

LINCOLN-WOODSTOCK COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD

SAU #68

DATE: February 11, 2026

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT:

Jasmine Weeden, Secretary
Mandi Avery
Kevin Bell
Casey Caulder
Joe Bossie

SCHOOL BOARD ABSENT:

Jay Duguay
Tamra Ham

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF/STUDENT PRESENT:

Dr. Mary Steady, Superintendent of Schools
Peter Stivali, Principal
Debbie O'Connor, Financial Manager
Sharon Holt, SAU#68 Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Sally Nicoll Kristyn Fadden Rebecca Manning

The School Board meeting was held in the Elementary School Multipurpose Room.

School Board Secretary, Jamine Weeden called the regular School Board meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Jasmine Weeden confirmed that Articles 5-6 and 8-13 would be approved separately to appear on the 2026 Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District Warrant.

Jasmine Weeden read Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the School Board's recommended amount of ten million three hundred forty-six thousand one hundred sixty-three dollars (\$10,346,163) for the support of schools; for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation such sums as are estimated to be received from state aid, together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock, respectively, the balance to be raised by taxes by the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock in accordance with the formula adopted by the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District; and the School Board further to certify to the Selectmen of each of the Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock the amount to be raised by taxation by each of said two towns. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required) Estimated Tax Rate Impact Lincoln = \$0.237/\$1000 Estimated Tax Rate Impact Woodstock = \$0.300/\$1000

Joe Bossie made a motion to approve Article 5. Casey Caulder seconded the motion. Discussion: None. Jasmine Weeden called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Jasmine Weeden read Article 6: To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School Board and Lin-Wood Support Staff Association/NEA-New Hampshire which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>ESTIMATED INCREASE</u>
2026-2027	\$ 74,867
2027-2028	\$ 44,570

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-four thousand eight hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$74,867) for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Joe Bossie made a motion to approve Article 6. Casey Caulder seconded the motion. Discussion: None Jasmine Weeden called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Jasmine Weeden read Article 8: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-thousand dollars (\$80,000) to be added to the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1998, amended in 2021). This sum represents the amount estimated to be received from state Special Education Aid from the prior year expenditures. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Joe Bossie made a motion to approve Article 8. Casey Caulder seconded the motion. Discussion: None **Jasmine Weeden called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.**

Jasmine Weeden read Article 9: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate sixty-three percent (63%), up to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), of the June 30, 2026, unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026, and place that amount in the School District Facilities Expendable Trust Fund (created in 1999). The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Joe Bossie made a motion to approve Article 9. Casey Caulder seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Jasmine Weeden called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.**

Jasmine Weeden read Article 10: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate thirty-one percent (31%), up to the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), of the June 30, 2026, unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026, and place that amount in the School District Technology Expendable Trust Fund (created in 1999). The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Joe Bossie made a motion to approve Article 10. Casey Caulder seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Jasmine Weeden called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.**

Jasmine Weeden read Article 11: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate six percent (6%), up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), of the June 30, 2026, unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026, and place that amount in the School District Equipment Expendable Trust Fund (created in 1999). The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Joe Bossie made a motion to approve Article 11. Casey Caulder seconded the motion. Discussion: None **Jasmine Weeden called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.**

Jasmine Weeden read Article 12: To see if the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District shall vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA Chapter 194-D and become an open enrollment school district under the terms of the RSA, to admit one **(1)** student from outside the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District to grades **K-5**, one **(1)** student from outside the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District to grades **6-8**, and one **(1)** student from outside the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District to grades **9-12**, and to allow zero percent **(0%)** of the resident student population eligible to seek enrollment outside of the District. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Joe Bossie made a motion to approve Article 12. Casey Caulder seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Jasmine Weeden called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.**

Jasmine Weeden read Article 13: To see if the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District will vote to request the School Board to establish an Advisory Committee for the purpose of exploring ideas to address declining student enrollment and increasing operational costs within the District, and to ensure alignment with the Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District Strategic Plan.

The committee shall review and evaluate various educational and organizational configurations at the elementary level. This review shall include, but is not limited to:

- **Multi-age and multi-grade classroom models.**

- **Optimal teacher-to-student ratios per grade level.**

The committee shall report its findings and non-binding recommendations to the School Board and the community no later than **January 1, 2027**.

The School Board shall determine the composition of the committee, which may include administrators, teachers, school board members, parents and community members from both Lincoln and Woodstock. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Joe Bossie made a motion to approve Article 13. Casey Caulder seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Jasmine Weeden called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.**

Minutes:

Jasmine Weeden asked if there were any questions or comments on the January 28, 2026 School Board meeting or non-public session minutes and hearing none, noted the minutes were approved by consent.

Communication:

Correspondence:

Jasmine Weeden mentioned the NCES and Lin-Wood District newsletters were included in the Board packets.

Reports:

Business Administrator's Report:

Debbie O'Connor reported:

- There are manifests available for Board review and signature/approval.
- Expressed appreciation to the Board for their work on the School District budget.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Steady reported:

- Mr. Thom Untersee has received an organizational 2026 NH Outstanding Music Educator award.
- The District has received a Lead Remediation grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services.
- The District did not receive the SAFE grant for the security system upgrade. This is due to a previous SAFE grant awarded to the District. The District will reapply next year.
- The District received a SEED grant for the Elementary School window project. This will be confirmed the Governor's council in May.
- Mrs. Katie Parent is overseeing a SAT prep course for the Junior class. State High School assessment scores are determined by only the 11th grade SAT assessment and it is important that students know how to take the test.
- Mr. Matt Manning has worked to develop the District's College and Career pathways. A list of the pathways learning opportunities was provided to the Board.
- A list of important upcoming dates was included in the written memo to the Board members.
 - Kevin Bell noted there is a lot going on with the District's College and Career pathways.
 - Kevin Bell congratulated Mr. Untersee on the award.

Principal's Report:

Peter Stivali gave a report on recent school activities:

- The last day of Elementary winter activities is this Friday, February 13th. Thank you to Loon Mountain for allowing the addition of February 13th to make up for the weather and temperature related cancellations.
- The High School and Middle School Ski Teams did great at the annual Kanc Classic which was held on January 29th and 30th.
- There was a great turnout for the freshman class trivia night fundraiser. Teams of four competed during this fun event.
- The Middle School ski team came in 2nd at their end of season Red Parka race. The High School girls ski team came in 2nd place at their State meet and the High School boys ski team are State champions coming in 1st place at their State meeting. There will be 10 students representing Lin-Wood at the meet of champions at Cannon Mountain next week. Congratulations and great job to all the ski teams and coaches. Thank you to the faculty and staff for accommodating the students on the ski teams.
- The basketball season continues with games being held tonight, Wednesday, February 11th.

- A Lakes Region Math Meet was also held at the school today, Wednesday, February 11th with approximately 10 teams including Lin-Wood's team competing.
- The Poetry Out Loud finals will be held next week (Tuesday, February 17th) at the Silver Cultural Arts Center in Plymouth. School champion, Ian Anderson and runner-up, Seamus Fadden will be performing.
 - Kevin Bell noted it was great to see Lin-Wood's students represented in such diverse sporting and academic activities.

Business Administrator's Report Continued:

Debbie O'Connor reported:

- Will be reaching out to the Board members to come in to the SAU office to sign the Warrant and MS 26 Budget Report as soon as the official documents are ready as these documents will need to be posted during vacation week.

Committees:

Jasmine Weeden confirmed there were no committee meetings since the last Board meeting and noted there were policies on the agenda for second reading to be approved and policies to withdraw.

Joe Bossie made a motion to approve the policies listed under second reading on the agenda. Casey Caulder seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Jasmine Weeden called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.**

Joe Bossie made a motion to approve the policies listed under policies to withdraw on the agenda. Casey Caulder seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Jasmine Weeden called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the motion carried.**

Business Requiring Board Action:

Staff Nominations, Recommendations and Resignations: None

New Business: None.

Continuing Business: None.

Recognition of Visitors/Public Participation:

Student: None.

Staff: None.

Community: None.

Jasmine Weeden expressed her appreciation to the meeting attendees.

Joe Bossie made a motion to adjourn the School Board meeting. Casey Caulder seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **Jamine Weeden called a vote to approve the motion. All Board members present were in favor and the Budget hearing closed at 7:29 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Holt, SAU #68 Administrative Assistant