Lincoln School District
Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2026 6:30-8:00 PM
Lincoln Community School

Board members present: Chair Jeanne Albert, Deirdre Kelly, Mary Gemignani
Staff: Superintendent Daniella Sutherland
Note Taker: Mary Gemignani

Item	Time	Topic	Action Taken
1	6:39 pm	Call to Order	
2	6:39	Public Comment No public comment	
3	6:35	Consent agenda • Approve Minutes: 2026-8-12 LSD Board Emergency Meeting agenda 2026-7-9 LSD Board Emergency Meeting agenda.docx • Approve Warrants	Approved unanimously
4	6:41	Chair updates • The governance working group met 8/17/26 to work on clarifying Lincoln's governance model. Group members: Jeanne Albert, Daniella Sutherland, Tory Riley, Mary Gemignani • Jeanne attended a Rural School Community Alliance (RSCA) meeting 8/18/26. The RSCA will continue their work into the future.	
5	6:54	Superintendent updates • There are two new hires at the school this year. Mollie Sprague will replace Russell Comstock in the kitchen. Sarah Mayer has been hired as the new art teacher. • Daniella, who is representing the district on the Champlain Valley South Region CESA Board CESA, reported on the first meeting and brought to the Board's attention that there is conflicting language between CESA and Vermont legislation. https://www.cvsdvt.org/act-170-district-consolidation/cooperative-educational-service-areas-cesa-study • Daniella presented a draft for a community engagement plan with a timeline by February 2028. The plan included recommendations and noted key Lincoln groups. Discussion: What are the options? What questio cussion: Review Board workplan • Calendar overview–Review at next meeting • Board Committees: Working committees at this time are: Engagement, Governance, Superintendent • ns might community members have? How is our LSD working? What do we want to improve? Community Engagement for LSD Future	
6	7:41	•	
7	7:45	Discussion: Initial community engagement plan regarding merger process landscape and LSD This item was covered in Item #5.	

8	7:45	Discussion: Possibilities for deeper Board engagement with teaching and learning at LCS. How can the Board learn more about what is happening as part of the regular programs at LCS? Focus on values as a possibility?	
9	8:00	Next steps ● Continue community engagement/outreach discussion at first September Board meeting ● Discuss ways to acknowledge and honor Deirdre Zele at September Board meeting. ● Develop a committee to consider superintendent goals, evaluation, etc. ● Invite Rob King to September Board meeting for a facilities show and tell. ● Invite Brooke to next meeting to discuss meaningfully ways for the Board to engage with staff. ● Re-look at workplan. ● Governance committee will meet before next Board meeting.	
10	8:02 pm	Adjournment	Unanimous

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