School Administrative Unit # 36

School Board Meeting Minutes

White Mountains Regional School Board	August 13, 2026
White Mountains Regional High School	5:30 p.m.
Whitefield, NH	

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: A. Adair, J. Akerman C. Fountain, R. Loiacono, B. Jellison,

Tardy: None

Board Members Absent: T. Giles, K. vanBergen-Buteau

Administrators Present - R. Scott, M. Wadsworth, M. Cronin, G. Brown, J. Noyes

FLAG SALUTE

Consent agenda - Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: C. Fountain	Seconded by: A. Adair

<u>**To approve the of Minutes of (7/16/2026)**</u>

<u>Motion carried-Unanimous</u>

Consent agenda - Approval of the Manifest

Moved by: B. Jellison	Seconded by: C. Fountain

<u>Motion carried-Unanimous</u>

Public Comment opened at 5:32 pm and will remain open for 30 minutes

Superintendent's Report:

Michael Cronin, Director of Student Services, slide show – Mr. Cronin provided background on the Special Education audit and presented findings of the audit (PAGS) to the Board

Robert Scott, Superintendent- Mr. Scott had submitted a written report, and he summarized this for the Board. Mr. Scott noted that he has received an intent to bargain from the WMEA Union President. Mr. Scott provided information on the Fair Funding Project. Mr. Scott described the approval process for Special Education IEP service procurement and contract approval. Mr. Scott discussed HB1300.

New hires:
James Cromer, WMRMHS, Middle School Girls Soccer Coach
Alexandria Karl, LES, 3rd Grade Teacher SY 26-27
Nathan Chipman, WMRMHS, Varsity Alpine Skiing Coach

Jameson Hayden, WMRMHS, Physical Education Teacher SY 26-27
Avery Hazelton, WES, Physical Education Teacher SY 26-27
Celina Heyliger, WES, Paraprofessional, SY 26-27
Nancy Knutson, WES, Cafeteria Cook, SY 26-27

Director of Finance Report- Melisa Wadsworth- Ms. Wadsworth provided updates on School Financials including budget surplus report, etc.

Director of Bldgs & Grounds- Gary Brown- Mr. Brown provided an update on School Facilities, including the Lancaster Elementary School Boiler Project

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Ed. Programming/Curriculum (first meeting of month) (Adair, vanBergen-Buteau)
- Facilities (third Wednesday of the month) (Adair, Akerman, Fountain)
- Personnel (as needed) (Adair, Jellison, Loiacono) – Schedule bargaining meeting for Thursday, August 20, 2026
- Policy (second meeting of the month) (Giles, Jellison)-Amendments on Agenda
- District Wellness Committee (Fountain, vanBergen-Buteau)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Adair inquired about schedules for the upcoming school year for upper classmen; Mr. Scott provided information about the timing of schedules

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 1

Moved by: B. Jellison	Seconded by: C. Fountain

To approve the following Job Description Amendment:
Paraeducator Mentor

Discussion by Mr. Scott providing background on the position

Motion carried–Unanimous

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 2

Moved by: B. Jellison	Seconded by: C. Fountain

To approve the following policies for amendment:
EBCD- Emergency School & District Closings
GCCBC- Family and Medical Leave Act
IKL- Academic Honesty and Integrity
JFABD-Admission of Homeless Children and Unaccompanied Youth
JJB- Athletic Policy Handbook
JICK- Bullying Prevention - Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention
JJJ- Access to Public School Programs by Non-Enrolled Resident Students
JLCD- Administering Medication to Students

Motion carried– Unanimous

Motion to Amend ACTION AGENDA ITEM 3

Moved by: B. Jellison	Seconded by: A. Adair

To approve the following policies for Second Read and approval:

ACD- Religious Neutrality & Religious Accommodations
BDFA-Policy Committee
EBCF-Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies

Discussion by Mr. Jellison, motion to amend policy BDFA, Section A to include Director of Finance and Human Resource Officer

Motion to Amend carried - Unanimous

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 3 AS AMENDED

Moved by: C. Fountain	Seconded by: A. Adair

To approve the following policies for Second Read and approval:
ACD- Religious Neutrality & Religious Accommodations
BDFA-Policy Committee (incl amended language)
EBCF-Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies

Motion carried– Unanimous

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 4

Moved by: B. Jellison	Seconded by: C. Fountain

To waive second read and approve the following policy:
EEBA- Vehicle Operation Safety Policy

Discussion by Adam regarding Team Reach Communications, Mr. Scott provided information regarding these communications

Motion carried– Unanimous

Motion to Amend ACTION AGENDA ITEM 5

Moved by: B. Jellison	Seconded by: A. Adair

To accept the following resignation(s):
Celina Heyliger, WMRMHS, Middle School Math Teacher, effective July 30, 2026.
Jennifer Gray, WES, Cafeteria Cook, effective (pending resignation)

Discussion regarding an amendment to the action agenda item by Mr. Scott; amended to remove C. Heyliger who will be transferring roles instead of resigning and include the resignation date of August 12, 2026, for J. Gray

Motion to Amend carried- Unanimous

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 5 AS AMENDED

Moved by: B. Jellison	Seconded by: C. Fountain

To accept the following resignation(s):
Jennifer Gray, WES, Cafeteria Cook, effective August 12, 2026

Motion carried Unanimous

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 6

Moved by: C. Fountain	Seconded by: B. Jellison

To approve the DOE issued, One time (One year) certificate of eligibility for the following employees:
Jameson Hayden, WMRMHS, Physical Education Teacher
Avery Hazelton, WES, Physical Education Teacher
Mackenzie Kingsbury, WES, Kindergarten Teacher
Romeu Rodrigues, WMRMHS, Math Teacher

Discussion by Ben regarding remaining open positions, Mr. Scott provided that information

Motion carried– Unanimous

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 7

Moved by: C. Fountain	Seconded by: B. Jellison

To approve the extension of the One-Year-Certificate of Eligibility issued by the NH DOE for the following employees:
Alyssa Fryman, LES, Kindergarten Teacher
Maachah Krull, WES, Grade 1 Teacher

Discussion by Ben asked if it is typical to extend; Mr. Scott provided background extending a COE

Motion carried– Unanimous

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 8

Moved by: C. Fountain	Seconded by: J. Akerman

To approve amending the previously approved (March 26, 2026) expenditure for LES Boiler Project not to exceed the amount of $360,000.00 from the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund, which was approved by the voters during the March 10, 2026 vote.

Discussion by Mr. Scott regarding increasing costs of construction

Motion carried– Unanimous

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 9

Moved by: J. Akerman	Seconded by: C. Fountain

To approve moving the previously scheduled School Board Meetings as follows:
September 3, 2026 to September 10, 2026.
September 17, 2026 to September 24, 2026.

Discussion regarding conflicts with current meeting dates and length of time between Manifests

Motion carried– Unanimous

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 10

Moved by: C. Fountain	Seconded by: B. Jellison

To approve the following Substitute Coordinators for School Year 2026-2027:
Scott Holmes, LES
Lisa Brooks, WMRMHS
Lori Shearer, WES

Motion carried– Unanimous

ACTION AGENDA ITEM 11

Moved by: B. Jellison	Seconded by: C. Fountain

To accept and appropriate unanticipated funds in the amount of $3,500.00 awarded to the WMRMHS Society of Sustainable Spartans Group, from the Whole Foods Market Foundation Grant, to be used towards their permaculture garden project.

Discussion by Mr. Scott to bring Society of Sustainable Spartans to present to the Board.

<u>Motion carried– Unanimous</u>

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

Moved by: B. Jellison	Seconded by: J. Akerman

Motion to go into non-public- RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 6:34 pm

<u>Motion carried– Unanimous</u>

Moved by: J. Akerman	Seconded by: C. Fountain

Motion to come out of non-public session at 7:33 pm

<u>Motion carried– Unanimous</u>

Moved by: C Fountain	Seconded by: B. Jellison

Motion to come seal the minutes indefinitely at 7:35 pm

<u>Motion carried– Unanimous</u>

Adjournment

R. Loiacono, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melisa Wadsworth
Director of Finance
Clerk for the Day

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