

# WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

## BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING- DRAFT MINUTES

Tuesday October 22, 2024, 6:33 PM, WLC Library

**Committee Membership:** Jeff Jones (Chair), Adam Lavallee (Vice Chair), Michelle Alley (School Board Rep), Bridget Mooney (Secretary) Jennifer Bernet, Phil Brooks, Alex LoVerme, Bill Ryan, Jonathan Vanderhoof, Vacant – Wilton

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**Absent:** Phil Brooks, Alex LoVerme, Vacant – Wilton,

### Agenda

Chair Jones handed out paper copies of the proposed budget to the WLC Budget committee members.

Chair Jones called the WLC Budget Committee to Order at 6:30PM.

Previous minutes were briefly reviewed, but approval was not voted on.

Chair Jones mentioned the open position on the WLC Budget Committee. No discussion

Admin and Budget Committee - Bucket Presentation #1

Kristina Fowler let us know we'd be hearing the parts of the proposed budget on Technology, Food Service, Transportation and Special Ed transportation

Nick Buroker, head of Technology addressed the Technology budget. He said there was some new equipment required but otherwise it was a pretty flat budget. Asked if he were pushed to make cuts where would he see that coming from, he replied from Supplies, but emphasized he really needs all the requested supplies. He spoke to some software used in the school, specifically Maker Space and Destiny.

Megan ?, head of Food Services addressed the Food Services Budget. She said the dishwasher which was requested last year has been purchased and installed and is working well. She spoke to the improvement to the quality of food she has been able to bring to the school. The non-payment of lunch by some parents was discussed. Students in this situation are still receiving lunch, but plans are in the works for getting payment from parents.

Kristi LaPlante, Business Administrator addressed the Business Office Budget

(I seem to have no notes on this except “audit costs will increase” and “dental and health numbers will be available on November 5”.)

Peter Weaver, Superintendent of Schools spoke to the school bus issues. There is a shortage of bus drivers. This is not isolated to Wilton/Lyndeborough. Superintendent Weaver will be meeting with the Amherst and Milford Superintendents to try to work something out amongst the three districts. Some WLC bus routes have already had to be collapsed into one (longer) route. There is an issue getting sports teams to their games. He spoke to the involved training and testing needed to get a license to drive the school bus. Purchasing van busses was discussed as a possible solution for extracurricular bussing.

Ned Pratt, Director of Student Support Services, handed out a detailed breakdown (Special Education Transport Review) of the costs associated with transporting Special Education students. A lengthy discussion took place around this issue.

Public Comment - one comment on the phone

Bill made a motion to adjourn, Alex second. All AYES. Motion passes, meeting adjourned at 8:??PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bridget Mooney, Secretary

64 FY '26 Budget Calendar

65 **September 10 - Joint School Board/Budget Committee**

- 66 -Recap of FY24 budget/actual  
67 -Discuss strategy for FY26  
68 -Establish guidelines for Admin to build the budget

69 **October 8 - Joint School Board/Budget Committee**

- 70 -Superintendent/BA presents first draft of FY26 budget

71 **October 22 - Admin and Budget Committee BUCKET PRESENTATION #1**

- 72 *October 29 - regular School Board meeting*  
73 *-School Board discussion of Warrant Article considerations*

74 **November 5 - Admin and Budget Committee BUCKET PRESENTATION #2**

- 75 *November 12 - regular School Board meeting*  
76 *-Goal is to have Warrant Articles finalized*

77 **November 19 - Admin and Budget Committee BUCKET PRESENTATION #3**

78 **December 3 - Possible Joint School Board/Budget Committee**

- 79 -Attempt to wrap up FY26 Budget?  
80 -Warrant Articles should be finalized

81 **December 10 - Admin and Budget Committee IF NEEDED**

- 82 *December 17 - Regular School Board meeting*

83 **February TBD – Public Hearing**

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85 **March TBD – Annual District Meeting**

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87 Meeting Guidelines

- 88 - All Budget Committee meetings to occur in Library with full technology setup  
89 - School Board member and Budget Committee's School Board rep are responsible for updates between SB and BC  
90 - Requests to Admin will be filtered thru the Budget Committee Chair  
91 - Additional Meetings to be added, as needed

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