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Budget Committee FINAL Meeting Minutes February 2nd, 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).

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

- a. Meeting Minutes 1/19/21

A Motion was made by Dennis Golding second by Kevin Boette to approve as written. 9 yes – 0 no. Jonathan Vanderhoof abstain

- b. Meeting Minutes 1/21/21

Correction made to spelling of name

A Motion was made by Kevin Boette second by Dennis Golding to approve as ammended. 8 yes – 0 no. Jennifer Bernet, Adam Lavallee abstain

- c. Meeting Minutes 1/26/21

Correction made on vote for reduction in oil budget. Language read for warrant articles inserted into minutes.

A Motion was made by Dennis Golding second by Kevin Boette approve as ammended. 9 yes – 0 no. William Ryan abstain

- d. Meeting Minutes 1/12/21

A Motion was made by Kevin Boette second by Dennis Golding to approve as written. 9 yes – 0 no. Jennifer Bernet abstain

2. Warrant Article V.

Chair Browne introduced the CBA. Jonathan Vanderhoof summarized where the process ended up. The Board voted to reject the fact finder recommendation, but the WLCTA voted to approve this. The Committee discussed some of the details and Kevin Boette requested further details on the negotiations. Jonathan Vanderhoof described the process and that the Board had come up on their initial proposal.
Dennis Golding made a motion not to recommend the warrant, and seconded by Lisa Post.

Discussion: William Ryan stated that he wanted to make sure we did our homework on behalf of the public. Christine Tiedemann recommended that no vote needed to occur tonight and that we could wait to vote. Jonathan Vanderhoof asked what additional information might be needed and also pointed out that the teacher's union just voted on it yesterday. Adam Lavallee asked Jonathan Vanderhoof to clarify the default CBA. Mr. Vanderhoof stated that the salaries will remain constant if not approved.

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Chair Browne stated that it is important to look at comparisons versus comparable salaries in other districts.

Motion Fails

Vote: **2 yes** (*Dennis Golding, Lisa Post*) – **6 no** (*Jeff Jones, Kevin Boette, William Ryan, Christine Tiedemann, Jennifer Bernet, Jonathan Vanderhoof*) . *Leslie Brown, Adam Lavallee abstain*

William Ryan made a motion not to make a recommendation until further information is obtained, seconded by Adam Lavallee.

Discussion: Lisa Post asked if the increase was already included in the information being presented at public hearing. Chair Browne clarified that it was a warrant and is separate.

Motion Passes

Vote: **8 yes** (*Dennis Golding, Jeff Jones, Kevin Boette, William Ryan, Christine Tiedemann, Jennifer Bernet, Jonathan Vanderhoof, Adam Lavallee*) . **1 No** (*Lisa Post*). *Leslie Brown abstain*

Jonathan Vanderhoof requested that the Budget Committee do its best to review the materials from the fact finder and vote prior to the budget hearing on 2/4. Adam Lavallee stated that the board may be looking to add .5 MS counselor. Kevin Boette stated that this could be amended on the floor.

Jonathan Vanderhoof left the meeting at 7:31PM

3. Presentation for Public Hearing

Chair Browne walked through the slides for public hearing. Committee discussed individual slides and content and made some adjustments. Chair Browne and Committee decided who would speak to each slide in the presentation.

4. *Public Comment: Karon Walker commented that she appreciates the work that has gone into the budget and she believes the Committee heard the public's feedback last year.*

A Motion was made by Dennis Golding to adjourn, seconded by Adam Lavallee. Voting: All in favor, Motion passed unanimously.

Committee adjourned at 8:40PM

Next Meeting 2/4/2021 6:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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