

1 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

2 WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SAU63
3 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
4 Tuesday October 10, 2023, 6:30PM
5 HS Media Room
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8 **I. Call WLC Budget Committee to Order**

9 Jeff Jones called the meeting to order 6:35 pm

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11 Members Present: Jeff Jones, Jen Burdette, Charlie Post, Adam Lavallee, Michelle
12 Alley, Jonathan Vanderhoof, Bill Ryan

13 Also Present: School Board Representative Diane Foss
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15 **II. Discussion**

16 Jeff Jones asked the members if they wanted to respond to the request from the School
17 Board to provide a target percentage for the 2024-5 budget.

18 Bill Ryan expressed that we do not have enough information to act on yet. Diane Foss
19 wanted to know why we had to put a number forward. Jeff Jones explained that this was
20 the request of the School Board at a previous meeting.

21 The committee expressed concern about the impact on taxes due to the upcoming
22 teacher's contract. Adam Lavallee suggested a 5% increase, the current working
23 increase is 4.08%. Jonathan Vanderhoof expressed concern that the previous year's
24 budget was enough to account for a significant return of funds at the end of the year,
25 and in the current year budget, positions were added to the staff following the public
26 approval. Jonathan suggested a zero percent budget as a working number.

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28 Charlie Post made a motion that: The Budget Committee use a flat budget percentage
29 for the 2024-5 year vs. the 2023-4 approved budget as a target.

30 Jonathan Vanderhoof seconded the motion.
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32 Discussion continued about the motion.

33 Michele Alley asked for the top two reasons why we should propose a flat budget.

34 Charlie Post stated that the teacher's contract is going to be significant and that

35 previous year's budgets have had excess funds. Jen Burdette asked how the teacher's
36 contract would impact the budget. Jeff Jones explained that it won't affect the budget
37 but will impact the cost to the taxpayer through a warrant article. Diane Foss expressed
38 concern about the cost impact of the teacher's contract for next year.

39 A vote was held for the motion, 5 votes yes, one vote no, two abstentions. The motion
40 carried.

41 The Budget Committee will recommend a flat budget per the request of the School
42 Board.

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44 In preparation for the joint meeting with the School Board, a few concerns were raised.

45 Jonathan Vanderhoof asked that we get clarification on the soccer practice field.

46 Michelle Alley asked about the needs for costs in the proposed iReady budget. Adam

47 Lavallee asked if the iReady cost is part of the technology budget.

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49 Jeff Jones recessed the Budget Committee meeting to join the School Board in a joint
50 meeting at 7:03.

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52 Joint Budget Committee Meeting minutes captured by the School Board.

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54 III. Budget Committee meeting resumed at 7:44 – Diane Foss and Jonathan Vanderhoof
55 remained at the School Board Meeting.

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57 Jennifer Burnette asked for coordination between the towns and the Budget Committee
58 on the upcoming expenses. A discussion ensued about the potential need for
59 coordination including Wilton and Lyndeborough. Jeff Jones mentioned that there is a
60 new RSA on this subject. Jeff Jones will Handle the contact with Wilton and Bill Ryan
61 will handle the coordination with Lyndeborough.

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63 **IV. Public Comment**

64 There was no public comment.

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66 **V. Adjourn**

67 Bill Ryan made the motion to adjourn, Adam Lavalley seconded the motion. The motion
68 carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:42

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71 Submitted by Charlie Post

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