

1 WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
2 12-10-19 Budget Committee Final Meeting Minutes
3 6:30 PM WLC Library
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6 Members present: Jennifer Bernet (came late), Kevin Boette, Leslie Browne (Chair), Bill Ryan
7 (Vice Chair), Dennis Golding, Jeffrey Jones, Adam LaVallee (left early), Lisa Post (came late),
8 Christine Tiedemann (came late), Jon Vanderhoof (SB Budget Committee Representative).
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10 Agenda -

- 11 1. Call WLC Budget Committee to Order
- 12 2. Review and Approval
- 13 a. November 26, 2019 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
- 14 3. Committee Updates
- 15 a. Facilities Committee (Lisa Post and Christine Tiedemann)
- 16 b. School Board (Adam LaVallee and Bill Ryan)
- 17 c. Strategic Planning Committee (Jeff Jones and Lisa Post)
- 18 d. Food Service Committee (Dennis Golding and Christine Tiedemann)
- 19 4. Review and Discussions:
- 20 a. FY 20-21
- 21 5. Public Comment:
- 22 6. Other Business:
- 23 a. Schedule Next Meeting
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25 **Meeting called to order** by Chair Browne at 6:33
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27 **Meeting Minutes** – Dennis Golding noted his name was spelled incorrectly from line 35 on. No
28 other corrections were discussed. *A Motion was made by Dennis Golding to accept meeting*
29 *minutes as amended, was seconded by Adam LaVallee. Motion passed with 4 ayes and 2*
30 *abstentions.*
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32 **Committee Updates** - Strategic Planning met on 12/3. They will most likely move forward with
33 recommending the SRO as a warrant article. They also discussed live streaming Board meetings
34 and the programs needed to do that. No other committees had met. Discussion switched to
35 monthly reporting and the status of an audit. Both requests are being worked on.
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37 **FY21 Review and Discussion** – Chair Browne started discussion by looking at the FY21 proposed
38 budget before revenues and food service. If we take into account that we would most likely
39 remove \$100k from SPED and move that to a warrant article we are \$232,177 over the FY20
40 MS24 budget. Mr. Vanderhoof pointed out that we also need to add the \$300,000 bond
41 dropping off into that increase. We discussed the proposed items that were handed out at the
42 last joint meeting that still need to be discussed. It was noted that there is also \$187,486
43 ‘contingencies’ built in that we have not done previously. And that we are also now budgeting

44 for teacher retirement payouts in the current year and that we are correctly budgeting for
45 salaries which were incorrect last year. All this, plus the warrant articles in discussion will be
46 asking taxpayers for a lot.

47 Kevin Boette suggested we start with a number that we are comfortable with and start
48 removing items to get there. Adam Lavallee said he did not like that approach and that we
49 need to fund what is needed.

50 It was suggested that we speak with the people who make the requests and try to understand
51 where that is in the budget, getting down to the level and project code of the accounts. Are
52 these being done as zero-based budgets or built upon year after year? An example of why we
53 need this is that on line 832 and 846 of the draft 3 budget there are café table for LCS
54 requested by 2 different people. How and why does this happen?

55 Lisa Post requested we get more info about the Social Worker that has been requested.

56 It was decided that Chair Browne would ask Mr. Lane to tell us where he can reduce and that
57 will need to include a look at staffing (a suggestion was go to 1 media specialist in the district).
58 Also, she would try to get a meeting set up with the requesters of the budging process for next
59 Monday. A discussion was had about timing going forward and we have a lot of work to do in
60 the month of January.

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62 **Public Comment** - No Public was present

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64 **Next Meeting** – Tentatively- Chair Browne will try to organize a meeting with Department
65 heads, Principals and some staff on December 16, 2019 at 6:30 – more info to follow if we can
66 get it scheduled.

67 Next joint session December 17, 2019

68 *A Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Ryan and seconded by Kevin Boette. Motion passes with*
69 *9 ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm*

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71 Respectfully submitted by Leslie Browne
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