

School Administrative Unit # 36

School Board Meeting Minutes

White Mountains Regional School Board

July 16, 2026

White Mountains Regional High School

5:30 p.m.

Whitefield, NH

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present: A. Adair, C. Fountain, T. Giles, B. Jellison, R. Loiacono,

Tardy: J. Akerman

Board Members Absent: K. vanBergen-Buteau

Administrators Present - R. Scott, M. Wadsworth

**FLAG SALUTE**

**Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (c)**

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| Moved by: B. Jellison | Seconded by: C. Fountain |
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Motion to go into non-public- RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 5:31pm

Motion carried– Unanimous

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| Moved by: C. Fountain | Seconded by: T. Giles |
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Motion to come out of non-public session at 5:43 pm

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| Moved by: C. Fountain | Seconded by: T. Giles |
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Motion to come seal the minutes indefinitely at 5:43 pm

Motion carried– Unanimous

**Consent agenda - Approval of the Minutes**

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| Moved by: B. Jellison | Seconded by: C. Fountain |
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**To approve the of Minutes of (6/18/2026)**

Motion carried-Unanimous

**Consent agenda - Approval of the Manifest**

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| Moved by: C. Fountain | Seconded by: B. Jellison |
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**Motion Carried-Unanimous**

Motion carried-Unanious

**Public Comment opened at 5:45 pm and will remain open for 30 minutes**

**Superintendent's Report: Robert Scott-** Mr.Scott had submitted a written report, and he summarized this for the Board. DLT goal updates, strategic action plan, ESEA attendance to ensure compliance. Policy explanations, New hires:

Rita Gesel, LES, 2nd Grade Teacher  
Josh Gottshall, WMRMHS, Custodian  
Dominic Berry, WMRMHS, Hospitality Teacher and Portfolio Coordinator  
Megan Littlehale, WMRSD, Clinical Mental Health Clinician  
Lauren Harris, WES, Paraprofessional  
Robin Fearon-Mackillop, LES, Cook

Ben asked for an update on vacant positions.

**Director of Finance Report- Melisa Wadsworth-** Melisa spoke about the large policy DAF that the board will vote to amend tonight. She provided an updated operation statement with encumbrances.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Ed. Programming/Curriculum (first meeting of month) (Adair, vanBergen-Buteau)
- Facilities (third Wednesday of the month) (Adair, Akerman, Fountain) -Gary Brown, Facilities  
Director gave an update on the boiler project, update on buildings and the pavilion project update.
- Personnel (as needed) (Giles, Jellison, Loiacono)
- Policy (second meeting of the month) (Giles, Jellison)-Amendments on Agenda
- District Wellness Committee (Fountain, vanBergen-Buteau)

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

**NEW BUSINESS** - Mr. Scott asked the Board about the Leaders and Learners section of the Coos County Democrat. DLT had suggested that perhaps this rotates between district and buildings each week. Ben agreed this may be a way to streamline processes without taxing Jeremy.

#### **ACTION AGENDA ITEM 1**

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| Moved by: T. Giles | Seconded by: B. Jellison |
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To approve the following Child Rearing Leave Request:

Abigail Vaudo, WES, Teacher Grade 5, from August 26, 2026- October 30, 2026.

Motion carried-Unanimous

#### **ACTION AGENDA ITEM 2**

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| Moved by: B. Jellison | Seconded by: C. Fountain |
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To approve the following policies for amendment:

DAF- Administration of Federal Grants

ECAF- Surveillance and Other Audio or Video Recording by the District or District Personnel

EHB- Data/Records Retention

GBAM- Accommodation of Pregnancy, Childbirth, Pediatric Infant Care and other Related Conditions

Motion carried– Unanimous

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM 3**

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| Moved by: B. Jellison | Seconded by: C. Fountain |
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To approve the following policies for first read:  
EEBA- Vehicle Operation Safety Policy

Motion carried– Unanimous

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM 4**

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| Moved by: C. Fountain | Seconded by: B. Jellison |
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To rescind the following policy:  
EEAA- Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property

Motion carried– Unanimous

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM 5**

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| Moved by: B. Jellison | Seconded by: T. Giles |
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To accept the following resignation(s):  
Brittany Leonard, LES, Third Grade Teacher, Effective June 30, 2026.  
Rayna Bourbeau, WES, Fourth Grade Teacher, Effective July 15, 2026.  
Motion carried Unanimous

**Amended ACTION AGENDA ITEM 5**

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| Moved by: T. Giles | Seconded by: C. Fountain |
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To accept the following resignation(s):  
Brittany Leonard, LES, Third Grade Teacher, Effective June 30, 2026.  
Rayna Bourbeau, WES, Fourth Grade Teacher, Effective July 15, 2026, accepted contingent upon finding a replacement prior to the school year.  
Motion carried Unanimous

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM 6**

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| Moved by: C. Fountain | Seconded by: B. Jellison |
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To accept and appropriate unanticipated funds in the amount of \$2,800.00 awarded to the Society of Sustainable Spartans from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund Grow Grant to be used towards the perma garden and water harvesting project at WMRMHS.

Motion carried– Unanimous

Discussion: Mr. Scott expanded on this project.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM 7**

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| Moved by: J. Akerman | Seconded by: B. Jellison |
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To approve the following coaching nominations (provided the programs are to be offered):  
Caleb Murphy, Strength and Conditioning  
Brad Willey, Varsity Girls Soccer  
Chris Foss, Varsity Boys Soccer  
Connor Ludwin, Varsity Cross Country  
Braxton Brown, Varsity Golf  
Matt Bovay, JV Girls/Boys Soccer Co-Coach

Jared Prince, JV Girls/Boys Soccer Co-Coach  
Aaryn Ford, JV Girls/Boys Soccer Co-Coach  
Lindsey Foss, JV Field Hockey  
Jeffrey Samson, Bass Fishing  
Mackenzie Norman, Middle School Field Hockey

Motion carried– Unanimous

Discussion: Adam asked about the 3 co-coaches for the soccer teams. It was explained that it was still one stipend split 3 ways and due to numbers.

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM 8**

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| Moved by: C. Fountain | Seconded by: T. Giles |
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To approve the following Fundraising/Crowdfunding request with campaign funds to exceed \$2,500.00:

Varsity Boys Soccer - online campaign to raise funds to pay summer officials and purchase team gear.

Motion carried– Unanimous

**ACTION AGENDA ITEM 9**

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| Moved by: C. Fountain | Seconded by: B. Jellison |
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To approve the following Building Leadership Members for School Year 2026-2027:

Katrina Noyes, Building Leadership Team, LES  
Gail McVetty, Building Leadership Team, LES  
Nicole Matson, Building Leadership Team, LES  
Heidi Vestal, Building Leadership Team, LES  
Gina Mangiafico, Building Leadership Team, WES  
Sam Gross, Building Leadership Team, WES  
Gabby Wetherbee, Building Leadership Team, WES  
Kim Read, Building Leadership Team, WES  
Abby Mayne, Building Leadership Team, WMRMHS  
Molly Carr, Building Leadership Team, WMRMHS  
Beth Lufkin, Building Leadership Team, WMRMHS  
Kaylah Graham, Building Leadership Team, WMRMHS  
Jeff Carty, Building Leadership Team, WMRMHS  
Bill Klein, Building Leadership Team, WMRMHS  
Angie Lavoie, Building Leadership Team, WMRMHS  
Christine Stevens, Building Leadership Team, WMRMHS

Motion carried– Unanimous

**Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II (c)**

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| Moved by: A. Adair | Seconded by: C. Fountain |
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Motion to go into non-public- RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at : 6:10 pm

Motion carried– Unanimous

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| Moved by: T. Giles | Seconded by: B. Jellison |
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Motion to come out of non-public session at 6:33 pm

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| Moved by: C Fountain | Seconded by: B. Jellison |
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Motion to come seal the minutes indefinitely at 6:33 pm

Motion carried– Unanimous

**Adjournment**

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R. Loiacono, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Glidden  
School Board Clerk

\*Minutes include only an abridged record of the business conducted. For complete dialogue, please refer to the video recording

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