

Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District
Annual District Meeting Minutes
March 8 2016

Present:

School Board Members: Mr. Geoffrey Brock (Chair), Mr. Mathew Ballou, Mr. Harry Dailey, Mr. Francis Bujak, Mr. James Button, Ms. Mary Guild, Ms. Joyce Fisk, Ms. Carol LeBlanc.

Absent:

Mr. Alexander LoVerme

Budget Committee Members: Mr. Don Davidson (Chair), Ms. Leslie Browne, Ms. Kelly Eshback, Ms. Karen Grybko, Ms. Ellen Pomer, Ms. Dawn Tuomala, Ms. Lisa Post.

Other: Moderator Mr. Walter Holland, School District Clerk Ms. Mary-Jane Ryan.

Moderator Walter Holland called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Moderator Holland led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Holland informed the attendees of a table set up by the Wilton-Lyndeborough Historical Society with photos and historical information.

School Board Chairman Geoff Brock and Budget Committee Chairman Don Davidson introduced the members of the Budget Committee and the School Board.

Moderator Holland welcomed attendees to the Annual School District Meeting, informing attendees of openings for positions on the ballot available by write in vote.

Moderator Holland read the voting announcement as follows:

To the inhabitants of the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District in the towns of Wilton and Lyndeborough, in the county of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on the eighth day of March 2016 at the following places in the town of your residence:

Wilton Town Hall 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon

Lyndeborough Citizens Hall 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

Polls will not close before 7:00 P.M.

To vote for District officers:

Article 1: To choose one (1) Moderator, by ballot for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To choose one (1) At Large Member of the School Board by ballot, from the town of Lyndeborough for the ensuing three years; two (2) members of the School Board, by ballot from the town of Wilton for the ensuing three years.

Article 3: To choose one (1) At Large Member of the Budget Committee, by ballot from the town of Lyndeborough for the ensuing year; one (1) At Large Member of the Budget Committee, by ballot, from the Town of Lyndeborough for the ensuing three years; one (1) Member of the Budget Committee, by ballot, from the town of Wilton for the ensuing two years; two (2) Members of the Budget Committee, by ballot, from the town of Wilton for the ensuing three years.

Article 4: To see if the Wilton-Lyndeborough School District will vote to recommend that the School Board schedule future annual school district meetings for 9:00 A.M. on the Saturday before the second Tuesday in March.
(2/3 vote required)

Moderator Holland read the School District Warrant for the Annual District Meeting March 4, 2016 as follows:

To the inhabitants of the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District in the Towns of Wilton and Lyndeborough, in the county of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire qualified to meet in school district affairs. You are hereby notified and warned of the annual district meeting which will be held as follows:

Date: **March 4 2016**, Time: **7:00 p.m.** Location: **WLC Middle School/High School, 57 School Street, Wilton NH 03086**, Details: **Wilton-Lyndeborough, Cooperative Middle-Senior High School Auditorium**

ARTICLE 5

Moderator Holland read article 5:

*To see if the Wilton-Lyndeborough School District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committees recommended amount of \$12,278,636 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations for the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles separately.
(Majority vote required)*

Recommended by the School Board-----Recommended by the Budget Committee

A MOTION was made by Mr. Geoff Brock and SECONDED by Mr. Harry Dailey to approve article 5.

Mr. Brock spoke to Article 5; presented slide show speaking on

❖ Fiscal Responsibility:

The FY 2016-2017 operating budget is the third budget in a row to hold increases of less than 2 %. This does not include warrant articles that are passed by voters separate from the operating budget. It does not include food service and special revenues.

The three operating budgets have had staffing adjustments due to declining enrollments.

Consolidation of the elementary schools has created savings.

Administration and boards look for efficiencies and cost saving measures.

Within the parameters of efficiencies and cost saving measures, the quality of education across the district remains the major focus of staff and administration.

❖ 2016-2017 Budget Drivers:

Increase in health insurance cost of 5.2% (\$69,960)

Year 3 of 3 of Collective Bargaining Agreement, 2% salary increase (\$70,440)

Year 2 of 3 of Support Staff Negotiated Agreement plus non- affiliated, 2% (\$43,575)

Increased benefits cost associated with increased salaries, NH retirement and FICA (\$24,596)

Increase in special education tuitions and transportation (\$219,520)

Impacts to funding:

Loss of revenue-declining enrollments=less adequacy aid, 43,561 per student (base amount)

Decline in federal special revenue (grants) decreased (\$29,363 over two years)

❖ Budget Details:

The 2016-2017 budget:

- Retains classroom teachers; however there is a staffing reduction in administration staff that are not classroom teachers.
- Has an increase in benefits (health insurance costs, NH retirement, etc.)
- Contains 2% salary increases for teachers and support staff in collective bargaining agreements as well as for non- affiliated staff
- Has an increase in special education tuition and transportation due to an increase in the number of students requiring services.
- Maintains facilities with adequate maintenance, repair and replacement costs.
- Provides curricular materials and supplies to teachers in all content areas to support high quality instruction.
- Supports technology purchases that will put devices into the hands of students as the district moves to one to one computing.

Update on extended Kindergarten Program

For the first five months of school the program has generated \$18,078. The enrollment has fluctuated from 16 to 20.

Beginning in February, two new students are expected to increase enrollment to 19. Anticipating this enrollment will continue through June, the total revenue generated will be \$34,038.

The revenue will cover the salary and benefits of the 1.25 staff, \$33,168

❖ Revenue and Expenditure summary

Expenditures include:

- General Education (Regular education Teachers, Support Staff, Supplies, Equipment, etc.)
- Special Education (Special Education Teachers, Support Staff, Supplies, Equipment, etc.)
- School Board SAU and Building Administration
- Maintenance and repairs (Utilities, Replacement Materials and Equipment, Annual Inspections, etc.)
- Technology Services (Network and End User Support, Devices for Students and Staff)
- Transportation (Regular Education, Special Education, Vocational, Field Trips)
- Principal and Interest on Debt.
- **Salaries and Benefits across all categories account for 71% of the total budget**

Revenue sources include:

- State Adequacy Grant
- Retained State Property Tax
- Interest on capitol reserve Funds
- Federal Grants
- Food Service Sales
- Tuition form Preschool and Extended K Programs
- E-rate (Reimbursement)
- Medicaid(Reimbursement)
- Catastrophic Aid
- Vocational Transportation Aid
- Local Property Tax

Moderator Holland asked if there were any questions from the floor

Kevin Boette- Lyndeborough; what was expended from last year's budget and if any leftover where did it go?

Mr. Brock responded; remaining went back to towns non expended funds as required by law.

Moderator Holland moved the question for vote

Voting: Article 5

Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 6

Moderator Holland read article 6:

To see if Wilton-Lyndeborough School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300 for the purpose of paying down the interest on the Elementary Building Bond with \$3,300 to come from the June 30 unassigned fund balance for this purpose. This amount represents the interest earned on bond proceeds that was transferred to the general fund on or before June 30. This warrant article is an individual warrant article and is not included in the operating budget warrant article (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the School Board-----Recommended by the Budget Committee

A MOTION was made by Mr. Matt Ballou and SECONDED by Mr. Jim Button to approve article 6.

Jim Button explained in order to spend the money earned there needs to be a vote.

Moderator Holland asked if there were any questions from the floor; hearing none he moved to vote

Voting on article 6

Passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 7: Hearing of Reports

To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Jim Button and SECONDED by Mr. Fran Bujak to approve article 7.

Mr. Bujak spoke for The Capital Improvement Plan Facility Committee; referring to page 42 in the annual report the upgrading controls for climate and underground piping, on the WLC roof repairs, explaining the parts of the roof that need repair and work on the WLC parking lot.

Moderator Holland asked for Questions or comments, hearing none he moved to vote

Voting on Article 7

Passed by voice vote

Article 8: Other Transact Any Other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Moderator Holland thanked WLC Music Teacher Nancy Tong and students Nick, Tate and Henry, the Custodial Staff and FRES Technology Coordinator Jackie Hernandez for setting up the room.

Don Davidson recognized retiring Budget Committee Member Cary Hughs; thanked him for his contributions and service, presented a gift.

Mr. Davidson also thanked Dawn Tuomala for returning after retiring to fill a position, also thanked Kelly Eshback for her participation and involvement in the community; presented a gift.

Mr. Brock mentioned Mr. Davidson was retiring and recognized his contributions and services Mary Guild is also leaving; he thanked her as well and presented a gift.

Mr. Brock recognized that in 2002 Fran Bujak joined the School Board and he is resigning; he recognized his efforts and thanked him.

Mr. Brock recognized Superintendent Christine Tyrie who is leaving the district and thanked her as well.

Mr. Brock thanked all staff, administration and support staff.

Moderator Holland thanked the attendees for the light meeting, and thanked the community for their support.

A MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting and was SECONDED

The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary-Jane Ryan".

Mary-Jane Ryan
School District Clerk

