WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 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: *Dennis Golding, John Zavgren, Michelle Alley, Paul White, Erin Collins, Darlene Anzalone (online 6:40pm), Anna Meigs and Craig Chandonnet, and School Board Student Representative Hannah Hamilton*

Superintendent Peter Weaver, Principal Tom Ronning Director of Student Support Services Ned Pratt, 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. STUDENT/STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This was moved to the next meeting.

IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent Weaver informed the group we have an opportunity to tour the finished locker rooms if the Board approves, and he requested to move the coach stipend to the Principal Report.

A MOTION was made by Mr. White and SECONDED by Ms. Alley to accept the adjustments to the agenda. Voting: all aye, motion carried.

The Board took a break to tour the locker rooms at 6:33pm and returned to the meeting at 6:42pm.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

VI. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

a. Reports

i. Student School Board Representative's Report

Ms. Hannah Hamilton presented her report to the Board.

High School Spirit & Culture

Interactive Driving Presentation: High school students participated in an engaging presentation focused on safe driving habits. The program successfully combined important educational concepts with interactive games and dance battles, making the learning experience both dynamic and memorable.

Spirit Week & Friday Tradition: Spirit Week brought high participation across all grades. Themes included: Monday: Minion Day, Tuesday: Adam Sandler Day, Wednesday: USA Day, Thursday: Hawaiian Day, Friday: School Color Day. Event Highlight: The week concluded on Friday with the "Pie-a-Senior" event, which proved to be a popular fundraiser for students and staff alike. Homecoming Dance: The Homecoming dance was a resounding success with high student attendance. The event featured the theme "A Night in Rio" and was well received by all grade levels.

Athletics & Booster Support

Fall Sports Program: Fall athletics are fully underway across all teams. Snack Shack Reopening: Through the dedicated support and hard work of the Warrior Booster Club, the Snack Shack is officially open for the season, providing concession support for home athletic events.

Academic Updates & Upcoming Traditions

PSAT Administration: High school students are currently preparing for the upcoming PSAT testing session, which will take place shortly. Senior Class Mt. Monadnock Climb: Continuing a longstanding school tradition, the Senior Class will take their annual trip to hike Mt. Monadnock on October 8th.
Middle School Arts & Fine Arts Update
WLC Middle School Drama Club: Cast and crew members are actively rehearsing for the fall production of Alice in Wonderland Jr. Rehearsals are in full swing, and performances are scheduled for November.

ii. WLCTA Report

Ms. Morgan Kudlich asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the report she submitted. There were none.

iii. Principal's Report

Principal Ronning highlighted a couple of things from his report. He spoke regarding the MS assemblies and how they connect with the best version of self and look at what you can achieve. The MS lunches are all combined now that the students are acclimated to the building. During a past board meeting there was discussion about writing, and he shared some information in his report about that. He is elated and pleased to have sent out 105 Warrior Cards! The first Warrior Coin was awarded to a MS student who stood up to his peers and encouraged them to be the best version of self. He explained how the coin is presented, he and Assistant Principal Gosselin walk into the classroom, present the coin and tell the class why it is being awarded. He spoke of NEASC Accreditation and WLC will soon be going through the process. One thing he would like to look at is the Vision of the Graduate. It is a few years old and is putting a committee together to look at it. If you are interested let him know. The committee will consist of parents, staff, and students. Results will be shared with the Board. The junior class has asked to create an Instagram account. They would like to post events for the junior class and things that are specific to them. When the Facebook account was created, there was Board discussion and he is sharing this with the Board prior to setting it up. He and Assistant Principal Gosselin support it. Behaviors have been up from last year and the main reason for this is cell phones with 1 student violating the policy 3 times. There were some parents who had to come and pick up the phones. With no cell phones in the class learning is the focus with limited distractions. Today, they held their evacuation. With ALICE, students and staff make a decision and when they leave the building they went to the church for reunification, but there has been a change, reunification is at Hampshire Hills. The whole drill took 58 minutes and went very well. Traffic was held up a little bit. The next drill will be more organized in regard to a scenario at the school and then evacuation and reunification where we will go to Hampshire Hills for student reunification calling buses out etc. A question was raised about the Instagram account. Principal Ronning explained that he and Assistant Principal Gosselin will have access to it, but the class officer will post everything and be in charge of it. It was requested that anything being posted be reviewed by administration prior to posting. Principal Ronning agreed. There was no objection from the Board to create the account with this caveat. If other classes request this, he will move in the same direction. Principal Ronning followed up on the sports stipend matrix discussed at the last meeting. The Board had asked for a total cost. He informed them it is $12,000 in this year's budget.

A MOTION was made by Mr. White and SECONDED by Ms. Collins to accept the new stipend schedule with $12,000 from this year's budget.
Voting: via roll call vote, seven ayes, one abstention from Mr. Chandonnet.

iv. Butler Bus Update

Superintendent Weaver reported that he and Ms. LaPlante met with the operations team to discuss how things were going from both perspectives and to problem-solve. They have actively been trying to find solutions to the issues we keep coming up against. We dropped 1 bus going from 5 to 4 and they are looking at routes with some new technology that builds the most efficient route possible. At a certain point, there is only so much we can do. There are only 4 buses and the same routes. We were able to get the prior vendor Durham's route map and have shared that to see if they can align with it. Durham had worked out a lot of these issues and knew what the families needed. We are hoping this will solve the problems. He spoke to a couple of parents today. The concerns are real and we don't want our youngest students on the bus for that long. He spoke of the bus company Butler being supportive and responsive. If we have further issues, we cannot resolve, he will report back to the Board at the next meeting. He is confident we will solve them by the weekend. They are still in need of bus drivers if anyone is interested in driving.

VII. BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION

Chairman Golding reported the first draft of the budget was received. The Budget Committee Chair resigned last night. He asked for further discussion, none heard. He spoke of needing to set a date for the public forum regarding HB 1300. Superintendent Weaver wants to be sure the Board is supportive of this and feels the closer to November 3

the better. We will only need 2 or 3 board members to attend and to talk about how the impact on our district, students and staff. The information Ms. LaPlante and he present must remain neutral. Ms. Fowler and he can set the date and relay that to the Board if agreeable. We will communicate it out to parents. Chairman Golding noted that Ms. Lavallee would like to be included. He asked for any other member volunteers. Mr. Chandonnet and Ms. Collins volunteered pending on the date and time. He asked if the Board is supportive of this, no objection heard. The date and time will be shared.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

A MOTION was made by Ms. Alley and SECONDED by Mr. Zavgren to approve the minutes of September 22, 2026, as written.
Voting: via roll call vote, seven ayes, one abstention from Mr. White, motion carried.

b. Coaching Stipends

This was moved to Principal's Report under correspondence.

c. Delegate Assembly

Chairman Golding asked if any member wanted to volunteer to attend the Delegate Assembly and if so, Ms. Fowler will share the information with them. Superintendent Weaver added that resolution #2 says that they (the district that submitted it) want NHSBA to go on record being against the tax cap. NHSBA recommends not supporting it as they have been actively against any legislation that enacts a statewide school budget cap and feels it is redundant. If anyone is interested in attending, it would be great to be represented but it is a long day. If there are no volunteers, there is no need to vote on the resolutions. There were no volunteers.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

i. Facilities

Ms. Alley reported the committee had met on September 28. They discussed the energy audit and having the company come to the Board to talk about it. They can attend on October 22. This will be added to the next agenda. The committee spoke about current projects such as the locker room and inviting the Board for a tour. They discussed the lighting at the soccer field on the path; there are 2 different lights, and Mr. Hofstetter will work on whether or not Eversource can do both in 1 ticket. He does not have an update on that yet but is working on it. Mr. Hofstetter spoke to the committee about the helpdesk ticketing system. They discussed adding new things to the CIP and want to start that at the next meeting. They discussed several projects including the biggest being the WLC oil tank. It is 38 years old. They had conversations about getting a core sample done. Mr. Hofstetter was present and provided the update that he spoke with Lakes Regional Environmental who sent him last year's triangle testing. They do a pressure test to make sure there are no leaks and it passed last year. We are in good standing; they test every 3 years. If it leaked air it is a higher priority. He still would like to get it replaced sooner than later to be ahead of it. The life span is 30 years, and we are 8 over that. Ms. Alley added they spoke about the possibility of using unspent funds for it and not adding it to the CIP because you cannot touch it for 3 years or putting it on a warrant. Mr. Hofstetter confirmed the core testing is not needed now since having spoken with Lake Regional having the testing results from last year. It was suggested he start looking at pricing. Mr. Hofstetter has done that, and it is up to $200,000 not including paving. Superintendent Weaver suggested obtaining another quote. Mr. Hofstetter informed the group there are only 2 companies who do this in New England. Superintendent Weaver said we can talk about funds for it and if the Board wants to vote to bypass the policy which requires 3 bids. Ms. Alley informed the group the next meeting is October 26, at 5:00 PM. Mr. White brought up the lighting for the flagpole. He suggests maybe the Town of Wilton can use their ladder truck to get the light up further, closer to the flag. Mr. Hofstetter added that it was his first attempt at lighting for the flag. Chairman Golding noted there will be a presentation at the next meeting from the energy company (Energy Management Company).

ii. Budget Liaison

Chairman Golding reported he believes Mr. Adam Lavallee has put his name in as a Lyndeborough resident to be on the Budget Committee but there is also a Wilton vacancy and the Chair resigned last evening. He spoke of the rules of procedure and protocols document which they have asked if the School Board would allow the attorney to go over and see if it is something they can use and legally adopt. He asked Ms. Fowler to send the document out to the members for review. He confirmed the Vice Chair is Mr. Phil Brooks. There was a brief discussion. It is believed that there has not been a request for an attorney from the Budget Committee in the past. Superintendent Weaver spoke of some of the items they requested administration to work on, such as a cost-benefit analysis on consolidating buildings and closing LCS. They did not think they would do that without the Board directing them. Some of the

things were for the School Board to make decisions on and that information was given at the last meeting. We will provide the other data they are asking for by October 15 and the other things we can talk about at another time. The 1st draft of the budget came in at 4.1% increase, there is a good outline of where the costs fell, and we can share that with the Board on the 22nd. The Budget Committee is meeting on October 19 without administration. Chairman Golding noted a lot of the information they requested is already in the budget and some are managerial that the School Board would direct. He asked for a formal vote if the Board wants to expend funds for attorney services to review the document for the Budget Committee. Superintendent Weaver provided some context, the document is 30 pages long, the attorney costs $325 per hour and they not only have to read it and understand the intent behind it but to align it with an RSA and how other Budget Committees operate. He wonders if it's the same as Roberts Rules and could the Budget Committee use that vs. this document. To give good feedback on this it's more than just a yes or no answer. Discussion was had including if the Board feels the expense is necessary in order to have the committee function properly; that's ultimately what we need to get to the end result of a budget for our school. Chairman Golding informed the group that he believes Ms. Lavallee will talk to the NHSBA to see if they would offer an opinion. He notes not being in favor of expending the funds, there are RSAs. A question was raised whether other districts have something they work with; it will be expensive to pay the attorney. Superintendent Weaver informed the group we can do that research. Ms. Lavallee's point of asking NHSBA would have some understanding whether other Budget Committees have had this issue before and maybe they can direct us first. A question was raised if the Budget Committee voted to ask for this. Chairman Golding responded there was no formal vote, it was an ask, he believes came from the Chair but not sure. Superintendent Weaver added we still need clarity on the rules, if they have not discussed it as a committee, they may not all support it. Discussion continued including if discussed they may not want the entire document but part of it, and it seems like a big step if it was not voted on. Chairman Golding confirmed there was not a vote to adopt any, he believes they would use it as guidelines not policy. Discussion continued including they do not have to follow policies except during a joint meeting and things like no smoking for example. There was a brief discussion regarding how the committee ran in the past and the differences. It was suggested there be a vote before the School Board pursues it. Chairman Golding tasked Ms. Lavallee with speaking with Attorney Phillips, NHSBA to find out if they are willing to offer advice.

iii. Negotiations

Chairman Golding reported meetings were held with both bargaining groups. Meetings were set up and there is a need for additional alternate board members to sign up. The dates were reviewed and were able to fill in a couple. He asks members to look at the dates to see if there are any others they can attend and work with Ms. Fowler soon.

X. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES

a. Appointment-Nicole Leahy-LCS School Nurse

Superintendent Weaver reviewed the nomination. This is a part-time position. Ms. Leahy is a registered nurse. The WLCTA supported us with this position even though she is coming in with an associate's degree (the track starts at bachelors), this is a critical need and difficult to fill. He thanked the WLCTA and President Ms. Kudlich for their support.

A MOTION was made by Mr. White and SECONDED by Mr. Chandonnet to accept the nomination/appointment of Ms. Nicole Leahy, LCS School Nurse at a salary of $30,000, Bachelors, Step 1.
Voting: voting via roll call vote, all aye, motion carried.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comment section of the agenda was read.

Ms. Morgan Kudlich, Wilton commented that if we are implementing bonuses for athletic staff, could we think about bonuses for staff at the schools who work with kids in the district.

Superintendent Weaver called out all the phone numbers and names joined in the meeting asking if they wanted to comment.

XII. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Anzalone commented that the girl, she doesn't know her name, who sang the National Anthem at the boys' soccer game, was amazing. It was determined that her name is Miriam Meltzer.

Mr. Chandonnet informed the group that the boys, MS soccer, have an upcoming game this week, come out and support them.

Mr. Zavgren commented that the benches in the locker rooms are awesome and came in under budget.

Ms. Alley gave a shout-out to the teachers who are doing good work and hard work and to parents who come to the meetings, it is very helpful.

Ms. Collins commented the locker rooms are amazing, the benches are beautiful. Thank you everyone for the school dance at FRES, everyone had a great time, and the PTO did an amazing job.

Mr. White commented the locker rooms look fantastic, better than he thought they would. All seems to be on track this year, glad we are off to a good start.

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

A MOTION was made by Mr. White and SECONDED by Ms. Alley to enter Non-Public Session to review the non-public minutes, discuss personnel matters and negotiations RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (B) (C) at 7:44pm.
Voting: via roll call vote, all aye, motion carried.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board entered public session at 8:20 pm.

A MOTION was made to seal the non-public session minutes RSA 91-A: 3 II (A)(B)(C) by Mr. White and SECONDED by Ms. Collins.
Voting: all aye, motion carried.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. White and SECONDED by Ms. Collins to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:20pm.
Voting: all aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Fowler