

1 WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

2 11/26/19 – Budget Committee Draft Meeting Minutes

3 6:30 PM WLC Cafeteria

4 Members Present – Leslie Browne (Chair), Dennis Golding, Adam Lavallee, Christine Tiedemann,
5 Lisa Post, Jeffrey Jones, Jonathan Vanderhoof (SB Rep)

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7 Agenda -

- 8 1. Call WLC Budget Committee to Order
9 2. Review and Approval
10 a. November 5, 2019 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
11 b. November 19, 2019 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
12 3. Committee Updates
13 a. Facilities Committee (Lisa Post and Christine Tiedemann)
14 b. School Board (Adam LaVallee and Bill Ryan)
15 c. Strategic Planning Committee (Jeff Jones)
16 d. Food Service Committee (Dennis Golding)
17 4. Review and Discussions:
18 a. FY 20-21
19 b. Select Board Meeting December 3rd with both towns
20 5. Public Comment:
21 6. Other Business:
22 a. Schedule Next Meeting
23 Recess/Reconvene for Joint Session with School Board in WLC Media Room

24 **Meeting called to order by Chair Browne at 6:33**

25 **Meeting Minutes** - Chair Browne suggested a change to November 5th meeting minutes to
26 clarify that the intent of our motion was that we lacked confidence in the *previous*
27 Administrations ability to build a budget since 4 of the key contributors are new to the district
28 and had no input on last year's process. Discussion followed noting that we can't change the
29 motion that was voted on and most of the committee felt that Mr. Lavllee's statements made it
30 clear where we feel the issues stem from.

31 *Motion was made by Dennis Golding and seconded by Lisa Post to accept the November 5, 2019*
32 *meeting minutes as written. Motion passed 7 ayes*

33 *Motion was made by Christine Tiedemann and seconded by Dennis Golding to accept November*
34 *19, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed 6 ayes and 1 abstention*

35 **Committee Updates** – Dennis Goulding and Christine Tiedemann reported that food service is
36 moving in right direction and updates were given at recent meeting. The director is working
37 diligently on collections and a survey will be sent out soon to students and parents to get
38 feedback. Facilities and Strategic planning have meetings coming up and there was no SB
39 meeting since our last joint meeting.

FY 20-21 – Chair Browne started discussion about Mr. Goulding’s question he sent after our last meeting regarding cost of snow plowing from towns. Chair Browne sent to Mr. Lane but had not heard back and will follow up on it.

Chair Browne reported that the December 3rd meeting with the 2 Town Select Boards and Budget Committees had been canceled due to scheduling conflicts.

Chair Browne shared a sample report that was given to her at the end of the last joint meeting by the Business Administrator to see if that was the type of reporting we wanted. It was passed around and said that we would be discussing reporting during our joint session.

Chair Browne had asked Mr. Lane to provide some information on the cost comparison of our RISE program and she shared the document he provided showing in district costs vs. estimated out of district costs. Some discussion followed.

Chair Browne shared the content of an email some members received from Deb Mortvedt from Wilton requesting that we request a Forensic Audit as a warrant article. Chair Browne explained that at the last SB meeting the Board took action to have the Chair and Vice Chair meet with the Budget Committee Chair and Vice Chair to discuss the scope of a RFP and begin the process to get accurate numbers of what a audit would cost and what we would be looking for. That meeting took place on November 25th and the first draft of an RFP was developed to be brought back to the SB for discussion.

Public Comment – Charlie Post of Lyndeborough said that the Budget Committee needed to start pushing back and questioning the budget as it was being presented and that the towns could not support the continued level of spending. Ms. Tiedemann responded saying that she felt we were questioning things as they came up and that the process was not over. There was still time to make adjustments.

Deb Mortvedt from Wilton stated that she was happy the audit was being looked into.

Motion to recess to join SB was made at 7:07 by Christine Tiedemann and seconded by Dennis Goulding. Motion passed with 7 Ayes

Reconvened with School Board at 7:10 – refer to SB meeting minutes

Next Meeting – Budget Committee on December 10th at 6:30

Motion was made by Dennis Goulding to adjourn and seconded by Christine Tiedemann, motion passed unanimously. Budget Committee adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Browne