

# WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

## WLCS Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 6:30 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 (Strategic Planning Committee), Edwina Hastings (School Board Rep.), James Kofalt (School Board Rep./Strategic Planning Committee), William Ryan (Facilities Committee Rep.), Christine Tiedemann, Dawn Tuomala, Charlie Post (SB Budget Committee Representative).

The Agenda was as follows:

1. Call WLCS Budget Committee to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes
  - a. January 9, 2018 Budget Committee & Joint Session
  - b. January 15, 2018 Budget Committee Meeting
  - c. January 23, Budget Committee & Joint Session
4. FY 2018-2019 Committee Budget Preparation Review and Discussion
5. Other Business:
  - a. The next Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the WLC MS/HS Conference Room followed by Joint Session at 7 p.m. in the Media Room for preparation of Public Hearing.
  - b. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2018 in the WLC MS/HS Media Room. Snow date: Friday, February 9, 2018.
  - c. Period for filing for Elective Office is January 24 – February 2, 2018.
6. Adjournment of Budget Committee

Attendees: Leslie Browne, Lisa Post, Pam Altner, Edwina Hastings, James Kofalt, William Ryan, Christine Tiedemann, Dawn Tuomala

School Board Attendees: Harry Dailey, Charlie Post.

1. Chair Browne called the Budget Committee to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Public Present/No Comment

3. Review and approval of meeting minutes

- a. January 9, 2018 Budget Committee & Joint Session

**A Motion was made by Christine Tiedemann to accept the minutes as amended; Seconded by James Kofalt. Voting: All Ayes. Motion passed.**

b. January 15, 2018 Budget Committee Meeting

**A Motion was made by James Kofalt to accept the minutes as written; Seconded by William Ryan. Voting: All Ayes with one abstention, Pam Altner. Motion passed.**

c. January 23, Budget Committee & Joint Session

**A Motion was made by James Kofalt to accept the minutes as amended; Seconded by William Ryan. Voting: All Ayes with one abstention, Christine Tiedemann. Motion passed.**

4. FY 2018-2019 Committee Budget Preparation Review and Discussion

Chair Browne opened the discussion asking members to voice their opinion on whether as a Committee we want to present our recommended budget as a percent of the operating budget or as line-item reductions. After the committee members expressed their opinions and desire not to micromanage, the committee reviewed the budget line-by-line to show their support of the increased funding for Professional Development for teachers to be better equipped to improve students' academic achievement.

Recommended reductions: SAU \$13K, Technology \$18K, FRES \$20,890.00 reductions to Professional Development were eliminated, reductions found in new & replacement furniture and travel, dues and fees: total reduction \$20,890. LCS \$8,100.00 decreased reductions in new & replacement furniture and Utilities, Contracted Services,

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Repairs, etc. Curriculum budget remains at FY18 Adopted Budget. WLC/MS \$16,500.00 decreased reduction in replacement equipment & furniture. WLCS \$12,500.00 decreased reductions to replacement furniture & equipment and new equipment & furniture. Total amount of budget reduction is \$88,990. 00. Edwina Hastings pointed out that the savings equals the reduction of 10 students' per pupil cost. This is a 0.72% reduction from the proposed Budget and a 1.65% reduction over FY17/18.

Chair Browne asked for a motion regarding the reduction to the operating budget.

***A Motion was made by William Ryan of \$12,344.685.00 as the proposed Operating Budget for FY18/19; Seconded by Edwina Hastings. Voting: All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.***

There was a discussion of the Public Presentation and Lisa Post felt that the Budget Committee should use more than one presenter as she felt it would be a very contentious Hearing if the School Board did not agree to accept the Budget Committee's numbers. Mr. Ryan expressed that the Board needed to give more consideration to the taxpayers in their decisions. Mr. Kofalt expressed that the Committee's proposed Operating Budget represents a compromise and a resolute number. Mrs. Post expressed that in the last Joint Session the Board did not act in good faith by their refusal to collaborate with the Budget Committee on the proposed reductions, which were brought to the table as requested by Chair Dailey. A discussion followed with School Board Chair Harry Dailey providing insight on the position of School Board.

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## 6. The Budget Committee adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

***A Motion was made by James Kofalt to adjourned the Budget Committee; Seconded by Edwina Hastings. Voting: All Ayes. Motion passed.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa C.M. Post, Secretary