Kingdom East School District



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Dear Residents of Lyndon,

It is a considerable honor to serve as the Superintendent of Schools for Kingdom East School District. The citizens of our towns care deeply about public education and our children. This support is essential in continuing the strength of our schools and community. Our District includes seven preK-8 school programs, covering eight towns (Burke, Concord, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton, and Wheelock), and choice for high school.

As the superintendent I have the opportunity to visit classrooms and see our young people in action. This past week, kindergarteners at Burke were learning to write about small moments; Sutton 5th graders were determining the relationship with fractions between part and whole, numerators and denominators. At Miller's Run the 7th grade mathematicians were learning the distributive property. In Lunenburg young scientists were describing plate tectonics and geology. Newark 4th grade citizens were learning the 50 states and their capitals. The Lyndon third graders were reading books about mammals and reptiles. Strolling into a PE class in Concord, I watched our young athletes playing an amazing run, grab, throw, chase and do burpees game. They all understood the intricate rules and were moving, sweating, learning and laughing!

The District annual report summarizes our programs, provides a glimpse into our individual schools, outlines the structure and work of our Board of School Directors, and details our budget and facilities needs. The highlights include details for our fiscal outlook along with our facilities plan for an expansion at Burke Town School and urgent replacement and repairs at Concord. I invite all residents of Lyndon to explore the Kingdom East Annual Report, attend the annual meeting and budget information sessions, ask questions and continue to visit your local school.

I look forward to: continuing our academic programs; increasing personalization and authentic, place based learning; expanding co-curricular, civic, service and after school programs; and creatively working across all schools to share resources and maximize potential. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you!

Sincerely,

ennifer Botzojorns

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Dear Residents of the Kingdom East School District,

This first year of growing the Kingdom East into one, operational, and steady School District has been as rewarding as it has been challenging!

Our fifteen Board members from across our new District have remained focused on what unites us: our commitment to our students. Student learning, health, and safety are our primary concern. The work of creating equitable, sustainable, educational opportunities for all students keeps us looking forward to what we can accomplish together.

The Facilities Committee focused this year on the current conditions of our buildings and the work that needs to be done to maintain safe, healthy, and learning-friendly environments for our students and staff. The Finance Committee worked diligently to prepare and monitor our overall budget to expand opportunities and support improved educational outcomes for our students. Keeping our focus on student's needs and success, while maintaining a realistic budget for taxpayers, guides the Board's decision making.

We are most fortunate to have an energized, committed Superintendent and School and Central Office staff who professionally keep our schools and students moving forward. Keeping up with new requirements, the challenges of poverty, and the needs of our children demand trained professionals with a commitment to our communities and schools. The Board is kept informed of the trends and realities of public education and we strive to maintain our focus on the success of each of our students.

Please consider serving our schools and communities by joining the Principal's Advisory Groups in your local school, joining the PTO, volunteering at the school or even running for the District Board. Supporting public education is important and rewarding!

It continues to be an honor to serve our communities.

Celeste Marie Girrell, Board Chair

Cynthia Stuart, Board Vice Chair



Lyndon Town School

Amy Gale, Principal Rhonda King, Asst. Principal





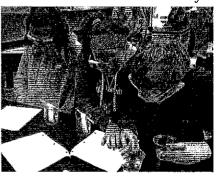
Lyndon Town School provides a comprehensive and studentcentered learning experience for our growing student body.

Come learn with us! Enrollment continues to climb. Programs and opportunities are expanding. We strive to develop the whole child including the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual capacities of our students.

A highlight of our current programming is our performing arts opportunities. Our fall drama production, "Annie, The Musical", provided over twenty-five 5*-8th grade students opportunities to develop their talents as cast and crew, with two evening performances in November. Our winter concert included performances by our 6*-8* grade ensembles in chorus and band, our 7*-8* grade jazz band, and new this year, our 5th grade band (Buddy's Band). Lastly, 8th grade student, Zane Mawhinney, secured a Rural Schools Grant to start a rock band at LTS. With rehearsals underway, we anticipate performances at the spring Talent Show and Concert.

Lyndon's middle school is now in it's fourth year of implementing Personal Learning Plans. Students set personal growth and learning goals, share their learning, reflect on, and connect their learning to their own development. Students document their learning journey using electronic platforms such as Google Sites, Blogger, Protean, and YouTube Channel. Student led conferences provide an opportunity to showcase learning to parents.

In 2018 LTS made major improvments to



the technology infrastructure, which created a better environment to enhance student learning through technology. The most important

upgrade to the building was the addition of 25 access points. This increased the overall bandwidth and speed of the wireless network and allows teachers and students a much smoother experience while using laptops and iPads. Additional improvements include upgrades to our device management system, and replacement of older iPads, allowing teachers to offer the newest educational applications to students.

Our literacy, mathematics and science steering committees continue to lead the staff in continuous improvement by providing personalized and engaging instruction in the content areas. Our inte-



grated arts programing includes physical education, art, Spanish, computer instruction, design technology, personal wellness,

health, and

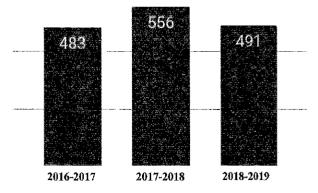
library/research skills, in addition to the music, band, chorus and drama mentioned above. We strive to live out our mission to be "Caring, Capable, and Committed to life long learning; To make today a learning success for all."

It is my privilege to lead the school in these endeavors, and I invite you to visit us at school and on the web at www.lyndontownschool.org and on Facebook.

Grades: PreK-8 Classroom Teachers: 34 Special Educators: 8 Support Staff: 46

Students PreK-8: 491

Enrollment Trends (As of 10/1/18)



Sanborn School Trust Fund

Isaac W. Sanborn was Lyndon Town Clerk-Treasurer from 1858 to 1902, a record 44 years. Mr. Sanborn passed away on February 27, 1903. In accordance with the terms of his will, his residence and holdings were sold and the proceeds given to the Town to be made available for support of the schools. The fund was to be administered by a three-person board of trustees, the first trustees being elected in 1905 (J.W. Copeland, W. Irving Powers and J.C. Eaton). The principal of this bequest amounted to \$4,281.24, of which \$2,800 was from the sale of the 28 (now 143) South Street residence. By 1925, the fund had grown to over \$10,000 and the then trustees (H.W. Lyster, C.L. Stuart and F.E. Dwinell) decided to allocate an amount equal to the prior year's earnings (\$427.70) among the three districts which then comprised our public school system. Former Superintendent Urban Wakefield believes that the funds were first used to transport students from rural areas in an era when bus transportation was not yet provided in the budget. Later distributions were for other needs. This practice was followed for over thirty years, but after 1958 there is no record of any further distribution from the account and no record that the trustees met (during the 34 intervening years) to consider the use of the fund, which had grown to \$32,120.07 as of December 31, 1991, net of the distributions between 1925 and 1958.

Newly elected trustees met on March 26, 1992, and decided that it was high time to resume distribution from the Fund in support of the schools in accordance with the wishes of one of our Town's more notable benefactors. (Sanborn also left a significant endowment to support the annual operating expenses of the Cobleigh Library.) It is our hope that Lyndon Town School students will be the direct beneficiaries through support of activities that might be beyond the financial ability of the town to adequately fund from the annual operating budget. For the school year 1992-93, we authorized the Treasurer of the school district to transfer from the Sanborn Fund to the General Fund an amount approximately equal to the interest income accrued during the calendar year 1991 (\$1,715) and directed that this amount be used to enhance the field trip program of the Lyndon Town School...over and above the activity level normally provided in the general fund budget...with particular emphasis on support to the music and art programs, visits to Fairbanks and other museums, and for Nature's Classroom scholarships.

The trustees convene periodically to consider proposals from teachers and staff for the distribution of the interest income. Since 1992, the trustees have awarded over \$27,000 to underwrite such diverse one-time needs as an electric stapler, computer software, vacuum cleaners, projectors, speaker system, whale watch field trips, a wheelchair, meteorological equipment, art prints, CD-ROMS, computer printer and scanner, tape players, digital camera, special library books...and the "brick outhouse." It is our intent that Mr. Sanborn's legacy will never be used simply to reduce the level of our obligation as taxpayers to support all essential educational and cultural activities. In recent years, the sharp decline in interest income has obliged the trustees to make awards less frequently than the traditional annual funding, but only until interest rates improve to more normal levels. For FY 2019, we awarded \$1,000 for the Lyndon Town School Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program. FY 2020 will be a non-award year per our rotating award policy because of low interest rates. However, we will be awarding \$1,000 in FY 2021 based on selected grant requests received from LTS teachers.

12/12/18 Fund Trustees: David R. Stahler, Chairman Kelly Harris Twila Perry

LYNDON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Lyndon Town School District was held as warned at the Lyndon Town School Gymnasium on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. Moderator Joe Benning gaveled the meeting to order at 12:06 PM. The Moderator introduced the school board members in attendance, Nancy Blankenship, Chair of the Board, Miranda Fox, John Peters and Erin Rossetti, as well as principal Amy Gale. The Moderator asked the assembly to grant permission to Jen Botzojorns, Superintendent of Schools, to speak as a non-voting participant. There were no objections.

Nancy Blankenship presented information to the assembly of 43 remaining voters with a slideshow (see attached). She explained that article 3 was to ask the voters to allow the School Board to open a Lyndon Educational Facilities (LEF) Reserve Fund and articles 4-7 are to ask the voters to transfer the current restricted funds into the LEF Reserve Fund. The reason for this is that if the current funds are not expended, as is, by June 30, 2018, they will become a part of Kingdom East reserve funds and all schools will share them. By opening the new reserve fund and transferring the other four funds into it, the money remains the asset of Lyndon Town School and will then need to be expended within five years. After July 1, 2018 the Kingdom East Administration, with feedback from maintenance personnel and the community, will provide guidance for the expenditure of the fund. The slideshow provided a list of long and short term needs to be considered. The top suggestion is a learning space/multi-purpose room/theatre. Principal Amy Gale explained that if a large population of the school was to participate in a program together, it would need to be held in the gymnasium which would leave the remaining students unable to have gym class. It would ease congestion, Other needs listed were a generator, air handling/circulation system, storage building, truck w/plow, salt & sand storage as well as many others. Nancy reviewed the Kingdom East School District equalized pupil numbers, the approximate value of all buildings, and the number of employees. There will be several Kingdom East Budget Information Meetings. There will be a budget presentation held in Lyndon on April 7th at 10 AM and a budget Informational Meeting held on April 9th at 6 PM. The Kingdom East Budget Vote will be held on Tuesday, April 10th at the Lyndon Municipal Building from 10 AM to 7 PM. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk.

Carol Fisher wanted to know if the Board was going to ask the Voters how to spend the restricted funds? Nancy said it would be decided by a committee which would include community input. Mrs. Fisher also wanted to know if the Board would come before the voters for more money if there wasn't enough to complete a project such as a multipurpose room. The answer was no. It would become a part of the Kingdom East budget and all legal voters in the district would vote on it. Sue Mason, being a teacher in Burke, said it would be wonderful to have space, but more important is to have safety (generators and cameras). Mrs. Gale explained that the school already had an extensive camera system that is only a few years old. Immediately needed items are in the current budget. Deb Smith asked if police presence on school property has been discussed. Nancy explained that their last Lyndon Board meeting was in February and they have not met in March. Don Gardner wanted to know if there were door monitors or someone to watch the cameras. There is personnel that watches the cameras and lets people in one at a time. Susan Mills said the current school was built for 900 students and the current enrollment is far less than that. She, being a past Board member, has a hard time justifying a new addition. Twila Perry asked if there were any expectations that the student numbers would increase. Mrs. Gale sited 2014-2015 had 417 students, 2015-2016 had 447 and 2016-2017 had 489. It is possible for the numbers to increase when Kingdom East goes into effect July 1st. Carol Fisher asked if they would consider amending the name to the Facility Repair Fund and was told it was too restrictive by an attorney. It would not be flexible enough to use for technology.

Article 1: To elect (1) School Director for a (1) year term. (Australian ballot)

Article 2: To elect a School District Treasurer for a (1) year term. (Australian ballot)

<u>Article 3:</u> Shall the voters of the Lyndon Town School District authorize the School Board to open a Lyndon Educational Facilities Reserve Fund on or before June 1, 2018?

Motion made by Cathy Boykin, seconded by Derek Blankenship, to adopt Article 3. With no discussion, the article carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

<u>Article 4:</u> Shall the voters of the Lyndon Town School District authorize the School Board to close the Tax Stabilization Account, transferring all available funds, if any, to the Lyndon Educational Facilities Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2018?

Motion made by Nancy Blankenship, seconded by Twila Perry, to adopt Article 4. With no discussion, the article carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

<u>Article 5</u>: Shall the voters of the Lyndon Town School District authorize the School Board to close the Maintenance Reserve Account, transferring all available funds, if any, to the Lyndon Educational Facilities Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2018?

Motion made by Derek Blankenship, seconded by Ken Mason, to adopt Article 5. With no discussion, the article carried in the affirmative by voice vote.

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Lyndon Town School District authorize the School Board to close the Technology Reserve Account, transferring all available funds, if any, to the Lyndon Educational Facilities Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2018?

Motion made by David Martin, seconded by Twila Perry to adopt Article 6. With no discussion, the article was adopted by voice vote.

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Lyndon Town School District authorize the School Board to transfer any surplus funds in the school year ending June 30, 2018, if any, to the Lyndon Educational Facilities Reserve Fund?

Motion made by Derek Blankenship, seconded by Twila Perry to adopt Article 7. With no discussion, the article was adopted by voice vote.

Article 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Moderator Benning brought to the attention of the assembly that they were about to take a historic step of no longer having a school district meeting. The next meeting dealing with our school would be in a new environment called "Kingdom East", which would consolidate our school district with several others in response to Act 46.

There being no further discussion, motion made by Nancy Blankenship, seconded by Sue Mason, to adjourn. Motion carried in the affirmative by voice vote and as the gavel came down to adjourn at 12:57 PM, it signaled cessation of the school district, a district that has been in existence since our town was founded.

Dawn R. Dwyer, Town Clerk Joe Benning, N	Moderator

Lyndon Town School				2018 Actuals			
	Revenues	Budget	Received	Expected	Balance	Revenue	\$40,514
	Property Taxes	\$10,369,184	\$10,332,439	\$0	(\$36,745)	Expenditures	\$804,679
	PreK Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Balance EOY 18	\$845,193
	Elem Tuition	\$88,482	\$121,583	\$0	\$33,101		
	Spec. Ed. Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
	Interest	\$75,000	\$60,209	\$0	(\$14,791)		
	Rental of Facility	\$0	\$1,409	\$0	\$1,409		
	E Rate	\$9,000	\$37,843	\$0	\$28,843	General Fund Bal	
	Miscellaneous	\$10,000	\$507	\$0	(\$9,493)	Balance FY17	\$158,648
	Trans. State Aid	\$151,181	\$151,739	\$0	\$558	To Maint Reserve	(\$1.58,648)
	HS Completion	\$0	\$19,213	\$0	\$19,213	Proj. Surplus/Def FY18	\$845,193
	Refunds	; \$0	\$2,764	\$0	\$2,764	Balance EOY 18	\$845,193
	Use Of Reserve	\$356,000	\$356,000	\$0	\$0		
	Medicald	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0		
	Prior Year SpEd	\$0	\$15,655	\$0	\$15,655	Maintenance Reserve	
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						FY17 Surplus	\$158,648
						Interest Revenue	\$2,468
						Trans to Facilites Res	(\$599,475)
	Totals Revenue	\$11,078,847	\$11,119,361	\$0	\$40,514	Balance EOY 18	\$0
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	Expenditures.	Budget	Expended	To Be Spent	Balance	Tax Stabilization	
1100	Elem Instruction	\$3,448,701	\$3,232,186	\$0	\$216,515	Balance FY17	\$357,725
1110	Home Sch Coord	\$31,655	\$21,810	, \$0	\$9,845	FY18 to Gen Fund	(\$356,000)
1300	Voc. Ed-Elem	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Interest Revenue	\$689
2120	Guidance	\$121,190	\$111,510	\$0	\$9,680	Trans to Facilities Res	(\$2,414)
	Health	\$148,701	\$146,990	\$0	\$1,711	Balance EOY 18	\$0
	Psychological	\$17,000	\$19,887	\$0	(\$2,887)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Speech	\$11,050	\$13,077	\$0 \$0	(\$2,027)	Technology Reserve	
2160	•	\$11,030	\$9,109	\$0 \$0	(\$2,027)	Balance FY17	\$382,386
	Prof. Dev.	\$75,000	\$54,115	\$0 \$0	\$20,885	Interest Revenue	\$1,644
	Library	\$98,604	\$85,722	\$0 \$0	\$20,883	FY18 Expenses	(\$16,196)
	Technology	\$176,576	\$216,230	\$0 .\$0	(\$39,654)	Trans to Facilities Res	(\$367,834)
	School Board	\$60,620	\$37,982	\$0 \$0		Balance EOY 18	(\$367,634) \$0
	CNSU Office	\$355,947	\$37,982	\$0 \$0	\$22,638	Dalance LOT 10	70
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	Principal's Office Fiscal Services	\$494,689 \$141,239	\$437,948	\$0 \$0	\$56,741	Lyndon Facilities Res	Ć2 444
			\$93,913	\$0 \$0	\$47,326	Trans from Tax Stabil	\$2,414
	Maintenance	\$634,980	\$580,523	\$0	\$54,457	Trans from Maint Res	\$599,475
	Transportation	\$367,648	\$349,398	\$0	\$18,250	Trans from Tech Res Balance EOY 18	\$367,834 \$969,723
	Food Service	\$4,361	\$5,390	\$0	(\$1,029)	paratice CO. To	\$909,725
	Long Term Debt	\$0 \$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	F 10 1	
	Prior Year Adj	\$0	\$1,240	\$0	(\$1,240)	Food Service	400.00=
5350	Fund Transfer	\$0	\$158,648	(\$158,648)		Balance FY17	\$22,887
1	Secondary	\$3,258,960	\$3,286,534	\$0	(\$27,574)	Gen Fund Transfer	\$0
	Shared Special Ed	\$1,314,512	\$904,737	\$0	\$409,775	FY18 Surplus/Deficit	\$2,244
	Special Ed Admin.	\$95,240	\$95,240	\$0	\$0	Projected Bal EOY18	\$25,131
	ECP	\$222,174	\$222,174	\$0	\$0		
	EEE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	As of November 2	9, 2018
	Totals	\$11,078,847	\$10,432,816	(\$158,648)	\$804,679		

Y19 Lyndon Beginning Reserve Balances				
Facilities Reserve	\$1,814,918.5			
Food Service Reserve	\$25,131.41			

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE LYNDON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE TRANSFER OF ALL ASSETS, OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES TO THE KINGDOM EAST UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 1. WHEREAS, on March 7, 2017 the voters of the Lyndon School District (the "<u>District</u>") approved the following actions, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §706d-706f: (i) the formation of the KINGDOM EAST UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ("<u>KEUUSD</u>") in accordance with the KEUUSD Articles of Agreement, dated October 27, 2016 and approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016; and (ii) the merger of the District into the newly formed KEUUSD; and
- 2. WHEREAS, by Certification issued pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §706g, dated April 25, 2017 (the "Effective Date") and recorded in Volume 243 of the Town of Lyndon Land Records, the Vermont Secretary of Education designated and certified the establishment of KEUUSD as a Unified Union School District, a body politic with the powers incident to a municipal corporation, which may sue and be sued in the name of the Kingdom East Unified Union School District, may hold and convey real and personal estate for the use of the Unified Union School District, and which shall exercise all the powers and responsibilities of a modified union school district in accordance with Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated; and
- 3. WHEREAS, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §722, KEUUSD constitutes a unified union school district as it is organized to operate grades pre-kindergarten through 8th grade; and
- 4. WHEREAS, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §722, KEUUSD constitutes a unified union school district as it is organized to tuition grades 9th -12th grade; and
- 5. WHEREAS, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §723 and the KEUUSD Articles of Agreement, on the Effective July 1, 2018 KEUUSD obtained title to the assets and assumed all of the existing contractual obligations and other liabilities of the member school districts, including the District; and
- 6. WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors intends to formally dissolve the District due to the aforementioned merger and desires to ratify and confirm the transfer of assets and liabilities of the District to KEUUSD.
- 7. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Board of Directors hereby ratifies, approves and confirms, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §723 that, as of July 1, 2018, all right, title and interest in or to District assets including, but not limited to, all real and personal property, was transferred to KEUUSD, along with all contractual rights, obligations and other liabilities of the District.

Nancy Blankinship, Chair

Miranda Fox Clerk

Vickie Florence, board member

John Peters, board member

Erin Rossetti, board member

Dated: December 3, 2018