

MINUTES
WINNISQUAM REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2026

SCHOOL BOARD

Sean Goodwin, Chairman
John Cormier
Lance Turgeon
Dr. Christina Flanders
Jennifer Dunn
David Honeman
Dr. Ernest Roy
Jennifer Tupeck
Jasen Stock

SECRETARY

Kathleen Thomas

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Shannon Bartlett, Superintendent
Rebecca Weldon, Business Administrator
Dr. Kathy Riley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Tim Koumrian, Director of Student Services
Eric Perry, WRHS Principal
Andrea Wujcik, WiCC Principal
Chris Ennis, WRMS Principal
Stephanie Parzick, Southwick School Principal
Jason Javalgi, Sanbornton Central School Principal
Rob Berry, Director of Facilities
Sarah Skoglund, Coordinator of OSW and Behavior
Patricia Rella, WRHS Assistant Principal

STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Carter Lloyd - **absent**

1.0 OPENING

- 1.1 The August 17, 2026 meeting of the Winnisquam Regional School Board was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairman Sean Goodwin.
- 1.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 1.3 Announcements - None

2.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS / EDUCATIONAL FOCUS

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maria Hibbert, Northfield resident, expressed concern regarding the removal of the Hockey Co-op program from the Winnisquam budget, advocating to keep the opportunity open for interested students. She noted that the Laconia Athletic Director and Head Hockey Coach expressed support via email for a parent-led fundraising initiative to cover Winnisquam's financial share of the program. Chairman Goodwin stated they would review this further later in the meeting, as this is new information since they met back in November during the budget process.

4.0 MINUTES

School Board Meeting Minutes - June 15, 2026

Motion: A motion was made by John Cormier, seconded by Lance Turgeon, to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2026 School Board meeting as presented.

Vote: Affirmative 9-0 Motion Passes

5.0 SAU ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

SAU Administrator reports are included in the board packet.

Dr. Bartlett introduced new staff members that were in attendance at this meeting: Eric Perry, HS principal, Patricia Rella, HS Assistant Principal, Kevin Anderson Network Administrator, and Jason Mix, Technology Director.

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Dr. Bartlett presented a memorandum of agreement requiring the board chairman's signature regarding Paraprofessional II credentialing. Because federal regulations dictate that all paraprofessionals in Title 1 designated schools must hold Paraprofessional II certification, paras are actively working toward this requirement, which includes passing a certification exam. Currently, three district schools carry the Title 1 designation, while Sanbornton Central School does not. Prior meetings were held with the paraprofessional union to align on moving forward with the agreement, securing their support to reimburse candidates the cost of a successful test result and their initial credentialing. The final step requires Chairman Goodwin's signed approval on the updated agreement.

Dr. Bartlett invited school board members to join in scooping ice cream and welcoming new staff members on August 26th at 3:00 pm at the High School.

There is a Strategic Plan workshop scheduled for October 7th, to be held in the Cosmetology space of the WiCC.

In financial updates, Becky Weldon is currently finalizing the school year reconciliation for the DOE 25 report, with an extension available if needed. The audit for SY 25/26 is officially slated for the week of September 21st. Additionally, the state's approval is pending for the recently submitted food service application. Looking ahead to legislative changes, Superintendent Dr. Bartlett and Becky Weldon will attend a workshop this Tuesday to review the operational impacts of HB1300 on the tax cap and SAU budgets.

Tim Koumrian reported that due to the continuous movement of district-placed students, our special education student count remains fluid. We are currently applying for state special education aid, submitting requests totaling approximately \$192,000. While the Department of Education reviews all submissions, funding is subject to allocation. Therefore, we do not expect to receive the full amount.

We have had some new families move into the district recently with students who have intensive needs. Because of this, we are looking at an unbudgeted increase in expenses. Right now, we estimate needing about \$360,000 more than what is actually budgeted for this year.

Kathy Riley shared that the Spark '26 event was held last week which also included orientation for 17 new teachers. The event was a huge success. Kathy will share more details in next month's report.

The deadline to validate data and the accountability report was August 14th. Data results are anticipated for October or November, released though current demographics are confirmed accurate, and the necessary verification process is underway. In addition to this month's report, Kathy updated that all schools are planning to include an overview of competency based learning and grading during their open houses. The hope is to better engage parents in conversations about student progress. Meanwhile, the middle school is partnering with the New Hampshire Learning Initiative (NHLI) to focus on competencies, reporting, and family education, which will also support staff turnover as new teachers learn the district's specific competencies and indicators. Regarding the summer curriculum work, it was confirmed that all materials will be placed in a shared Google Drive for all teachers to access and review.

6.0 DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

NO REPORTS for August Meeting due to summer break

7.0 ACTION AGENDA

7.1 Manifest and Vouchers

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Motion: A motion was made by Ernie Roy, seconded by Lance Turgeon, to accept the expenditure manifest for June 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026; voucher numbers 1276, 1280, 1281, 1298, 1299, 1300, 1309, 1310, and 1311; and four payroll expenditures for a grand total of \$2,123,590.26.

Vote: Affirmative 9-0 Motion Passes

7.2 Personnel Actions

1. Resignations - None
2. Retiree Request - 2027/2028

Motion: A motion was made by Jennifer Dunn, seconded by Lance Turgeon, to approve the retirement request from Edward Meyer, effective June, 2028.

Vote: Affirmative 9-0 Motion Passes

3. New Hires (4)

Motion: A motion was made by Ernie Roy, seconded by Lance Turgeon, to approve the hiring of Patricia Rella, Assistant Principal High School; Kristen Anderson, Grade 7 Science Teacher Middle School; Kaitlyn Corsi, Math Interventionist Southwick School; and Aaron Hayward, Math Teacher High School.

Vote: Affirmative 9-0 Motion Passes

7.3 Policy Review - Second Read -None

7.4 Policy Review - First Read - None

7.5 Fall Coaches Nominations

Motion: A motion was made by John Cormier, seconded by Lance Turgeon, to approve the coaching nominations for Fall sports dated August 5, 2026.

Vote: Affirmative 9-0 Motion Passes

7.6 Sunday/Holiday Practices

Motion: A motion was made by Lance Turgeon, seconded by Jennifer Dunn, to approve the Sunday/Holiday Practices for High School and Middle School sports as recommended.

Vote: Affirmative 9-0 Motion Passes

7.7 School Budget Calendar

Dr. Bartlett brought to the board's attention that the December board meeting falls on the week of vacation, and the June meeting is scheduled to happen after school ends. She proposed we move the December date to December 14, 2026 and the June date to June 14, 2027.

Proposal accepted by the Board with an affirmative vote 9-0.

Under the new mandates of House Bill 564, the School Board is required to review and approve a separate School Administrative Unit (SAU) budget rather than sending it to the Budget Committee. The entire process must include a public hearing and reach full completion by the deadline of December 31st. Dr. Bartlett presented the board with a [budget timeline](#) to accomplish this process before the deadline.

Chairman Goodwin highlighted the urgency of scheduling the public hearing within this tight legislative window. To stay on track, the board scheduled the public hearing for **Thursday, November 5th at 6:00 pm** in the Middle School Cafeteria. Meanwhile, Lance Turgeon noted that legal challenges and litigation opportunities may arise to block the implementation of this tax cap.

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Becky Weldon reminded the Board that a request for the budget directive will be on the agenda for the September Board Meeting.

7.8 Audit Engagement Letter

Becky presented a letter with a proposal for the board to sign regarding the audit. She is expecting to have the audit report by the end of December, possibly the middle of January.

Proposal accepted by the Board with an affirmative vote 9-0.

7.9 Exchange Student

Chairman Goodwin explained that we had previously approved two exchange students, however one moved to another state. The board was presented with documentation for a new student that was recommended by Susan Dymont, the Exchange Student Coordinator.

Motion: A motion was made by Jasen Stock, seconded by Lance Turgeon, to approve the exchange student.

Vote: Affirmative 9-0 Motion Passes

8.0 FINANCES

8.1 Revenue

Despite a current shortfall of \$131,000, the district is owed \$334,000 in CTE tuition. Becky Weldon is currently seeking guidance from auditors on how to properly report these funds, as the exact breakdown between school and state payments remains unclear. She also noted that a primary driver of the shortfall was a drop in bank account interest earnings, caused by ongoing projects. Furthermore, this outstanding revenue is not factored into the calculation of the unassigned fund balance.

8.2 Expenditures

Becky provided a summary that outlined the district's financial standing, detailing a total income of \$27 million in the Fund Balance alongside utilized offset funds. From the remaining balance, \$450,000 is allocated for trust fund projects, \$175,000 is being returned to taxpayers, though this exact figure may fluctuate during final reconciliation, and any leftover funds will target remaining project needs.

8.3 Food Service

N/A

8.4 Project Summaries

Active trust fund projects include the High School window replacements scheduled for April vacation, bathroom renovations on track to wrap up by Christmas break, and wood fascia work that is nearly finished while awaiting final roof completion.

Dr. Bartlett made mention of the landscaping work being done and flowers planted around the WiCC.

9.0 INFORMATIONAL

Returning to the earlier discussion regarding funding for the Three School Hockey Co-op, the proposal asks the board to support Laconia allowing private funding driven by parents and booster club, to support the district's three hockey players for this year.

Motion: A motion was made by David Honeman, seconded by Jennifer Dunn, to support the request that would allow Laconia to have the Winnisquam players continue with the three school cooperative program using outside funding this year, and then take up next year's funding through the budget process.

Vote: Affirmative 8-0-1 Motion Passes

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10.0 BOARD COMMITTEE & DELEGATE UPDATES

10.1 Board Committees

- Wellness (Dunn, Tupeck) - The next meeting of the Wellness Committee will be held on September 17, 2026 at Southwick School at 3:15 pm.
- Facilities (Goodwin, Turgeon, Stock) - A meeting will be planned for September. Lance suggests if we are thinking about going for a bond on the roof, we may want to consult with the Turner Group regarding other needs that we may not be aware of.
- Teacher of the Year (Honeman, Roy, Dunn) - N/A

10.2 Delegate Committees

- Region 8 Advisory Board (Turgeon) -The next meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2026. Lance Turgeon reported that there was considerable conversation at the last state committee meeting regarding students that are receiving EFA funds. We do have one student attending WiCC that is receiving EFA funding. Lance will email the District's attorney for clarification of how these funds work.
- NH School Board Association (Cormier) - Legal Updates
John Cormier reported that there will be a new set of resolutions coming out. He asked Kathy Thomas to send them to board members before the September Board Meeting.

Jason Stock reported on a study commission which focuses on tuition allocations for Spaulding. The committee is chaired by Representative Hill and is operating on an aggressive schedule, with a final report due by November 1st to meet the post-election filing period in November.

11.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

12.0 OTHER BUSINESS

13.0 NON-PUBLIC MEETING [\(RSA 91-A:3II\(a\) Personnel Issues - RSA 91-A:3II\(e\) Negotiations/Legal Mattes\)](#)

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: At 7:28 pm, a motion was made by Jasen Stock, seconded by David Honeman, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Affirmative 9-0 Motion Passes