

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

9/24/2019-Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM WLC MS/HS Library/ Media Room (Joint with School Board)

8:40 PM WLC MS/HS Cafeteria

- 1 Members present: Jennifer Bernet (Secretary), Leslie Browne (Chair), Kevin Boette, Dennis
2 Golding, Jeffrey Jones, Adam Lavallee, Lisa Post, William Ryan (Vice-Chair), Christine Tiedemann
3 Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair William Ryan at 7:00pm, WLC Library/Media Room
4 Joint Session with School Board (minutes available as part of School Board Minutes)
5 Budget Committee Recess at 8:35pm
6 Budget Committee reconvenes at 8:40 PM in WLC MS/HS Cafeteria

7 Review of Minutes

- 8 *Motion to approve the minutes of August 27, 2019 as written made by Leslie Browne and*
9 *seconded by William Ryan, passed unanimously.*

10 Committee Updates

- 11 **The Facilities Committee:** Christine Tiedemann reported the sitting rugs at FRES may need to
12 be replaced, although they could be washed. FRES has three slides made of plastic. The tubed
13 one has a hole in it and would cost \$10-\$15k to replace. There is plywood over the opening to
14 block access. A suggestion was made that it should be taken down and the school would have
15 two functioning slides. Lisa Post reported she did a walk-through of the middle/high school and
16 there has been cleaning and painting. She says it looks in good shape. Ceiling tiles need to be
17 replaced in some spots. The upstairs girls' bathrooms need to have stall doors/partitions
18 replaced. The boys' locker room will be repaired in the summer of 2020. Two sections of the
19 middle school roof need to be replaced, which will be part of the CIP. The nurses' room at LCS
20 needs to be changed to allow more room.

- 21 **School Board Liaison:** Adam Lavallee says the budget shortfall was discussed. He reports the
22 Superintendent said he did not know about retirements before the end of the school year. Mr.
23 Lavallee said that one can't say younger staff will be cheaper, because they need more benefits,
24 such as larger family health insurance. He said the Board voted not to address rumors about the
25 school.

Strategic Planning Committee: Jeff Jones reports that priorities include a School Resource Officer, and that the Chief of Police will come in to talk about it. Mr. Jones says another priority is communication and the possibility of broadcasting meetings on social media. Other topics include evaluation of the changes to the middle school structure and follow up of the students who did not have a full year with their sixth-grade math teacher.

Food Services Committee

The Food Services Committee has not met since the last Budget Committee meeting.

Joint Session Review

The committee will ask for follow-up information regarding the deficit. Discussion about information necessary for review. Discussion about hiring a forensic accountant.

Motion by William Ryan: "To ask the School Board to hire a forensic accountant immediately to audit the last three years of the district's financials." Seconded by Lisa Post. Motion passes unanimously.

Next Meeting

Joint Meeting with the School Board on October 8 at 7:00 PM in the WLC HS/MS Library.

Budget Committee Meeting October 15 at 7:00 PM in the WLC HS/MS Library.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Boette and seconded by Dennis Golding. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bernet, Secretary