



Lunenburg Public Schools

Dr. Jodi Fortuna, Superintendent of Schools

MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
LMHS 7:00 – Hybrid

School Committee

Anthony Sculimbrene 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, Dr. Kimberly Sarfde – Director of Teaching and Learning, Sibyl Kaufman - LEAF

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1. **Call to Order at 7:05 by Dr. Fortuna**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** Mandy Gilman, I thank both the chair and the superintendents for their comments, we have worked collaboratively for a long time over the last eight months with the rest of the town. There has been a lot of discussion about why there is not an option for level services funding, I feel strongly that the town, when they didn't endorse the override last year, asked the group of leaders in the town to get together and think about a long term plan. A long term plan is difficult in municipal finance, but the reason our budgets that are being represented include a few different things is because the goal of the tri board process was to think two to three years in advance, and I think that some of that is getting lost in the conversations.
4. **Chairs Report** – I have watched as the debate online and in other places has unfolded and I want to make two comments. Everybody in town who did not watch the tri board meeting process, which I don't blame you if you didn't, has to realize that process gave us so much different access to the town's budgeting process than we have ever had before. This process and how it unfolded over the last eight months really did engage in a collaborative process to build budgets. The town charter makes clear that we are responsible for the school district's budget and the town and select board are responsible for their budget. While the select board has an oversight role over the entire budget, they really are separate and distinct. This year, it felt like everybody was making sure everyone else knew where they were and what was going on. We have never seen so much detail about each town department. The second thing is while everyone has opinions, and everyone has the right to their opinions, at the end of the day we are

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all still neighbors. If someone, who is your neighbor disagrees with you, or you see fights on Facebook, remember that we are all neighbors. If we are all fighting, it is a beautiful spring in New England, close your laptops, push your keyboards away and go for a walk.

5. **Student Representative Report** – The Primary School has their first grade field trip on May 26. Turkey Hill has their third grade field trip on May 27, fourth grade trip is May 29 and the fifth grade is June 3rd. The Middle school has their play tomorrow, called Are you Scared Yet. There is a family DC meeting in the auditorium right now. The students going to Greece leave on Friday. If you visit our website there is a updated information for the seniors. Next week is school vacation. April 30th is a PTO fundraiser at Launch. Bus sign ups close on May 1st, May 2nd is Town meeting, May 16th is Town election, May 25th there is no school in observance of Memorial Day and June 18th is the last day of school.
6. **Review and Approve Minutes**
 - a. **Regular session 3/4/26 Ms. Gilman makes a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Young seconds the motion all approve.**
7. **Review and Approve Line Items, Transfers, Warrants**
 - a. **Line Item Transfers** None
 - b. **Warrants \$18,547.98**
 - c. **Donations** – Visual Arts student scholarship, this is 2 one time scholarships for a graduating senior donated by the artisans of Hickory Hills care of Donna Silverstein **Ms. Gilman makes a motion to accept the donation, Ms. Young seconds the motion all approve**
8. **Superintendents Report** Dr. Fortuna addresses the upcoming town budget and Proposition 2 ½ override votes. The dedication this community shows to our students and schools is wonderful. There is a strong emphasis on “one town” we all work together. April 28th at 7:00 at the Eagle House, I invite anyone with questions to come meet with our town representatives.
9. **New Business**
Action
 - a. **Leaf Grant Funds** Sybil Kaufman, president of LEAF, gives an update for the status of LEAF, to date \$8,366 has been raised. The grant cycle will start May 1, 2026
 - b. **Prism II & III Grant and Fresh Grant Proposals 2026** Dr. Sarfde presents two grants, one is a farm to table grant, and has worked with our Food Service Director to determine how this would be used and implemented. **Ms. Young makes a motion to accept the proposal, Ms. Gilman seconds the motion all approve.** Dr. Sarfde explains the Prism II and Prism III grants. **Ms. Gilman makes a motion to approve the submission of the Prism III grant proposal to DESE in the amount of \$72,250, Ms. Young seconds the motion, all approve.** The Prism III grant is for curriculum materials for high quality instruction and potential some professional development, focusing on pre-k to grade 5 **Ms. Gilman makes a motion to approve the submission of Prism III grant, Ms. Young seconds the motion all approve**
 - c. **Scholarship Tax EIN’s** the committee has been provided the legal opinion in their folders tonight with their assertions. We are currently determining whose tax id numbers all the scholarships are using.
 - d. **Unified Sports and Co-ops** Dr. Fortuna shares information with the committee regarding available unified sports and options. Ms. Hanscom shares her perspective on our district culture and availability of activities to any and all students
 - e. **Budget Quarterly Report** Mr. McNamara shares the recent quarterly report

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- f. **Personnel Report** Ms. Peterson has provided the committee with the updated personnel report
- g. **SC Representative for Negotiations** Mr. Sculimbrene and Ms. Young will do the cafeteria negotiations and Ms. Brzozoski and Ms. Gilman will do the custodial negotiations
- h. **Superintendent Evaluation** Dr. Fortuna has added her list of goals and the different artifacts linked to her goals into the committees folder to utilize and prepare the evaluation
- i. **First Read Policies 3303 Handling of Cash Receipts, 5503 Student Data Privacy and Security, 5701.01 Administration of Medication, 1303.01 Advertising in Schools**
Ms. Gilman makes a motion to waive the first reading of policy 3303 Handling of Cash Receipts, Ms. Young seconds the motion all approve. Ms. Gilman makes a motion to waive the first reading of policy 5503 Student Data Privacy and Security, Ms. Young seconds the motion all approve. Ms. Gilman makes a motion to waive the first reading of policy 5701.01 Administration of Medication. Ms. Young seconds the motion all approve. Ms. Gilman makes a motion to waive the first reading of policy 1303.01 Advertising in schools, Ms. Young seconds the motion, all approve

10. Old Business

Action

- a. **Warrant Articles** the committee has the link to the warrant article in their folder

Discussion

- b. **School Committee Goals** the goals are added to the committees' folder, the future of Turkey Hill, the Primary School parking lot and driveway.

11. Public Comments for issues discussed tonight None

- 12. **Reports from Sub-Committees** Ms. Gilman reports the House budget came out today and it does include \$160 per kid more than originally thought and a little bit more in circuit breaker money, not sure on the amount yet

13. Topics for Future Discussion

- 14. **Adjournment** Ms. Gilman makes a motion to adjourn at 8:46, Ms. Young seconds the motion all approve.

Submitted Respectfully,

Courtney Fuller