LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18

A Private School Experience ***in a Public School Setting***

Regular Board of Education Meeting
August 5, 2026

Board Present: Jason Kemp, Chair; Gavin Lodge, Secretary; Cynthia McCollum, Treasurer; Xander Lowry; Sheryl Shyloski; Michael Hansen; Marianne DeBruyn

Absent by Previous Arrangement: Scott Brown, Anna James

Administration Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools; Michelle Dean, Director of Curriculum; Ron Turner, Director of Facilities & Technology

Others Present: No community members from LOL

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. by Jason Kemp. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Consent Agenda
1. Approval of Minutes:
MOTION: Mr. Lodge made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Lowry, to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting and Executive Session of June 3, 2026, and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2026.

VOTE: The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

III. Visitors
1. Student Representatives- These reports will resume at the September meeting.
2. Public Comment
No public comments.

IV. Correspondence
There was no correspondence to report.

V. Administrative Reports

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Neviaser reviewed the August personnel report which reflected the following:

Vacancies 2026-2027	
Instructional Assistants	PreK, Elementary, Middle and High School levels
5th Grade Teacher (Long-Term Substitute)	Mile Creek School

Appointments			
Name	**Position**	**Location**	**Effective Date**
Andrea Montovani	Assistant Principal 0.8 FTE/Principal 0.2 FTE	LOLMS/Center School	July 1, 2026
Ethan McDowell	Special Education Teacher (Long-Term Substitute)	LOLMS	August 24, 2026
Hannah Seddon	Special Education Coordinator (0.4 FTE)/Special Education Teacher (0.6 FTE)	Transition Program/Mile Creek School	August 24, 2026
Samantha Hasenbalg	Special Education Teacher	Lyme Consolidated School	August 24, 2026
Michael Patterson	Choral Teacher at Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School (0.9 FTE) and General Music Teacher at Mile Creek School (0.1 FTE)	LOLMS/Mile Creek School	August 24, 2026
Sallie Schwartz	Tutor	Lyme Consolidated School	August 24, 2026
Barry Harrison	Instructional Assistant	LOLMS	August 24, 2026
Gabriella Bottone	Instructional Assistant	Lyme Consolidated School	August 24, 2026
Pacyn Henderson	Secretary	LOLHS	August 18, 2026
Katie DiDonna	Behavioral Tutor	Mile Creek School	August 24, 2026

Kristin Dishaw	Tutor	Mile Creek School	August 24, 2026
Yaldiz Hamou	Instructional Assistant	LOLMS	August 24, 2026
Isaac Corcio	Custodian	LOLHS	August 7, 2026

Retirements			
Name	**Position**	**Location**	**Effective Date**
Eileen Griswold	Accounts Payable Clerk	Central Office	June 30, 2026

Resignations			
Name	**Position**	**Location**	**Effective Date**
Janice Ricketts	Special Education Teacher	Lyme School	June 22, 2026
Laura Ventres	Music Teacher	LOLMS	June 22, 2026
Dean Palenski	Instructional Assistant	LOLMS	June 19, 2026
Kim Rogers	Behavioral Tutor	Mile Creek	June 19, 2026
Mary Bauchmann	Instructional Assistant	Lyme School	June 19, 2026
Charlot Pike	Instructional Assistant	LOLMS	June 19, 2026
Sarah Walsh	Instructional Assistant	Mile Creek	June 19, 2026
Ty Dean	Instructional Assistant	Mile Creek	July 28, 2026
Derrick Agsalud	Instructional Assistant	Mile Creek	June 19, 2026
Angela Valero	Custodian	LOLHS	July 20, 2026
Marc Dishaw	Instructional Assistant	LOLHS	June 19, 2026

Separations		
Name	**Position**	**Location**
Beth Lambert	Instructional Assistant	LOLMS

2. Business Manager's Report

Mr. Neviaser reviewed the Executive Budget Summary as of July 31, 2026. Fluctuations of note: This early in the year, it's all about the timing of invoices, which is why there's differentials year over year as to where the spending was and is. % to budget year to date is on track with last year, however.

2026-2027 Received YTD

Town of Old Lyme $1,372,903
Town of Lyme $286,906

Mr. Neviaser reviewed the Contingency Maintenance Report. 6,828.78 in new spending to move the condensing unit to the walk-in cooler on the roof at Mile Creek. The Remaining Balance is $193,171.22.

Mr. Neviaser provided highlights of summer activities across the district, including summer hiring, Michelle Dean's work with the Bookworms, district goals, and the Pre-K 3 bonding project. He reported that HVAC is working at the three schools, with issues at Center School are being addressed. A burner has been replaced at Lyme School, and paving of the Mile Creek parking lot is underway. Summer school at the Middle School and Center School has concluded, while OLCLC continues its summer program at Center School. Staff are preparing computers, curriculum, and school buildings for the start of the new school year, and elementary school class lists will be released on Monday.

VI. Educational Presentation:
No Educational Presentation

VII. Chairman & Committee Reports:

a. *Facilities*. No Report.
b. *Finance*. No Report.
c. *Communications.* No Report
d. *Policy*. No Report
e. *LEARN*. No Report
f. *LOL Prevention Coalition*. No Report
g. *PreK-8 Building Committee*. Mr. Neviaser reported that the front vestibule at Center School has been completed and looks great. The project meets Commission standards. He also shared that the windows in the new addition at Mile Creek were replaced. Some found to be distorted due to a manufacturing issue, the manufacturer is working to replace the affected windows.

VIII. New Business
1. Approval of Water Operator Contract
Mr. Turner, Director of Facilities & Technology, presented the proposal of a five-year contract with Whitewater, Inc. to provide water system administration services for the district beginning September 1, 2026, at an annual cost of $27,804 for FY 2026–2027. The total value of the five-year agreement is $139,020.

MOTION: Mr. Lowry made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. McCollum, to approve the five-year contract with Whitewater, Inc as presented.

VOTE: the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

2. Approval of Wastewater Operator Contract
Mr. Turner, Director of Facilities & Technology, presented the proposal of a five-year contract with Whitewater, Inc. to provide wastewater system administration services for the district beginning September 1, 2026, at an annual cost of **$117,276** for FY 2026–2027. The total value of the five-year agreement is **$586,380**.

MOTION: Mr. Lodge made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Lowry, to approve the five-year contract with Whitewater, Inc as presented.

VOTE: the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

3. Approval of Microsoft Annual Renewal
Mr. Turner, Director of Facilities & Technology, presented the proposal of the renewal of the District's Microsoft licensing agreement with SHI International for the 2026–2027 school year in the amount of **$47,504.76**.

MOTION: Mr. Lodge made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. McCollum to approve the renewal of the District's Microsoft licensing agreement with SHI International for the 2026–2027 school year as presented.

VOTE: the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

IX. Old Business
There was no old business to report.

X. Executive Session
There was no need for an executive session.

XI. Adjournment
The regular meeting adjourned at 6:54p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Lowry and a second by Mr. Lodge

Respectfully submitted,

Gavin Lodge, Secretary