

# WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

## Budget Committee FINAL Meeting Minutes January 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

1. The Joint Board session convened at 6:40PM -*Please refer to the WLC School Board Minutes of January 19, 2021 for the Joint Meeting.*

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

***A Motion was made by Christine Tiedemann to recess the joint session, seconded by Kevin Boette. Voting: All in favor, Motion passed unanimously (Dennis Golding absent).***

The Budget Committee adjourned at 8:29PM for Budget Committee session.

2. WLCS Budget Committee called to order by Leslie Browne at 8:34 p.m.
3. Chair Browne reviewed the overall numbers for the budget that were reviewed during the joint session. Committee agreed that an "all in" number at this stage, including warrants, draft CBA, and adding .5 MS Counselor, represents approximately a 3.5% increase over last year's approved budget.

Chair Browne reviewed proposed budget cuts from prior meeting. During the joint session, Superintendent Lane stated that General Supplies and Paper includes many other items than just paper. The committee unanimously agreed not to move forward with the proposed 10% reduction.

Committee agreed Postage would be reduced by \$1,690 and Books and Printed Media by \$1,000

Chair Browne stated the proposed fuel budget amount has gone up. The Committee agreed to decrease \$3,000 from oil and \$2,000 from propane based on actuals reviewed and the prior year budgeted amounts.

Kevin Boette stated that \$3,800 was proposed on Custodial Contracted services training, but the actuals have been \$0 recently. Committee agreed to reduce the number to \$1 in case training was needed.

Chair Browne brought up a line item that the SAU agreed to move to furniture and was misclassified on the draft. Jeff Jones asked for confirmation from the SAU that there was no double counting due to multiple codes that have furniture related expenses in the notes (bookcases, chairs, etc.). Chair Browne will request confirmation.

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Chair Browne asked the Committee to review the annual letter as it is due tomorrow. The Committee reviewed and provided feedback and edits.

***A MOTION was made by William Ryan to accept the annual letter as amended by Chair Browne during the meeting; Seconded by Christine Tiedemann. Voting: 10 in favor, Motion passed.***

Jonathan Vanderhoof left the meeting at 9:30PM

Lisa Post expressed concern about the current increase in the budget at this stage and trying to bring it down by about another 1%.

Jeff Jones suggested accelerating the LED replacement too early in the next FY in order to realize some savings, or alternatively to delay the project.

Dennis Golding asked about coaching salaries totaling >\$50K. Chair Browne will follow up with SAU to determine what goes into that number.

Chair Browne reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan with the Committee. Committee agreed to not support the \$64,619 investment in LED project this year and request the School Board to look at options where rebates can be realized earlier and there would be no capital outlay.

Chair Browne requested feedback on whether Committee members support bringing the Middle School Counselor to 1.0 from .5. The majority of the Budget Committee supported increasing the position to 1.0 and putting it in the budget instead of a warrant article.

Chair Browne recommended reconvening on Thursday 1/21 to review the presentation for those that can attend.

Kevin Boette suggested the Budget Committee inform that School Board they do not plan to support the CIP spending on the LED project next year and will reduce by \$60k. Mr. Boette left the meeting to inform the School Board as their meeting was still in session.

Next Meeting 1/21/21 at 6:30PM

***A Motion was made by William Ryan to adjourn, seconded by Dennis Golding. Voting: 9 in favor, Motion passed unanimously (Jonathan Vanderhoof absent).***

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Jones

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