

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

WLCS BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING & JOINT SCHOOL BOARD SESSION MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018 – 6:30 P.M. AT WLC MS/HS CONFERENCE ROOM

Committee Membership: Chair Leslie Browne (Facilities Committee Rep.), Vice Chair Christine Tiedemann, Secretary Lisa Post (Strategic Planning Committee), Pam Altner, Jennifer Bernet (Strategic Planning Committee), Kevin Boette, Dennis Golding (School Board Rep.), Edwina Hastings (School Board Rep.), William Ryan (Facilities Committee Rep.), Alex Loverme (SB Budget Committee Representative).

The Agenda was as follows:

1. Call WLCS Budget Committee to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Review and Approval of September 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes
4. Budget Committee Review and Planning Session
 - a. Committee Reports:
 - i. Facilities
 - ii. School Board
5. **FY 2019-2020 Joint Budget Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Room**
 - a. FRES
 - b. LCS
6. Other Business:
 - a. Schedule Next Meeting
The next Joint Budget Session is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
7. Adjournment of Budget Committee

Attendees: Leslie Browne, Lisa Post, Jennifer Bernet, Kevin Boette, Dennis Golding, Edwina Hastings, William Ryan:

1. Chair Browne called the Budget Committee to Order at 6:30
2. See Public Comment Under Joint Session
3. Review and Approval of September 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes
A Motion was made by William Ryan to accept the minutes as amended; Seconded by Edwina Hastings. Voting: All Ayes with one abstention (Kevin Boette). Motion passed.
4. Budget Committee Review and Planning Session
 - a. **Committee Reports:**
 - i. **Facilities:** Chair Browne reported that the meeting will be held on October 23, 2018.
 - ii. **School Board:** None due to current Joint Budget Sessions*A Motion was made by Edwina Hastings to recess at 6:59 p.m. and reconvene at the Joint Session; Seconded by Jennifer Bernet. Voting All Ayes. Motion passed.*
5. FY 2019-2020 Joint Budget Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Room
 - a. **FRES:** The proposed Pre K-5 2019-20 budget is inclusive of the costs for the Lyndeborough Central School and Florence Rideout Elementary School operations. The proposed 2019-20 operational budget for Pre-K – 5 has a total increase of \$89,064 over the adopted budget for 2018-19. This is an increase of 5.5 %.

Areas of increase in the operational budget include:

A combined increase of \$18,655 to the regular education supply, printed materials and professional development account lines for a new proposed K-5 STEM program titled Project Lead the Way.

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Non-discretionary building expenses at both Florence Rideout Elementary School and Lyndeborough Central School including electricity, fuel, and water/sewage reflect a total increase of \$34,183 on the operating budget.

Increased costs of \$52,647 in the special education budget at FRES in the areas of private tuition and transportation to support an individual student need for out of district programming.

Most other areas are level funded or show a decrease.

Project Lead the Way is a K-12 STEM program that fosters important skills such as problem solving, critical and creative thinking, collaboration, and communication. The cost to implement this program including staff training in all K-5 classrooms is \$23,152. Of that amount \$20,548 is one time cost for student kits and teachers resources. An annual cost of \$2,604 is anticipated to replenish and replace supplies associated with maintaining the program.

There was a discussion of the Special Educations costs' rising and Mr. Ballou questioned whether there will be a presentation specific to Special Education. Mr. O'Connell indicated that the presentation will be on November 27 with the facilities and curriculum presentations.

Principal O'Connell noted that the budget for FRES reflects a \$4000 line item for purchase of new titles both non-fiction and fiction. This would be year one in a 3-year cycle to replace old titles. Mr. Loverme questioned who chooses the books; Principal O'Connell indicated that he does along with the teachers. Mrs. Post suggested parents should be included in the selection.

Chair Dailey discussed the consolidation of books and recommended that the Board look into what the "Library" of the future might be. He opened the floor to the Budget Committee.

Budget Committee Chair Leslie Browne questioned the 14% increase in the budget which is just shy of \$200K for FRES with a brief discussion of rising Special Education costs.

Lisa Post asked the School Board Chair and Superintendent why the MS 25 deadline of September 1, 2018 was not met in spite of being queried several times by the Lyndeborough Town Administrator and by Mr. Post, Lyndeborough School Board Representative. Mr. Lane replied that the Board had signed the document this evening and that it would be submitted to the DRA right away and that the Board would be discussing this in a non-public session tonight.

6. Other Business:

- a. **Schedule Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at WLC Conference Room followed by a Joint Board Session at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Room. (The next Joint Budget Session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.).

7. The Budget Committee Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Lisa Post to adjourn; Seconded by Edwina. Voting: All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa C.M. Post, Secretary