Wakefield School Board Public Minutes

September 1, 2026
Held in the SAU Conference Room
Approved

BOARD MEMBERS		ADMINISTRATORS	
Robert DeColfmacker, Chair	✓	Donna Magoon, Superintendent	✓
Heather Wilcauskas, Vice Chair	✓	Michele Lambert, Financial Manager	✓
Bob Ouellette	✓	Carol Keenan, Student Services Director	
Sandrea Taliaferro	✓	Aaron Nason, Interim Principal	✓
Ann Gehring	✓	Jennie Lovasco. Interim Asst. Principal	

Others present:
Alicia Wallingford, Donita Bourne, Amber Lamper, Cindy Trentsch, Breanna Arnold, Michelle Castonguay, Theresa Drum, Amy Blackwood and Morgan Gehring of Clearview TV.

Call to Order
Mr. DeColfmacker opened the meeting at 5:30.

Agenda Review
None

Public Comment
None

Consent Agenda
Ms. Wilcauskas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gehring, to approve the Consent Agenda. (Vote 5-0)

Meeting Minutes
Ms. Wilcauskas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the non public, session #1 minutes of 9-1-26. (Vote 5-0)

Ms. Wilcauskas made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gehring, to approve the non public session #2 minutes of 9-1-26. (Vote 5-0)

Ms. Wilcauskas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to approve the public minutes of 9-1-26. (Vote 5-0)

New Business
Area Agreement Committee

The committee will consist of two school Board members from Wakefield and two from Rochester, community members and Mrs. Magoon. They would meet and talk about their roll. They would have a warrant article on the March ballot asking for an extension to continue. This would give them time to look at everything including talking with other districts to see what they could offer us. Ms. Wilcauskas and Ms. Gehring volunteered to serve on the Area Agreement Committee.

Tax Cap

Mrs. Magoon explained the tax cap that will be on the March ballot. The presentation is available on the website in the Board packet. Mrs. Magoon and Mrs. Lambert have been told that a lot of this is still unknown. This has to be done by the end of November not even knowing what all the protocols will be. A mandate from the state without guidance.

A Warrant Article this year will include HB1300 which is a fixed tax cap on the ballot and HB464 which is a tax cap on a separate SAU budget. She gave an overview of what this means to our district. If passed, the tax caps will be for two to four years. Because we are a single district we have no SAU Board secretary. The Board will have to choose someone to fill that roll. Attorneys are trying to figure all this out. There is no default budget. There will be an adjusted budget which will not include any pay increases. The tax cap only applies to the school and not the town. Both the tax cap and the SAU budget will be included on the same warrant article. Mrs. Magoon gave the timeline when everything has to be completed.

Follow Up

None

Nominations/Hires/Resignations (All FYI)

Karen Shepard -resignation, Analese Hersey resignation, Anne Limon-hire, Melissa Petit hire.

Non Public

Ms. Wilcauskas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to enter non public under RSA 91-A;3 ll (c) at 6:12. Roll Call Vote: DeColfmacker aye, Gehring Aye, Ouellette aye, Taliaferro aye, Wilcauskas aye.

The Board returned to public session at 6:45.

Adjournment

Ms. Wilcauskas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ouellette, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45. (Vote 5-0)

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next School Board meeting,

Priscilla Colbath
School Board Secretary