

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

10/22/2019-Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

6:30 PM WLC Cafeteria, 7:00 PM Joint with School Board WLC Library/Media room

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
3 Tiedemann, Jonathan Vanderhoof (School Board liaison)

4 Meeting was called to order by Chair Leslie Browne at 6:30pm

5 *Motion to accept minutes from 10/08/2019 made by Lisa Post, seconded by William Ryan,*
6 *passed unanimously.*

7 Facilities Committee Update:

8 Lisa Post reports committee reviewed CIP and talked about projects for the summer of 2021.

9 Ms. Post reports she asked for a copy of the 2018 expenditures. She reports replacement of the
10 roof for Section 6 is planned. When it is done, that section of roof will have been completed. It
11 is expected to cost \$85,000, with some money coming from the budget and some from the CIP.

12 Ms. Post reports there is a plan to replace the dishwasher at the WLC MS/HS for \$17,000 in
13 2021. Bathrooms at WLC MS/HS need to be renovated at a cost of \$16,000. The chimneys were
14 repointed. More information will be coming. The roof of the LCS multi-purpose room is planned
15 to be replaced in the summer of 2021 at a cost of \$8650. The Facilities Committee will prioritize
16 projects for 2020. There was some discussion of LED lighting and replacing ceiling tiles at the
17 WLC MS/HS. Mr. Lavallee asked why some money comes out of the budget fund balance rather
18 than the CIP and Ms. Browne explained that sometimes projects are moved up if they can be
19 funded from the budget, Ms. Post clarified that Requests for money from the CIP must go to
20 the School Board and then to the Trustees of the Trust Funds. Mr. Lavallee said that making the
21 school more energy efficient should be part of the CIP.

22 Strategic Planning Committee Update:

23 Jeffrey Jones reported the committee met on October 15 and heard a presentation from Police
24 Chief Olson about a School Resource Officer. The officer would work for the town during the
25 summer. This position is expected to cost around \$100,000 per year for salary and benefits and
26 additional equipment. The committee will look at the number of police calls to the school.

27 Food Service Committee:

28 Next meeting is November 19, 2019 at 6:00pm.

29 Following was a discussion of what might have gone wrong with the previous budget to cause
30 the shortfall. Ms. Post reiterated the need for a forensic accountant to examine exactly what
31 happened. Kevin Boette requested that the Budget Committee look at the budget v. actuals
32 every month to keep track. Ms. Post questioned why the retirements were paid and why they
33 weren't in the budget. It was explained those payments are from savings in salary when less
34 experienced teachers are hired to replace the retirees.

35 Public Comment:

36 Mr. David Roemer commented there should be no transfers and there should be a monthly
37 expense report.

38 Mr. Peter Howd and Ms. Karon Walker expressed their concern and interest in what is
39 happening with the budget.

40 *Budget Committee recess at 7:00, reconvenes at 7:15 in joint session with School Board*

41 Joint Session with School Board (minutes available as part of School Board Minutes)

42 *Motion to Adjourn at 9:40pm by Christine Tiedeman. Unanimous vote in the affirmative.*

43 **Next Meeting**

44 Meeting at 6:30 PM November 12, in the WLC Middle/High School Cafeteria. Joint Meeting with
45 the School Board on November 12 at 7:00 PM in the WLC HS/MS Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bernet, Secretary

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