

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes April 10, 2019

7:00 p.m. WLC MS/HS Cafeteria

Committee Membership: Jennifer Bernet (7:15), Kevin Boette, Leslie Browne, Dennis Golding, Jeffrey Jones, Adam LaVallee, Lisa Post, William Ryan, Christine Tiedemann, Jon Vanderhoof (SB Budget Committee Representative).

1. WLCS Budget Committee to Order by Leslie Browne at 7:300 p.m.

- i. Leslie Browne welcomed new Committee members Jeffrey Jones of Wilton and Adam LaVallee of Lyndeborough. Current members identified themselves and discussed the Committee's process throughout the year and culmination of the budget being set.

2. Elections

a. Chair

A Motion was made by Lisa Post to nominate William Ryan for Budget Committee Chair, Seconded by Bill Ryan.

Voting: Two Ayes, Seven Nays with one abstention (Mr. Ryan). Motion fails.

A Motion was by Christine Tiedemann to nominate Leslie Browne for Chair, Seconded by Kevin Boette. Voting: Five Ayes, 3 Nays with one abstention (Leslie Browne) and Ms. Bernet was not present for the vote.

b. Vice Chair

A Motion was made by Dennis Golding to nominate William Ryan as Vice Chair, Seconded by Kevin Boette. Voting: All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Secretary: Mr. Boette nominated Lisa Post, she declined. Lisa Post nominated Christine Tiedemann, she declined.

A Motion was made by Kevin Boette to nominate Jennifer Bernet as Secretary; Seconded by Christine Tiedemann. Voting: All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Committee Appointments:

- a. Facilities Sub-committee Representative and alternate: **Lisa Post/Christine Tiedemann**
 - b. School Board Sub-committee Representative and alternate: **Adam LaVallee/William Ryan**
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee Representative (2 positions): **Jeffrey Jones/Alternate TBD**
- Other Committees that are being formed by the Board were discussed and appointments will be made as needed.

4. Review and Approval of February 18, 2019 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

A MOTION was made by Kevin Boette to accept the minutes as amended; Seconded by Dennis Golding. Voting: All Ayes with one abstention (Kevin Boette). Motion passed.

5. Review and Discussions:

a. Review of FY 2019-20 Budget Season

The Committee reviewed the past season as to what could be done to alleviate the anxiety of the public over line item concerns. There was discussion regarding what contributed to difficulties of this budget season and what could be done in the future to improve the process. Clarification of duties and responsibilities and the RSA's that govern the Committee were discussed. It was suggested that a monthly review of current budget be done and look at what was spent, what worked and didn't work and the data used to create a budget through trends.

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b. Discuss Goals for FY 2020-21 Budget Season

The Committee discussed the need to work directly with the Superintendent, request and review monthly spending of current budget in line item format to assist with setting the budget for the new season. Chair Brown will look into joint training for the Committee and School Board regarding responsibilities and duties of the Budget Committee as well the monthly financial reports to review at our meetings for budget preparation.

6. Public Comment: Charlie Post, Lyndeborough Citizen: Last year was a fiasco and it was not this Committee's fault at all. The Superintendent failed to meet with the Budget Committee and provide the necessary information. School Board members undermined this Committee at the Public Hearing by speaking against the budget that was supported by the Board and the Budget Committee disrupting the process. Mr. Post stated that none of would be here if we didn't care about our students and recommended that the Committee meet directly with the Superintendent during the budget process in the upcoming season. You guys did a great job last year.

7. Other Business:

- a. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at WLC in the Media Room.

8. The Budget Committee adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa C.M. Post