

1 WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

2 11/26/19 – Budget Committee Final 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 Golding 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

70 Respectfully submitted by Leslie Browne