



Lunenburg Public Schools

Dr. Jodi Fortuna, Superintendent of Schools

MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 25, 2026
LMHS 6:30 – Hybrid

School Committee

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

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, Dr. Kimberly Sarfde – Director of Teaching and Learning

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- 1. Call to Order at 7:00 by Mr. Sculimbrenne**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment Mandy Gilman** reports on March 19th the PTO is having a fundraiser at Great Wolf Lodge, there is no school on March 20th. If the STEM night isn't set in stone to be March 19th, maybe it can be moved, as we have a lot of families attending the fundraiser.
- 4. Chairs Report – None**
- 5. Student Representative Report** – On March 19th, the Primary School and Turkey Hill has STEM night from 5:30-7:30. Read across America is March 2nd they will be having speakers come in and read books. The Middle School has a dance on Friday, the theme is Party in the USA. The high school boys and girls ice hockey and basketball teams have made play offs. I urge people to order their yearbooks, they are currently \$95 with potential for price increase in the future. There is a jazz concert tomorrow. The seniors won the competitive class plays the week before February break. Spring sport registration is now open. On behalf of the high school student council, I bring two concerns to you tonight, first there has been an increase in vaping in bathrooms and second concerns with the budget, they would like to remind you that the classes they are unable to take does affect their futures, their transcripts are not as strong or competitive as others with more options of AP classes and electives. The student representative shares some of the struggles they have personally had with scheduling.

6. Review and Approve Minutes

- a. **Regular session 1/7/26 Ms. Gilman makes a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Brzozoski seconds the motion all approve.**

7. Review and Approve Line Items, Transfers, Warrants

- a. **Line Item Transfers**
- b. **Warrants 2/3/26 – 2/20/26 \$216,371.46**
- c. **Donations – None**

8. FY 27 Budget Hearing and FY 27 Recommended Budget Presentation Dr. Fortuna and Chris McNamara share the details regarding the FY 27 budget numbers, this is the restoration budget with one change, we are not replacing the full-time athletic director, it will be a half-time position. Mr. McNamara shares the revolving account updates. The team discusses the potential restructuring of positions and departments as a result of this budget. **Ms. Brzozoski makes a motion to approve the FY 27 needs based restoration budget to present to the finance committee, Ms. Gilman seconds the motion all approve**

**9. New Business
Action**

- a. **FY27 Civics Teaching and Learning Grant Proposal** Dr. Sarfde presents a grant for the Civics program. **Ms. Gilman makes a motion to approve the application of the grant, Ms. Brzozoski seconds the motion, all approve.**
- b. **Reallocation-Fair Share Earmarks** Dr. Sarfde is looking for approval to submit a proposal to the state to reallocate \$42,000 in previously awarded one-time funds, originally anticipated for IReady and use the money for decodable readers and high school math instructional materials **Ms. Brzozoski makes a motion to approve the proposal for strategic reallocation of one time grant funds to evidence based investments, Ms. Gilman seconds all approve**
- c. **MyCap Grant Proposal** Dr. Sarfde explains this is a multi-year planning tool and process adopted by DESE to help students in grades 6 – 12 map out academic, personal, social, and career goals. Essentially this is similar to an electronic portfolio. Not every student is required to participate, but what is required in order for us to participate is completion of all mass core requirements. This is going to be required in 2027, we are trying to get ahead of it. **Ms. Gilman makes a motion to accept this proposal, Ms. Brzozoski seconds the motion, all approve.**
- d. **Central MA Activation Fund Proposal** Dr, Sarfde is looking for \$125,000 in grant funding to provide professional development and instructional coaching for pre-k-grade 5 educators to strengthen foundational literacy instruction and build long-term internal capacity. **Ms. Brzozoski makes a motion to approve the grant proposal, Ms. Gilman seconds the motion, all approve**
- e. **Enrollment in CMVS** Dr. Fortuna explains the enrollment in Commonwealth of Massachusetts Virtual Schools (CMVS) we can vote to cap at 1% of its student population, we currently have 1.08% of our student population enrolled, which is 16 students, this vote could allow another 1% to enroll **Ms. Gilman makes a motion to cap at 2%, Ms. Brzozoski seconds the motion all approve**

10. Old Business

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- a. **2026-2027 Calendar** Ms Gilman makes a motion to accept the 26/27 calendar, Ms Brzozoski seconds the motion to approve, all approve.

Discussion

- b. **Override** The committee discusses what the amount of the override should be, should it be town wide or just the school, and thoughts on a tiered structure.

11. Public Comments for issues discussed tonight

12. Reports from Sub-Committees

13. Public Comment

14. Topics for Future Discussion Budget

15. Adjournment Ms. Brzozoski makes a motion to adjourn at 945, Ms. Gilman seconds the motion all approve.

Submitted Respectfully,

Courtney Fuller