

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

WLCS Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the WLC 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. FY 2018-2019 Budget Discussion
4. Other Business:
 - a. The next Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 23, 2018** at 6:30 p.m. in the MS/HS Conference Room followed by Joint Session- Final Draft Preparation.
5. Adjournment of the Budget Committee

Attendees: *Leslie Browne, Karen Grybko, Lisa Post, Edwina Hastings, James Kofalt, William Ryan, Christine Tiedemann, Dawn Tuomala, Charlie Post.*

1. Chair Browne Called the Budget Committee to Order at 6:34 p.m.
2. No Public Comment: Public was Present
3. FY 2018-2019 Budget Discussion: Chair Browne reviewed that the Budget Committee had been tasked by School Board Chairman Harry Dailey to come up with a proposed budget. Charlie Post reviewed the School Board's positions in that they rejected Warrant Article 04-Operating Budget for various reasons: such as: wanting full-day Kindergarten in the Operating Budget, rejection of 8th grade consolidation and Middle School staff cut, and that the budget was not reflective of the declining student population. The School Board discussed the possibility of tuition-based financing for the full-day Kindergarten - Warrant Article 07 which was also voted down. The Budget Committee is waiting to receive information from Superintendent Lane. However, this Committee feels strongly that Full-Day Kindergarten should not be put in the Operating Budget and that it remains as a Warrant Article for the taxpayers to vote on. Karen Grybko discussed that traditionally it has not been the position of the Budget Committee to recommend un-mandated Warrant Articles and is left for the voters to decide.

The Committee reviewed the FY2018-2019 Budget Running Total document and recommended cuts in all areas of the operating budget: SAU, Technology, FRES, LCS, Middle School and High School. The proposed cuts total \$117,645. The Budget Committee will present the Operating Budget to the School Board at the Joint Session on January 23, 2018. The Committee did not formally vote on any of the Warrant Articles.

4. Other Business:
 - a. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 23, 2018** at 6:30 p.m. in the MS/HS Conference Room followed by Joint Meeting- Final Draft Preparation.
 - b. The Budget Committee will meet **on Tuesday, January 30, 2018** in the WLC MS/HS Media Room to wrap up the presentation for the Public Meeting.
5. The Budget Committee adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Christine Tiedemann to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Karen Grybko. Voting: All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Post, Secretary