



Lunenburg Public Schools

Dr. Jodi Fortuna, Superintendent of Schools

MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
LMHS 7:00 – Hybrid

School Committee

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

Superintendent

Dr. Jodi Fortuna

Recording Secretary

Courtney Fuller

Guests: Christopher McNamara – Business Administrator, Kimberly Sarfde – Director of Teaching and Learning, Carla Squier – Primary School Principal

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1. **Call to Order at 7:00 by Mr. Sculimbrenne**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Executive Session – To investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to discuss the filing of criminal complain**
4. **Public Comment - None**
5. **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. We really need more people
6. **Student Representative Report - None**
7. **Review and Approve Minutes None**
8. **Review and Approve Line Items, Transfers, Warrants**
 - a. **Line Item Transfers** We are moving \$2500 from Special Ed contracted evaluations to special Ed contracted related services
 - b. **Warrants 1/6/26 – 1/14/26 \$133,298.69**
 - c. **Donations** – Box top for education for \$55.30 for Turkey Hill, and Box Top for education for \$36.60 for Primary School to cover costs for Bay State Interpreters for American Sign Language

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(ASL) Ms. Gilman makes a motion to approve the line item transfer and accept the donations, Ms. Young seconds the motion, all approve.

9. **Superintendents Report** Thank you to the school committee and the school community for being so helpful as I roll around the district or my office. We had a meeting with LEAF and they are going to be opening up their grant cycle later in the Spring for donations. They are looking for innovative teaching practices that teachers want to try out in the classroom.

10. New Business

Action

- a. **Grant Amendment Proposal** Dr. Sarfde reports that because we had the unexpected resignation, we would like to reallocate the funds from the Student Opportunity Act (SOA). We want to use these funds in a way that maintains the fidelity to the grants purpose. We would be focused on building the capacity of the people in the buildings now. For example, helping to plan and facilitate professional learning communities or helping design lesson plans that teachers would use in small groups, this would happen outside normal school hours. I am also looking for two positions to do some work over the summer, we'd like to offer some professional development, and more planning and digging into data that would help build the capacity of our teachers. **Ms. Young makes the motion to approve the amendment for the grant, Ms. Gilman seconds the motion, all approve**
- b. **Preschool Tuition Increase** Ms. Squier presents a new model for 2 day, 3 day, 4 day, and a 5 day option. We would like our afternoon to be an all-inclusive program. Mornings will stay the same, our afternoon would change to a 5 day option, along with the 2 and 3 day option. Tuition increase would be 4% **Ms. Gilman makes a motion to approve the addition of 5 days and tuition increase, Ms. Young seconds the motion, all approve**

Discussion

- c. **Reading Data** A presentation is given that shares the beginning of year data and the middle of year of literacy and math screening.
- d. **Draft Warrant Articles** The last school committee meeting we discussed adding two items to the warrant, one is related to the turf field and one related to Kids Kingdom, Dr. Fortuna drafted the warrants that will be submitted.
- e. **FY27 Proposed Budget** Mr. McNamara shares the budget proposed for FY27, approximately \$2 million more than FY26, a few key notes, health insurance on the expense side, on the salary side is going up about \$1 million. The public can view this online on the school committee page, this is a level service budget.

11. Old Business

Discussion

- a. **THES Update Directive** there is a memo in the folder, we could plan to rehabilitate the Turkey Hill Building, unless the out of pocket cost to the taxpayers' of Lunenburg would be no more than 25% additional funding, then it would make fiscal sense to do a new building.

12. **Public Comment** None

13. **Reports from Sub- Committee** Ms. Gilman reports the PTO Special Someone dance still have some tickets left.

14. **Topics for Future Discussion** Public hearing date for FY 26 budget

15. **Adjournment** Ms. Gilman makes a motion to adjourn at 9:28, Ms. Young seconds the motion all approve

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney Fuller