

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

Budget Committee FINAL Meeting Minutes January 5th, 2021

6:30p.m. Virtual / WLC Library

Committee Membership: Leslie Browne (Chair), Kevin Boette (Vice Chair), Dennis Golding, Jeffrey Jones, Adam LaVallee, Lisa Post, William Ryan, Christine Tiedemann, Jennifer Bernet, Jonathan Vanderhoof (SB Budget Committee Representative).

Present: Leslie Browne (Chair), Kevin Boette (Vice Chair), Dennis Golding, Jeffrey Jones, William Ryan, Jennifer Bernet, Lisa Post, Jon Vanderhoof (SB Budget Committee Representative), Adam Lavallee, Christine Tiedemann (6:35PM)

1. WLCS Budget Committee called to Order by Leslie Browne at 6:31 p.m.

Review and approve December 15, 2020 minutes

A MOTION was made by Dennis Golding to accept the 12/15/2020 minutes as amended; Seconded by William Ryan. Voting: 8 in favor, 2 abstain (Jonathan Vanderhoof and Jennifer Bernet), Motion passed.

2. FY 20-21

Kevin Boette asked if the money for a Superintendent search was included in the budget. The committee agreed that it had been cut out of this year's budget following the district meeting and there is no money in the proposed budget. The Superintendent search is expected to be completed by the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Chair Browne will inquire during the joint session as to the structure of the hiring process.

3. FY 21-22 Budget discussion

Chair Browne stated that she had some questions on the warrant articles and we were not yet ready to vote.

Lisa Post asked about the school counselor/social worker memo included in tonight's board materials. Jonathan Vanderhoof stated that the board had discussed after the joint session on 12/15/20, and it would be a topic for the joint session tonight. Lisa Post stated she did not agree that this should be added into the proposed budget.

Chair Browne requested input on the budget presentation. Kevin Boette stated he would like to have printed details of the line-item budget available to the public, plus a summary breakdown across categories that includes percentage increase/decrease in each category. Adam Lavallee stated that he had gone back 10 years and the annual increase in budget was modest (~1%), and this was an important number for the public to be aware of. Christine Tiedemann stated that she thought we should highlight the enrollment numbers. Jeff Jones stated that having a slide with the accomplishments of the school district in the last year with pictures of students should be part of the presentation. Chair Browne stated that she is working on a letter for the annual report on behalf of the school budget committee, including the effects of COVID on the school, and hoped to have that completed by January 20th.

The Committee discussed next steps in the budget discussion and decided to meet independently on January 12th, compile a list of questions, and send to the Superintendent to respond in the January 19th

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meeting. Adam Lavallee proposed that the budget committee should drive the agenda for the joint sessions going forward. For the next meeting, the budget committee agreed to step thru the pivot version of the proposed budget by category. Christine Tiedemann requested that the committee members go through the line items and be prepared to highlight any rows they would like to discuss in further detail. This will make the conversations more efficient in the January 12th meeting. Chair Browne reminded the committee that the filing dates are coming up at the end of January for those up for election.

4. Public Comment - None

A Motion was made by Dennis Golding to recess the Budget Committee, Seconded by Christine Tiedemann. Voting: All in favor, Motion passed unanimously.

5. The Budget Committee adjourned at 7:45 PM for joint board session.

6. The Joint Board session convened at 7:49 PM -*Please refer to the WLC School Board Minutes of January 5, 2021 for the Joint Meeting.*

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

Motion to adjourn joint Budget Committee/School Board meeting made at 8:40PM, by Christine Tiedemann, seconded by Dennis Golding. Voting: All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting 1/12/21, 6:30PM Budget Committee

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Jones