

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017  
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School-Media Room  
6:30 p.m.**

*Present: Geoff Brock, Harry Dailey, Matt Ballou, Mark Legere, Joyce Fisk, Carol LeBlanc, Alex LoVerme and Charlie Post arrived at 6:37pm*

*Superintendent Bryan Lane, Business Administrator Lise Tucker, Director of Student Support Services Betty Moore, Principal Tim O'Connell (departed at 7:02pm) and Clerk Kristina Fowler*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Brock called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**II. ELEMENTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Mr. O'Connell honored three 1<sup>st</sup> grade students from FRES, two who were present, as students of the month.

**III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Superintendent Lane added SB 193-FN to the agenda.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Susan Bogdan, parent, was present and questioned when the seniors will complete their obligation to graduate. Superintendent Lane responded that they need 169 days as we have a 174 day calendar, and so far we have had 6 snow days and hope to not have any more but specifically he has not looked at this to give an official answer. He will make a determination and provide Ms. Bogdan with the information.

Ms. Linda Cordileone, WLCTA president is present and wishes to speak when the 2017-2018 school calendar comes up on the agenda and this is permitted.

**V. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

**a. Reports**

**i. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Lane reviewed his report and noted the public hearing went well, he was pleased with the attendance and thanked all who came out. He sent out letters to parents and Monadnock Ledger and the Cabinet inviting all to come to the district meeting on March 11. He attended the FRES PTO and WLC Coop parent meetings. The heating issues that happened over break have been resolved. He thanked Buddy Erb, Facilities Manager for all the work he does. The Annual Report has been completed and sent to the printer. Congratulations were given to those who participated in the Spelling Bee. Complements were also given to WLC staff for developing a master schedule that gives students more opportunities to do things. He indicated they have more than 50 students signed up for Wood Working and 57 signed up for Woods and Wheels. Raw numbers indicate they will run AP Calculus with 5, and they should, the non-special classes would be between 15 and 18 per class. This is still a work in progress and we may tweak some to do some special things but it is solid across the board and we can justify to the public in an appropriate manner.

**ii. Business Administrator's Report**

Ms. Tucker reported the Annual Report is complete and the audit is done. The audit had an unmodified opinion. She commended Buddy Erb and custodial staff for keeping the lots and outdoors safe during the winter. Pat Walz and Elayne O'Neill are working on year end reports.

- iii. **Principal's Reports**
- iv. **Director of Student Support Services Report**
- v. **Technology Director's Report**

The Board reviewed the reports. Superintendent Lane noted a survey is included with Mr. Verratti's report which was completed after the Technology Workshop on February 3. It came back with individual comments with what to do and what to change. A lot of "neat" things were done this day with positive feedback. A cook-off was had between the Principals and the Superintendent and this may become an annual event.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **a. Reports**

#### **i. Treasurer's Report & Capital Project Accounts-Oct. & Nov. 2016**

The reports have been reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Dailey brought up on the last Treasurer's Reports it has listed "Jeans Friday" which adds up to hundreds of dollars over time. He is surprised that we have this as the dress code states no jeans unless you are in gym class or on a field trip. He also questioned why the money was put in the general fund. Ms. Tucker replied it is in the general fund checking account but it is in a special fund and is restricted to what they are donating to and they will make the decision on how to disperse the funds. Mr. Dailey was clear that it should go to some student cause only. Superintendent Lane added it is in accordance in how the auditors want it managed. Mr. Dailey added if we continue to do this, we need to adjust the dress code policy. Chairman Brock agrees with Mr. Dailey to bring this forward.

Superintendent Lane reviewed three proposed legislative bills, SB 193, HB 647 and HB 505 that are being considered. These bills pretty much "sister" the same language. It establishes the Education Freedom Savings Account Program to be administered by the Department of Education. The program allows the parents of an eligible child to contract and receive a grant from a scholarship organization to pay for qualifying educational expenses. Scholarship organizations would notify the DOE when contracts have been made with parents and the DOE shall transfer 90% of the per pupil adequate education grant amount for grades 1-12 students and 50% for Kindergarten students which would be distributed to the students account. Qualifying educational expenses include tuition for course fees at any public school, chartered public school, non-public school or program approved by the department, textbooks, curriculum or supplemental materials required to administer the curriculum, tuition and fees for online learning program etc. If a student wanted to go to Bishop Guertin, 90% or \$3,200 of our adequacy money, the DOE would take and spend it on this other entity. This is per student with no budget reduction, we would not lose teachers with 2 students transferring per grade, and we still have the schools and no local control over the money. He feels this could be devastating financially to the district. He is asking permission to sign a letter to Members of the Senate Education Committee, along with other Superintendents urging them to vote against SB 193-FN. This was discussed and opinions were shared.

Mr. Post agrees with school choice, he feels it has some merit and if people are dissatisfied with their school, they should be able to have another option. He does not have a problem with the Superintendent signing the letter. He noted we should start preparing for this as it is coming to NH. Ms. LeBlanc noted her daughter teaches in a charter school and also feels there should be choice, the goal is the same, to give the kids the best education. Chairman Brock added that you need to look at how the country will do this; if you do it wrong you will leave behind the kids who don't have the money and the ones who can't succeed. The state is not funding the schools.

Most members made it clear that they were not endorsing the document only giving permission for him to sign this. Mr. Dailey asked for confirmation from Superintendent Lane that it did not infer they were looking for some form of broad based tax to solve it, Superintendent Lane responded no.

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105 *A MOTION was made by Ms. Fisk and SECONDED by Mr. Legere to give Superintendent Lane*  
106 *permission to sign the letter to the Members of Senate Education Committee, NH Senate.*  
107 *Voting: six ayes; one nay from Ms. LeBlanc, motion carried.*  
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## 109 **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

### 110 **a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

111 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Ms. LeBlanc to approve the minutes from*  
112 *January 24, 2017 as amended.*

113 *Voting: five ayes; two abstentions from Mr. Post and Ms. Fisk motion carried.*  
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### 115 **b. Audit Acceptance**

116 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Mr. Post to accept the financial audit for year*  
117 *ending June 30, 2016.*

118 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*  
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120 Chairman Brock and Mr. Dailey gave congratulations for having a “clean” audit.  
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### 122 **c. Draft 2017-2018 School Calendar**

123 Superintendent Lane reviewed the draft 2017-2018 calendar detailing changes from last year including  
124 two days for new teacher workshops to allow time for them to become more accustom to the school  
125 district as a whole. He provided a document containing teacher feedback regarding the calendar. One  
126 main issue for them is past practice has been that a parent/teacher conference day has been scheduled as  
127 one of their 5 workshop/professional development days and this was instead scheduled as a professional  
128 development day. They would like to have this changed to reflect parent/teacher conference. The high  
129 school teachers agreed to work a longer day to accommodate parents in lieu of working this day.  
130 Elementary school teachers would essentially do the same and meet with parents after school as well.  
131 Superintendent Lane will be introducing new software, “My Learning Plan” in the beginning of the year  
132 if the budget passes and would prefer to keep this day for professional development for teachers. He  
133 discussed issues with the early release days, and having a half day on Halloween was problematic for  
134 some teachers because of the parades. The calendar is a 174 day calendar and meets the standards of  
135 instruction. Ms. Cordileone spoke in favor of having the parent/teacher conference day instead of a  
136 professional development day and wishes it had come to negotiations as they feel strongly about keeping  
137 it. Responding to a question from Mr. LoVerme asking how many hours are the conferences with parents  
138 she replied, it’s a 14 hour day for HS 3-8 and 4-8 for elementary teachers. Superintendent Lane noted if  
139 the Board chooses to grant the day off, he supports their decision and will make the changes. Mr. Ballou  
140 noted that this is the minimum so technically a day could be added at the end of the year. Superintendent  
141 Lane confirmed it could be. No decisions were made and this will be brought back to another meeting.  
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## 143 **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 144 **i. Budget Liaison**

145 Mr. Dailey reported the committee met very briefly after hearing public comment at the public hearing  
146 and they heard the attendees loud and clear. They continue to support the budget with no motions made.  
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### 148 **• MARCH 21, 2017 BOARD MEETING**

149 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Mr. Post to cancel the March 21, 2017 Board*  
150 *meeting.*

151 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*  
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## 153 **IX. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES**

154 There were none to report.  
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156           **X.       DISTRICT MEETING FORMAT**

157 Superintendent Lane asked for confirmation on the format of the district meeting. Details were decided  
158 on, same as last year, art work from students to be included.

- 159           • Article 4 Budget- 1<sup>st</sup> Motion Chairman Brock (speaking), 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dailey  
160           • Article 5 CBA-1<sup>st</sup> Motion Mr. Ballou (speaking), 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. LeBlanc  
161           • Article 6 Special Meeting & Tabling-1<sup>st</sup> Motion Mr. Dailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. LoVerme  
162           • Article 7 Building and Roadways Capital Reserve-1<sup>st</sup> Motion Mr. Post (speaking), 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr.  
163 Legere

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165           **XI.     PUBLIC COMMENTS**

166 There were none to report.  
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168           **XII.    NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C)**

169           **i.     Personnel Issue**

170 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Mr. Ballou to enter Non-Public Session to*  
171 *discuss personnel matters RSA 91-A: 3 II (A) (C) at 7:46pm.*

172 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*  
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174           **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

175 The Board entered public session at 8:25pm.  
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177 *A MOTION was made to seal the non-public session minutes for 55 years by Mr. LoVerme and*  
178 *SECONDED by Mr. Ballou.*

179 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*  
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181           **XIII.   ADJOURNMENT**

182 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Dailey and SECONDED by Mr. LoVerme to adjourn the Board meeting at*  
183 *8:26pm.*

184 *Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.*  
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186 *Respectfully submitted,*  
187 *Kristina Fowler*  
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