Coordinator Samantha Dignan, and Clerk Kristina Fowler*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Lavallee called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent requested to remove the student board report.

*A MOTION was made by Ms. Anzalone and SECONDED by Ms. Collins to accept the adjustment to the agenda.
Voting: all aye, motion carried.*

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comment section of the agenda was read.

Ms. Deb Mortvedt was present and spoke about Wilton's semi quincennial celebration coming in May. She had come to the Board previously to ask if the students could participate and with the Board's support, she spoke to the 4th grade who will be doing "interviews" with community members who have been through the bicentennial, and it will be part of the booklet they are doing next year. The students are very excited. On May 7 they will have their local history tour of Wilton. She has also been working with teacher Emily Hall and the 8th grade. She spoke of the history film that was completed during COVID and had spoken with the students back then and many of those are the students who are in the 8th grade now. This will be a big event with WMUR covering it. May 9 is the date; it is a Saturday. She thanked the Board. There will be a fund raiser where they will put someone in "jail". The American Legion is engaged and a huge donor. Banners will be up; they already have 3 banner donors. They will have a makerspace at Nelson's Candy where they will make hats and aprons. She welcomes the community to attend in costume. Look at the website, wiltonnh250.com for details and updates. Ms. Collins volunteered to help with the makerspace. Vice Chair Lavallee asked that we post the date to the calendar and post the website link to the SAU website.

Superintendent called out all the phone numbers and names joined in the meeting asking if they wanted to comment. There was no comment.

V. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

a. Reports

i. Student School Board Report

This was removed from the agenda.

ii. Principals' Report

Principal Maghakian reported there have been a lot of fun things happening including, the PTO brought TIGER Assembly, grades 3-5 had their concert, they showed community spirit with different themed days and activities, gingerbread contest among the staff, and movie night. She thanked Dennis at the Wilton theatre, who was very welcoming. Popcorn was supplied by the PTO and bingo game night. There was a PTO meeting where Superintendent Weaver attended. Now they are back from vacation and hit the ground running. There are upcoming iReady assessments and grades close in a couple of weeks and skate night is coming up. She included the discipline log in her report. She informed the group she is working on the submission for the EDies School of the Year which is due Friday. All are hopeful of winning this year. It was noted the discipline log has improved since the beginning and she was asked what she believes the reason for the decrease is. Principal Maghakian responded a lot were bus issues since resolved and she feels the consistency and standards contribute to this.

Principal Ronning spoke about having great students and staff, WLC is having a great year. He spoke of having the student accountability survey completed with the state saying we meet the requirements for the HS diploma. W.I.N. group is about to change for the 2nd semester, although they are still having academics there will be some fun things for those who earn it. They are doing iReady assessments to again get information to move forward and go back and regroup to make sure students are continuing to grow academically. Athletics is doing fantastic; they continue to grow in this area. He thanked Cheryl Carter who put together the basketball programs which have a QR code, you can now have it on your phone. Discipline reporting is going well, December can be a tough month, but it was fine. He highlighted the swim program, our students swim with Milford but swim for Wilton. Our 4 students have been doing outstanding. They continue to lower their time, and the coach contacted us saying, it is such a pleasure to have your students swim with us and they are doing fantastically. A question was raised whether it is the same division for swimming as our other sports. Principal Ronning confirms we continue to be under Division 4. Superintendent added for competition it is not just Division 4; they could be swimming against a school with 1500 kids; it is very exciting and more impressive is their placement in swimming.

iii. Curriculum Coordinator's Report

Ms. Dignan highlighted the Professional Development Committee (PD Committee) who met yesterday regarding "choose your own adventure" PD and what that will look like. She reviewed what will be happening on that PD Day which has lots of opportunities for teachers based on their requests and what folks are comfortable teaching about. The 4th grade is moving forward with their magnetics literacy pilot; the 5th grade is eager to get started but needs their PD first. The Curriculum Committee had a subcommittee to look at math K-8 curriculum. Our math programs in both FRES and WLC MS are either no longer or up for renewal, we need to look for something different. This is a very dedicated group of teachers who are doing homework outside of this committee and after hours. We looked at 3 programs, narrowed them down to 2 and discussed 1 at length. She has reached out to other schools nearby who have done well in math on their NH SAS to make sure we are selecting the program that is best for us. We are also only using things that are well rated on Ed Reports, which is a nonprofit that just rates all sorts of programming for schools for instruction. She spoke of going into all the new teacher's classrooms, doing all the observations in all of those classrooms, and having pre and post observation meetings and started meeting with teachers at FRES who need 3 observations and getting those scheduled. Last year we started doing NH SAS modulars as an introduction which is a mini version of the NH SAS. We find that students don't necessarily know the material, there are parts of the assessment, the way it is delivered with multiple screens, click and drag especially at the younger grades where they struggle with the test but not the content and this year, we are using those to really dig into the data. She met with the 7th grade team and looked at writing samples and how did they score against the rubric and if a student was in the partially proficient range, what can we do to bring that student up. There were kids who needed one more point to be proficient. We are looking at what we can do to lift that score a little higher. She has had those meetings grades 3-8 with all the teachers who teach ELA and math. She confirmed that the SAT scores are shared, they are taking in October in April she believes, it just changed. She confirms the practice SAS last year was doing in grades 3-8. This is the 1st year we have had all the math teaching positions filled at the start of the year. This year, we will use the information to improve our instruction in reading, writing and math. Mr. Lavoie spoke of being happy to hear we are focusing more on the state assessment. We look at iReady and track it, but the state is not looking at that and we are being compared to other schools in our area and the scores don't look great sometimes and to put a little more effort into that is a good move and the continuation of a math program, he's hoping for good results. A question was raised what specially they are looking to have in the program that will allow our students to perform better on the state tests. Ms. Dignan explained the math committee has a list of criteria and some things they are looking for is rigor, does the program have some significant rigor that will push our students and challenge them. Does it have differentiation where it can meet all groups of students where they are at and fact fluency, making sure students know outside, upside down and backwards their multiplication, division, addition and subtraction facts because when they get into the higher math, they need to have those skills automatic. If they don't they have to think that much harder about the problem in front of them, which then makes what could be relatively simple much more challenging. If they are locked in, they can just assess the problem solving in front of them. They are also keeping in mind the cost and making sure the materials are accessible to students, and staff and not all this extra stuff and that students have paper in front of them that is age and developmentally appropriate. A question was raised if we are changing the program to really focus on the state program could we possibly get rid of one program (iReady) to save money. Ms. Dignan explained that it's really 2 different things, iReady is the assessment component of instruction but what we're looking at is the actual instructional tools, and what lessons teachers are teaching on a day-to-day basis. iReady has MyPath where students can go on and access their learning and their specific lessons but that is not teacher directed instruction. The math program we are looking at is the teacher directed instruction. Superintendent informed the group that he met with Ms. Dignan today and they are going to be looking at user rates and see if it is having a positive impact on performance and if it is not we will reevaluate whether we want to continue using it or not. The cohorts have been up and down, and we don't know if it is good enough. We will see if there is a different internal diagnostic test. NH SAS is a point in time and just one data point where iReady is 3 times a year and shows the ability of students over time. We will need to replace it if we move away from it. He spoke about visiting another elementary school with Ms. Dignan today, which has some high performing kids where they learned some things that made us think about what kind of curriculum they are using, what they are doing, and what diagnostics they are doing. A question was raised what tests are done on paper. Ms. Dignan confirms NH SAS is only online and iReady is also online. She is having conversations about this too though and maybe having a requirement of paper with the questions numbered and students must show their work so that we can go back and see how they came up with the answer. A question was raised whether the math committee, when researching, is getting input from other schools about what other resources they are using or how they are implementing the curriculum. Ms. Dignan confirms she has had some of those conversations but not with all of them. When they talked today with the elementary

school, that was one of the questions, whether they are doing the program soup to nuts or are they doing the program with some supplementing with a little bit of this etc. There is some supplementing while also following our state standards because no program is built 100% for state standards.

b. Letters/Information

i. Election Warrant Article

Members received a draft of the election warrant. Ms. Fowler reported this is an FYI.

VI. BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION FY 27 & WARRANT ARTICLES

a. Transportation Bid

Ms. LaPlante reviewed she provided some late-coming information regarding transportation as this is a fluid process. She gave accolades and thanks to Milford who let us partner with them on this RFP process. For years we used Steve's Bus and got phenomenal rates. When he went out of business and we moved to Butler, we only got one bid because there are no other transportation vendors in the area. This allowed us to exercise more of an economy of scale rather than our 4 bus routes and sort of say, let's package this and do this together. We ended up getting 3 regular ed transportation bids and 5 SPED bids but excluded 2 SPED bids because they didn't necessarily meet the need as it wouldn't have included all of the SPED needs and would not have been an all-encompassing bid. We will discuss it more in nonpublic. She explained the asterisk on the Butler price. They have told us if we go all-in including regular education routes, it will be \$295,800 a year but if we don't go all-in, not including SPED, then we'll be at the \$327,719. They agreed to give us a quote or the cost that STA (Student Transportation of America) gave us rather than their initial cost they gave us. Right now, we currently have \$877,710 in our FY 27 budget and are looking to save anywhere from \$135,000-\$167,000 of that by being able to partner with Milford and get more bids coming in. She is really pleased that we're going to be able to look at reducing our budget once we come up with a vendor. The next steps, after nonpublic, we will figure out in which direction we're going, make outreach and start negotiating the specifics of these contracts. She confirmed there is no provision within the RFP that says we have to choose the vendor that Milford does. She notes Durham may be difficult because they don't have any other transportation hubs in the area. A question was raised regarding Butler, if it was discussed that many times, we didn't have drivers etc. Ms. LaPlante responded that those are things that can be discussed when the contract negotiations are discussed in nonpublic, but she can share that she did speak with them. She added that we had lengthy meetings with the Business Administrator in Milford, Ben Kilar and the vendors and did discuss one of our growing and ongoing concerns is the inability to maintain drivers both for regular ed and athletic transport and field trips and then if we add SPED into it. They are aware we are concerned about this. A question was raised what the reason is to go into nonpublic to discuss. Ms. LaPlante responded that it is to discuss if we want to change some of the numbers on this, we will be talking about the meat of the contract and what we want to do and for purposes of maintaining that integrity under the right to know law, we can do that in nonpublic.

Vice Chair Lavalley informed the group that the language of the warrant articles will be put together and will vote at the next meeting. A question was raised whether there is any additional information regarding the athletics warrant article. Ms. LaPlante does have draft language from the lawyer but did not bring it because it is dependent on some of the projects that Mr. Hofstetter brings forth on January 20 and figures out what the scope of that is going to look like. The other warrant that was discussed at the last meeting is for open enrollment. The Board had come to a consensus about capping it at 15% of our HS enrolment but there was never a vote from the Board on what they wanted to do. We do have the language from legal that meets all the criteria and that language will be on that warrant she is bringing on January 20. Mr. Hofstetter noted that he does have a list of the projects. He was asked to put that together for the school board packet which goes out about a week in advance, which should give time for the members to review it and have questions. If the Board has any questions that need to be answered that night, perhaps they can forward them to the Chair, and he can make sure that administration is aware of those in order to be prepared to answer so that we can vote on it that night. Ms. LaPlante confirms the notice of the hearing has to be posted and the Board has a meeting on February 3 and can also vote that night too. As long as costs don't increase after the public hearing there is still some fluidity. Vice Chair Lavalley reviewed at the Budget Committee meeting there was discussion over the capital reserve fund warrant, and she presented the new number to them (building and roadways account) they wanted more details regarding the cost savings. There was also discussion regarding the SPED capital reserve which the Board has not made a decision on yet. That was communicated to them. There was discussion over the use of funds, if we had identified something already, that shouldn't come out of the SPED capital reserve. If we potentially need to take money out of that this year, then we would want to adjust it. We will be discussing the SPED matter in nonpublic later. We should have more numbers for them by our January 20th meeting. The Budget Committee did ask about the emergency fund warrant article which was spoken about in a joint meeting previously. She was not prepared to discuss that as it was not really spoken about at the last Board meeting. She asked for feedback, opinions, or comments on whether or not that is something the Board wants to look at this year given all the other warrant articles we are looking at. The warrants so far were reviewed, open enrollment, fields, and capital reserve (building and roadways). Superintendent was asked for thoughts on the matter (emergency capital reserve). Superintendent voiced he doesn't think we need it. We have never had it since he has been here. Right now, we are not foreseeing a warrant for SPED and do have open enrollment and athletics which Mr. Hofstetter will provide information on and maybe down the road we would have a need for it but doesn't think so for now. She asked the Board if all are in agreement not to pursue an emergency fund warrant article for this year. All members are in agreement with this. Vice Chair Lavalley expressed that she wanted the Board to weigh in as she is the liaison and doesn't want to provide a personal answer but one from the Board. A question was raised whether we are still operating in a surplus. Ms. LaPlante confirms at this time yes. Discussion was had including the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan)

is the most inclusive we have had in a long time; Mr. Allen was more than thorough. Vice Chair Lavallee informed the group that there was discussion at the Budget Committee meeting that we wanted to add funds to the budget for SPED, the Budget Committee declined to take any action and wanted more information. They will meet again on January 14.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

A MOTION was made by Ms. Anzalone and SECONDED by Mr. Lavoie to approve the minutes of December 16, 2025, as written.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Anzalone and SECONDED by Ms. Collins to approve the workshop/nonmeeting minutes of December 16, 2025, as written.

Voting: all aye, motion carried.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

i. Budget Liaison

Vice Chair Lavallee reported it was a long meeting. She provided a report for review. There was a lot of discussion about warrant articles and appreciates their feedback but reiterated it is the Board's role to create the warrant articles. The discussion regarding the athletics warrant was a very long discussion. They had raised some concerns about it. A lot of their concerns had to do with the idea of general maintenance being part of that to which we clarified and told them we have Mr. Hofstetter working on his portion and Ms. LaPlante working on her portion and then it will move forward to Policy Committee who will work on their portion. They requested more details on cost savings for the (building and roadways) capital reserve. We have already spoken about the SPED capital reserve. Regarding the warrant for open enrollment, she explained to them what it was and the potential impacts. She gave them some history. There seemed to be a lot of concern if we put forth a warrant and it doesn't pass. They had a good suggestion which was to add a 2nd article similarly to the teachers' contract where if it doesn't pass then we could address asking for additional funds or something else in case that article doesn't pass because it could be catastrophic. There was question if it was even a possibility. Administration was asked if it had been covered in any of the training they attended. Ms. LaPlante confirmed they have not heard anything about it, it does not appear to be the norm. Superintendent added that he had heard from the Superintendent meetings to move the open enrollment article ahead of the budget. If it fails, we can be in a catastrophic situation and financially how that impacts us sending money out and still having fixed costs here. It was suggested if it fails a motion can come from the floor to add funds to the operating budget to cover the failure. How we can project that cost is still an issue though. Clarification was asked for regarding the warrant. Vice Chair Lavallee explained the open enrollment article would allow zero students out and take up to 15% in. Superintendent added that is about 20-22 students coming in. Discussion was had including the main reason is for all these unknowns. Most districts won't be sending kids out. If the town doesn't support it, we can't cap how many kids go out. It still may change in the next few months. If there is new legislation that changes it all. Ms. Anzalone asked who would present the article. She thinks it makes sense to have it first but says we need to have an impressive presentation about why our school is great and explain how it works, a lot of people don't understand it. Superintendent informed the group we will have a public hearing tentatively on February 10 to really answer questions. That is about a week after the budget public hearing. Vice Chair Lavallee and Mr. Lavoie will be the presenters. Vice Chair Lavallee noted that us saying zero percent leaving doesn't mean kids can't leave, it just means our taxpayers are not going to pay for it. Superintendent voiced there are more cons but there are pros for some families, and we want to have a balance, but we need a strong recommendation from the Board either for it or against it. A question was raised whether we would be responsible for SPED students coming here. Vice Chair Lavallee responded that if a SPED student goes to another district we have to pay for those costs as the sending district. Superintendent added that we could set criteria and make it robust. Other schools have certain targeted areas they want with kids coming in and you need to be sure it is not discriminatory. If a student is interested in AP honors we could not say if you have an IEP, you cannot come in, that is not our goal. Our goal is to support those programs, not to prevent kids from accessing them because of certain things that they bring to the table. We can talk later about it in terms of what our goals are and how to frame that to support our school. Mr. Lavoie voiced that at the last meeting it was set for HS only. He had wanted to include FRES and wondered what others thought. We have room in our classrooms. Superintendent responded we can look at each grade, for example next year the 6th grade is pretty big. We do have lower numbers in other grades. We could say in 5th grade we will accept a certain number or percentage and target all the schools. He wants to be sure the Board wants to do that though. He thinks less should be at the elementary and we don't want to get those too high numbers where we need another teacher and team members. Mr. Lavoie doesn't think we will have a problem passing the article but wants to know what those numbers look like. Superintendent will bring this to the next administrative meeting. Mr. Lavoie suggested it makes sense to present it that way and to have another article. If people don't see those numbers they will have more questions, he thinks the 2nd article should be a concrete number in so that people can see it. Ms. LaPlante spoke that we can't have an open-ended warrant article. Like with the teachers' contract, we have to have a dollar attached to it. It is very tricky to come up with that but will chat with legal to see what it looks like and make sure it is posted etc. Mr. Lavoie clarified he is not suggesting it be open-ended but to come up with a solid number, estimate the number of kids and use that. Superintendent will return with what we can and can't do. A question was raised if we can just say not go to exceed the class size policy but open it up K-12. A question was raised whether we have the ability to specify letting 10 kids leave or do we have to leave it open for anyone in the district. Vice Chair Lavallee responded we can't have those specifics in the article because it

will continue in perpetuity and our situation will change year by year. We have to get it passed then have the criteria and plan in the policy and on top of that a procedure that is more flexible, so we do not have to change the policy every year. She asked if Board members are all in agreement that we want to present it first but also want to research it. No objection heard. A question was raised if February 10 is good for the public hearing, no objection heard. Ms. Fowler will work on posting for the hearing and setting up a time for Mr. Lavoie and Vice Chair Lavallee to meet with the Superintendent prior regarding the presentation. Regarding Title I, at the Budget Committee meeting there was some concern raised if having a grant update in March would be enough time to pivot and some wanted it sooner. There was some discussion if we could not fill a Title I tutor what would the timeline be to change the grant and potentially be able to spend it. They did acknowledge in the meeting that they understood there will always be a possibility with Title I funding that we're not going to spend 100% of it because it is dependent upon staffing if it is a position. She asked for feedback from the Board and administration that she could bring back to them. Ms. LaPlante expressed that in year 1 if there is a program we want to do we need to think about if we can sustain it in year 2. We don't want to get in a trap that we have to spend the money so let's come up with these projects to do that. The Board and administrations practice has been to spend funds intentionally not spending them just because we have them. We don't want to create a fiscal cliff, and we don't want to disadvantage our students by offering them something and then pull it away. It was also noted that it has to be something not in the budget, so we have to create it. There was a brief discussion on this. Vice Chair Lavallee asked if the Board was still satisfied with the March deadline. She thinks there is a lot going on in February preparing for district meeting and would it be effective use of administration's time during that time period to be creating new programs to squeeze in by the end of the school year. She clarified that the deadline was for the 2nd meeting in March after district meeting for the Board to look at how much money it is and to have a discussion to decide what type of programing we want to add and then get it going which adding a program at the end of the year is difficult which is why the Budget Committee had concerns. When we originally had the discussion, she was thinking it was more for the summer programing. For example, last year we did not have transportation available, and our enrollment went way down. Superintendent noted that we post encumbrances online. He suggested we could, when we build our grant application in June say these are the programs we are enthusiastic about and if we have money mid-year, we want to reallocate some of it to those programs. Similar to the BEAST program which would be great to have available after school starting the 2nd half of the year. We can do it that way so you can support it or not. We picked March because we would be shifting gears to summer programs. In June we can give an update on all the grants at that time. At the Budget Committee meeting Vice Chair Lavallee was asked to present the curriculum presentation that the Board received, which she was not prepared to do so it was brief. They did have some questions regarding the guidelines for sports transportation and whether the guidelines are different for MS and HS teams. She will follow up with Principal Ronning on that. Then we talked about the district meeting presentation. She provided them with an update on our transportation bids. There was a discussion regarding LCS and combining those schools and if the Board would be prepared to discuss it. She did mention to them there is something being worked on, but it is not something that can be answered easily because there is a lot of information that goes into it and the Strategic Planning Committee is working on it. She believes the Strategic Planning Committee will be discussing it on Tuesday and the goal sounds like is that for district meeting they will have an outline of what is included in that decision making process and what the timeline would be because it is a long timeline. It is a decision for the taxpayers as it was when we consolidated schools and when we moved the 6th graders here. Superintendent noted that at the Strategic Planning Committee will talk about a rough timeline, we need to make sure we get input from the community and have a public meeting. There are some big questions that are not easy to answer, there is not enough room to move the kindergarten and other questions such as bathrooms. How does it work closing a school and what are the legalities? Let's say it won't happen for another year, in the summer 2027 if the community supports it would be the time. It seems like it is far off but it's not. Vice Chair Lavallee informed the Budget Committee we have not had a presentation to the Board yet; it is still in committee. It is our job to demonstrate why it is a process and why we need to be thoughtful and take our time with that process. The whole open enrollment thing throws a wrench in that if we don't know about that how can we make a decision about closing a school. Appreciation was voice for her attending as liaison. The Budget Committee's next meeting is January 14 and will be discussing and looking at the presentation that they will be putting together that will be on the budget as a whole. She did provide them with feedback that we would like a slide on the legislative changes that impact us monetarily but that don't have a dollar figure attached to it when they put in through legislation. They were in agreement that they would work on that, and she gave them some examples to get them started. The budget public hearing is February 5.

ii. Negotiations

Superintendent informed the group we have not come to a final agreement; we are at impasse. We need to figure out a day when 2 out of the 3 board members on the committee are available for a full day in Concord to try to find a win, win for our support staff and district. He did speak with Chairman Golding, hopefully next week we can get together to do this. Ms. Fowler was asked to email all 3 members to respond by the end of the day tomorrow with availability since there is a time crunch.

IX. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES

- a. FYI-New Hire-Paige Johnson-FRES Paraprofessional**
- b. FYI-New Hire-Connie Pollard-Food Services**

Vice Chair Lavallee reviewed the new hires.

X. 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.

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309 **XI. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

310 Ms. Collins thanked Ms. Mortvedt for everything she is doing with the kids to make the event special and a big thank you to Ms.
311 Dignan and all who are working on the math program.
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313 Ms. Anzalone gave a shout out to the swim team; she is really impressed. Great job Jack, Sydney, and Kaden. She spoke of the
314 draft election warrant and noticed 2 positions not listed. She reviewed these for Ms. Fowler who will make corrections. She
315 questioned if the Wilton seats had to be listed twice or can you just say 2. Ms. Fowler responded that the terms are different. Mr.
316 Ryan was online with his hand raised and was recognized by the Vice Chair to speak to the warrant article as the Budget
317 Committee Chairman although did not.
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319 Mr. Lavoie questioned Superintendent Weaver asking if we close LCS to students and we have about 2 years before anything
320 happens there, seems like plenty of time. It seems senseless to the Town of Lyndeborough to have an empty building which we
321 have to take care of, that will be a hard sell. But what may make it a little bit better is if we are able to utilize that building as a
322 special education hub for something that we need that we can specialize in that we're currently shipping kids out to another
323 program somewhere else that we can now turn into an in-house program for the students that need it for and also a handful of
324 students around us that also need that in our area. He would like that to be something that the Superintendent and Mr. Patt and
325 whoever else the Superintendent thinks needs to be brought in, to come up with a special SPED program that we can house there
326 and it would probably be a net positive to our school system and help our budget in the long run. Vice Chair Lavallee added she
327 thinks the Strategic Planning Committee is working on that.
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329 Mr. Zavgren commented that the content of the warrant articles is a little bit tricky. He thinks it is hard for a lot of people to
330 grasp what the role is, what is the motive for having it. He thinks the way that it is explained to the audience will have a huge
331 impact on the effectiveness of learning it. He thinks you need to be careful how you explain it, so it has to be a simple story that
332 people get on the first pass but requires a lot of word smithing and practice to get that story right.
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334 Ms. Alley welcomed back the students from break and wished them good luck with finals coming up.
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336 Vice Chair Lavallee noted the roads may be slippery and for all to drive safely home.
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338 **XII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C)**

339 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Anzalone and SECONDED by Mr. Lavoie to enter Non-Public Session to review the non-public*
340 *minutes, discuss negotiations and personnel matters RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C) at 8:08pm.*

341 *Voting: via roll call vote, all aye, motion carried.*
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343 **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

344 The Board entered public session at 8:36pm.
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346 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Lavoie and SECONDED by Ms. Alley to accept the Butler Bus Service transportation contract as*
347 *long as the Milford District is going with them.*

348 *Voting: all aye, motion carried unanimously.*
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350 *A MOTION was made to seal the non-public session minutes RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C) by Ms. Anzalone and SECONDED by Ms.*
351 *Alley.*

352 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*
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354 **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

355 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Lavoie and SECONDED by Ms. Collins to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:37pm.*

356 *Voting: all aye, motion carried.*
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358 *Respectfully submitted,*
359 *Kristina Fowler*
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Ned Pratt
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TO: Raisa Koch
FROM: Peter Weaver
DATE: January 8, 2026
RE: Resignation

In accordance with Policy GCQC:

“A resignation by a licensed employee who is under contract to the school should be submitted to the Superintendent. Said resignation of a licensed employee may take effect on a date approved by the Superintendent acting as agent of the School Board.

I am in receipt of your email dated December 15, 2025, that you intend to resign your position as ABA Therapist effective December 23, 2025.

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