



Lunenburg Public Schools

Dr. Kate Burnham, Superintendent of Schools

MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 15, 2025
LHMS Collaborative Room #D132
6:30 – Hybrid

School Committee

Brian Lehtinen, Chair - Present
Anthony Sculimbrenne, Vice Chair - Present
Carol Archambault, Secretary - Present
Peter Beardmore, Member - Present
Laura Brzozoski, Member - Present

Superintendent

Dr. Kate Burnham

Recording Secretary

Courtney Fuller

Guests:

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- 1. Call to Order by Mr. Lehtinen at 6:30 pm**
- 2. Public Comment Mr. Lehtinen** reads aloud a welcome letter to the new superintendent Dr. Jodi Fortuna. Dear Lunenburg family, staff, and community members we are excited to share that Lunenburg School Committee has voted to appoint Dr. Jodi Fortuna as the next superintendent of Lunenburg Public Schools beginning July 1 2025. Dr. Fortuna comes to us with over 20 years of experience in educational leadership and a deep commitment to student achievement, inclusive practices, and a strong school community. She currently serves as the Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning in the Brookline Public Schools where she has led important district-wide instructional initiatives and worked closely with educators' families and community partners. Her professional background also includes numerous leadership roles including Assistant Superintendent in Boston Public Schools, Principal Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent of Hudson Public Schools, Principal at Narragansett Regional School, and Assistant Principal at Northridge Public Schools. She began her career as a Special Education Teacher in the Dudley - Charlton Regional School District. She has continued to center her work on supporting all learners and empowering staff. Dr Fortuna holds a doctorate in educational leadership from Boston College and she brings a collaborative of out outcomes driven approach to school leadership. Throughout the search process Dr Fortuna impressed us with her thoughtful vision, her understanding of district systems, and her ability to bring people together. She is dedicated to listening, learning, and working in partnership with students' educators, families, and the entire Lunenburg community. This appointment follows a rigorous and inclusive search process that included public finalist interviews as well as a screening subcommittee made up of school staff, union representatives, town officials, parents, and

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community members. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed time, insights and feedback throughout the process we look forward to welcoming Dr Fortuna to Lunenburg and beginning a new chapter together. She will be working closely with the school committee and current leadership to ensure a smooth transition in the months ahead. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our schools

3. **Executive Session:** to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel **Ms. Brzozoski makes a motion to enter executive session at 6:33 Mr. Beardmore seconds the motion, all approve via roll call. Committee returns at 6:43**
4. **New Business**
Action
 - a. **Superintendent Contract** Mr. Sculimbrene and Ms. Archambault met with Dr. Fortuna on Tuesday. The contract includes an annual salary of \$174,000, we accepted the request to reimburse her for the membership fee of American Association of Superintendent which is \$485 per year. This is a 3 year contract with a 2 ½% raise each year. **Ms. Archambault makes a motion to accept the contract, Mr. Beardmore seconds the motion all approve via roll call vote.**
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **First Read 3601.1 Bus Fee Policy** Ms. Brzozoski reads the policy out loud.
6. **Public Comment**
7. **Adjournment** Ms. Brzozoski makes a motion to adjourn at 6:52, Mr. Beardmore seconds the motion, all approve via roll call vote

Respectfully Submitted

Courtney Fuller