

# WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

## WLCS Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the MS/HS Media Room

**Committee Membership:** Chair Leslie Browne (Facilities Committee Rep.), Vice Chair Karen Grybko, Secretary Lisa Post, Pam Altner, Mary Guild (Facilities Committee Rep.), Edwina Hastings (School Board Rep.), James Kofalt (School Board Rep.), William Ryan (Facilities Committee Rep.), Christine Tiedemann.

The Agenda was as follows:

1. Call WLC Budget Committee to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. January 24, 2017 BC Joint Minutes
  - b. February 10, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes
4. Appointments/Elections
  - a. Chair
  - b. Vice Chair
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Facilities Sub-committee Representative and alternate
  - e. School Board Sub-committee Representative and alternate
  - f. Additional Sub-committees if needed
5. Other Business
  - a. Update Contact List
  - b. Schedule next Budget Committee Meeting
6. Adjournment of Budget Committee

**Members Present:** Chair Leslie Browne, Vice Chair Karen Grybko, Secretary Lisa Post, Pam Altner, Mary Guild, Edwina Hastings James Kofalt, William Ryan, Christine Tiedemann.

**The following elected Budget Committee Members took the Oath of Office and were sworn in by Mary Jane Ryan, District Clerk, prior to the meeting: Leslie Browne, Edwina Hastings, Lisa Post, William Ryan and Christine Tiedemann.**

1. Chair Karen Grybko called the Budget Committee to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. No Public Comment
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a. January 24, 2017 BC Joint Minutes

**A Motion was made by Jim Kofalt to accept the meeting minutes as written, Seconded by Edwina Hastings. Voting: All in favor with one abstention (Bill Ryan). Motion passed.**

- b. February 10, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes

**A Motion was made by Jim Kofalt to accept the meetings with amendments and the addition of the Power Point presentation given by Superintendent Lane, Seconded by Mary Guild. Voting: All in favor with two abstentions (Pam Altner and Bill Ryan).**

4. Appointments/Elections
  - a. Chair

**A Motion was made by Mary Guild to nominate Leslie Browne as Chair, Seconded by Christine Tiedemann. Voting: All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. Vice Chair

**A Motion was made by Pam Altner to nominate Karen Grybko as Vice Chair, Seconded by Lisa Post. Voting: All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

- c. Secretary

**A Motion was made by Karen Grybko to nominate Lisa Post as Secretary, Seconded by Christine Tiedemann. Voting: All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

- d. Leslie Browne and Bill Ryan volunteered as Facilities Committee Representatives
- e. Jim Kofalt and Edwina Hastings volunteered as School Board Committee Representatives

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- 55 f. Pam Altner volunteered as IT Committee Representative if needed. Jim Kofalt volunteered as Strategic  
56 Planning Committee Representative if needed.

57 5. Other Business

- 58 a. The contact list was updated.
- 59 b. The next Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the MS/HS  
60 Media Room.
- 61 c. Chair Leslie Browne talked about what the Budget Committee should be focusing on for the upcoming  
62 budget year. A discussion revolved around what we could do to affect the budget, what was in our control  
63 and what is not, along with current state changes and mandates. Chair Browne was interested in inviting  
64 Frank Edleblut, Commissioner of Education for New Hampshire to a Budget Committee Meeting and having  
65 a discussion on the direction of education in NH and what we can do locally to support education and while  
66 providing a reasonable budget to the taxpayer.
- 67 Jim Kofalt suggested that we set up the Strategic Planning Committee and look at issues one at time and felt  
68 we still have not resolved the problems with the School Lunch Program and suggested this to be on the table  
69 for this budget season. In addition, he requested that we request the SAU for provide a monthly listing of  
70 accounting with "Expenditures, Budgeted, Remaining and Forecasted columns" in the document.
- 71 Karen Grybko said the facilities are the next place to look for savings through building consolidation and that  
72 we should look at the efficiency of each building. Pam Altner agreed and said that there would be  
73 retirements this year that would potentially provide savings.
- 74 Edwina Hastings suggested we keep the focus on increasing student achievement. Jim Kofalt wanted to be  
75 sure that the investment in technology was being used to its potential while Karen Grybko wanted to be  
76 sure teachers were motivated to integrate the technology into the curriculum. Pam Altner wanted to be  
77 sure we were getting a value from the technology while contributing to a better learning environment.
- 78 Karen Grybko said with all the advantages of new schools, technology and new positions that we need to  
79 see an increase in student achievement.
- 80 Chair Browne is planning on contacting the School Board Chair to discuss where their focus for the year will  
81 be and if the two committees will align on a focus and that a Strategic Planning Committee might add  
82 additional joint meetings to the schedule.

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84 6. The Budget Committee was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

85 ***A Motion was made by Karen Grybko to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Jim Kofalt. Voting: All in favor. Motion***  
86 ***passed unanimously.***

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88 Respectfully Submitted,  
89 Lisa Post, Secretary  
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