



Lunenburg Public Schools

Dr. Jodi Fortuna, Superintendent of Schools

MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
Town Hall
7:00 – Hybrid

School Committee

Anthony Sculimbrene Chair - Present
Laura Brzozoski, Vice Chair - Present
Mandy Gilman, Secretary – Present
Emily Young, Member - Present
Member - TBD

Superintendent

Dr. Jodi Fortuna

Recording Secretary

Courtney Fuller

Guests: Christopher McNamara – Business Administrator, Nick Valorie –President East Coast Renewable Energy, Matt Paralicci – ECR Representative, Peter Beardmore, CPC Member

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- 1. Call to Order at 7:00 by Mr. Sculimbrene**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment - None**
- 4. Chairs Report –** We are still looking for a fifth member, this term would be until May. You would not have to run, you would be appointed.
- 5. Student Representative Report - None**
- 6. Review and Approve Minutes**
 - a. Regular session 11/5/25, 12/3/25, 12/17/25 Ms. Brzozoski makes a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Gilman seconds the motion all approve**
- 7. Review and Approve Line Items, Transfers, Warrants**
 - a. Line Item Transfers None**
 - b. Warrants 12/13/25 to 1/5/26 \$516,336.86**
 - c. Donations – None**

8. **Superintendents Report** Dr. Fortuna reports our Literacy Coach abruptly resigned on Monday and we will not be filling that position going forward. This is a grant funded position and we will be directing those funds to more direct services for the children.

9. **New Business**

Discussion

- a. **Solar East Coast Renewable energy Proposal** – The owner of East Coast Renewable Energy presents to the committee options available to the school, to add chargers for electric vehicles. Benefits of having a charging station on the property are discussed along with the responsibilities of the school to take care of the charging station. An electric bill can be submitted to the company and a proposal can be put together.
- b. **Track/Turf Field Design Plan Discussion** Mr. Beardmore, comments as representative to the Capital Planning Committee. Mr. Beardmore has sent a prioritized list to the committee via email on December 18th. The top three items are for the DPW and the bridge construction on Flat Hill Road, a patrol cruiser, and a replacement of the town's brush truck. The first two school related project which is number 9 are the intercoms at Turkey Hill and Primary School for the entrance doors and the cameras that are associated with those buzzers. The safety film and the mower are number 14 and 15. The heat for the maintenance garage is number 19, In total the requests were 3.267 million dollars. In terms of the track/turf design, the proposal came in the week of December 16th, it was then forwarded to Mr. Beardmore by the facilities director and superintendence, cam in just under \$200,000. We need to come up with a plan for this as soon as possible, we cannot move forward until we have the engineering and bid work. We need a new surface, drainage, and new construction/walls.
- c. **Kids Kingdom Relocation** The select board has sent the committee a proposal to the school committee for permission to move kids' kingdom for example 20 feet in one direction. Mr. Sculimbrene would like to relinquish Kids Kingdom over to the Town of Lunenburg. **Mr. Sculimbrene makes a motion to remit care and custody of Kids Kingdom to the Town of Lunenburg, Ms. Brzozoski seconds the motion, the motion passes with 3 approvals and 1 abstention.**

10. **Old Business**

Action

- a. **Mid – Year Curriculum Report** Dr. Sarfdie sent a comprehensive report to the committee, she explains to the committee a summary discussion on what and how Lunenburg is doing at this point in the year. **Ms. Brzozoski makes a motion to accept the report, Ms. Gilman seconds the report, all approve**

Discussion

- b. **2026 -2027 School Calendar** Liz has included in the folders, feedback, that we have received regarding the proposed calendar. The committee discusses parent/teacher conference dates and kindergarten screenings and start dates. Calendar will be brought forth again in the future for a vote to approve
- c. **FY 25 and FY 26 Budget Update** Chris McNamara gives an update, we are on track for FY 26 for spending. We are in a good position
- d. **Future of THES** We do need to look at next year's capital planning and make some changes for requests. We can come up with some suggestions that we can ask for that will work toward ADA compliance. Discussion of a rebuild vs a new building and also with MSBA assistance. Dr. Fortuna states the first phase needs to be the restrooms, they're not accessible. Tony will

come up with a draft proposal for the committee to have a goal to aim for in regard of the THES future.

11. **Reports from Sub-Committees** **Ms. Young** reports tomorrow is the PACSAL meeting at 6 in the Lunenburg Middle School, in person and zoom. **Ms. Gilman** reports the PTO met on Monday night, we have the Special Someone dance, tickets go on sale tomorrow, and they are still looking for businesses that would like to sponsor the event. We also have some blankets left for sale, they are \$30 and you can email the president of the PTO. A shout out to the businesses that have sponsored, Gatsby Grounds Company will be our presenting sponsor. Powell's has given us a fundraiser. Damon McQuade, architect, Lynn Walsh – Real Estate, Styles Company, Photos by Jen, Biotech Builders Group, Nedloh Mechanical, and Keatings. The PTO is doing a Great Wolf Lodge night in March and we will receive \$15 or \$20 per reservation. The committee will work together to have a representative to FinCom.
12. **Public Comment** **Ms Brzozoski** is excited about the cooperation between town departments, and feels it's a real theme this year. I appreciate that and our team. **Mr. Sculimbrene** comments that on Christmas Eve, they were driving to family in Rhode Island and his 15 year old son engaged them for over an hour and a half on the Palestinian Israeli situation. It was very clear to me that a lot of what he had learned came from contact with the educator in our town. It was amazing and the best Christmas present I could have gotten. It was intelligent and insightful. He had facts, figures, and statistics that I was unaware of. Having full discussions about issues of the day with your kids is incredible. I wanted to thank all of the people that educate our children in the town. **Ms. Young** reports on the Turkey Hill study there are 10 accessibility issues identified to be worked on over a number of years and the cost was estimated at \$1,250,000.
13. **Topics for Future Discussion** Turkey Hill, override,
14. **Adjournment** **Ms. Brzozoski** makes a motion to adjourn at 9:40, **Ms. Gilman** seconds the motion all approve

Respectfully Submitted,.07

Courtney Fuller