



Lunenburg Public Schools

Dr. Jodi Fortuna, Superintendent of Schools

MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 4, 2026
Town Hall
7:00 – Hybrid

School Committee

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

Superintendent

Dr. Jodi Fortuna

Recording Secretary

Courtney Fuller

Guests: Christopher McNamara – Business Administrator, Carla Squier – Primary School Principal, Tim Santry – LMHS Principal, Norman Yvon – THES Principal

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The agenda lists all the topics which may be discussed at the meeting and those reasonably anticipated by the Chair. Votes may be taken as a result of these discussions. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by Open Meeting Law

- 1. Call to Order at 7:05 by Ms. Brzozoski**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment - None**
- 4. Chairs Report – None**
- 5. Student Representative Report None**
- 6. Review and Approve Minutes**
 - a. Regular session**
- 7. Review and Approve Line Items, Transfers, Warrants**
 - a. Line Item Transfers None**
 - b. Warrants 1/20/26 – 2/2/26 \$180,039.36**
 - c. Donations – None**
- 8. Superintendents Report** Dr. Fortuna reports that we have received a grant from DESE for high impact tutoring to support 117 for our students at the Primary School. We are partnering with a group called Ignite Reading. We will begin implementing the program the week of March 9th. The grant amendment presented at the last meeting has been approved, approximately \$41,000 will cover fixed costs including

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instructional support, stipends, summer prep and materials, the remaining \$17,000 will be dedicated to contracted professional development. This week our legislators have approved one-time earmarked funds, \$36,000 is going toward touch view screens at the Primary School, \$7,000 will fund IXL for our middle school students, and \$10,000 is going toward safety improvements across all three campuses, specifically for a sander attachment and harness. The remaining funds will cover smaller but vital projects. We originally allocated \$42,700 toward IReady diagnostic assessments', however given how late in the year the approval came through, we will be looking to better utilize these funds, and will be bringing an amendment proposal to you in the future. Dr. Fortuna gives an update on the status of the budget cuts last year as we currently have students on our radar that may require out of district placement and we have also had students move into the district that require out of district placements.

9. New Business

Action

- a. **LHS Program of Studies** Mr. Santry presents the LHS 2026/2027 Program of Studies, this is a list of all courses that can be offered, however, does not mean all courses that will be run, it also gives information on graduation requirements, GPA grading scales, and prerequisites etc. **Ms. Gilman makes a motion to approve LHS Program of Studies, Ms. Young seconds the motion, all approve.**
- b. **School Choice** The committee discusses options of class sizes and funding. We are looking to only add school choice options to the high school. **Ms. Gilman makes a motion to accept the school choice proposal, Ms. Young seconds the motion all approve.**
- c. **Temporary Proposal to move School Committee meetings to LMHS** Town Hall is not very accessible if someone is not able to walk we would like to move our meetings to LMHS for the foreseeable future. **Ms. Gilman to move meetings to LHS for the foreseeable future, Ms. Young seconds the motion, all approve.**
- d. **Superintendent permission to discuss earmark funding with Representative Scarsdale** Dr. Fortuna would like to reach out to Representative Scarsdale to discuss the possibility of changing the earmarked \$195,000 to be used for a different purpose, originally it was for 2 passenger vans and at this time, it is not fiscally responsible to purchase two vans. **Ms Young makes a motion to approve a discussion with Representative Scarsdale, Ms. Brzozoski seconds the motion, Ms. Gilman abstains, and the motion is approved.**

Discussion

- e. **FY27 Budget Q & A** Level service budget stands at \$28.2 million, with the additions discussed with the tri-board, this would add \$980,000, and this also includes the 14.4% increase in health insurance. This year budget is \$26.2 million, we have a \$2 million increase for FY 27. All the principals are carefully examining their budgets to determine if there are any possible areas to reduce any budget lines.
- f. **Coordinated Family & Community and Parent/Child Grant Program** The committee has a memo which is a recommendation for Lunenburg Public Schools to not pursue the renewal of the coordinated family and community engagement and parent child plus grants for the 26/27 school year with the reasons for this proposal.
- g. **Override Format & Amount** The committee has discussed the override amount of \$2.9 million, it's still undecided if it will be one town override, if it will be one amount for an override or a tiered approach

10. Old Business

Action

- a. **Facilities and Grounds Report** The committee has been provided the report. The playground study is no longer one of the capital planning recommendations. The driveway study is still on the list. **Ms. Gilman makes a motion to accept the report, Ms. Young seconds the motion all approve.**

Discussion

- b. **Update on School Improvement Plan** Each principal gives a presentation for updates on their School Improvement plans. The committee and principals have an open discussion regarding changes and effects they are seeing in the schools.

11. Public Comments for issues discussed tonight None

12. **Reports from Sub-Committees** Ms. Young reports the PACSAL committee met at Coffee Connections, there was a small group, we discussed upcoming event ideas and plans for the next few meetings. We are working on ways we can spread the word and grow the group. Tomorrow there is a meeting focused on behavioral concerns and management for parents that need it, it will be held on zoom and at the middle school. On March 5th there will be an interactive session with the Story School Camp at the library starting at 6 pm for parents to explore how the camps work. Ms. Brzozoski reports the Building Reuse met on Monday and discussed next steps in space usage, looks like the town is planning to use Ritter as town hall, with adjustments. There was also a wellness subcommittee meeting and the survey was discussed. Ms. Gilman reports the PTO still has tickets for the Special Someone dance, it's a great event, and we have a lot of teenagers from the LMHS that are volunteering.

13. Public Comment

14. **Topics for Future Discussion** Turkey Hill bathroom, override, budget reports, personnel report

15. **Adjournment** Ms. Gilman makes a motion to adjourn at 9:23, Ms. Young seconds the motion all approve

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney Fuller