

Wilton Lyndeborough School Budget Committee Minutes

April 2, 2025

Committee Members: Jennifer Bernet, Deborah Delworth, Alyssa Lavoie, Bridget Mooney, Craig Alley, Phil Brooks, Harold Melcher III, Jeffrey Vanderhoof, Paul White (SB liason)

Present: all members were present

The meeting was called to order by Paul White at 6:30 pm

Committee members each introduced themselves.

Paul White called for nominations for Budget Committee Chair

Deborah (Deb) Delworth nominated Bill Ryan for committee Chair. Bridget Mooney seconded the nomination.

Alyssa Lavoie self nominated herself for committee Chair. Craig Alley seconded the nomination.

Alyssa Lavoie spoke to her qualifications as a member or leader of several groups and as head of a local child care center.

Harold (Hal) Melcher took a moment to introduce himself as a new member to the committee and as a fairly new resident of Wilton with long family ties to the town. He then asked Bill Ryan to describe his qualifications to be Chair.

Bill Ryan spoke to his past experiences with the school district and his history with this committee.

Paul White called for a vote on the nominations.

Bill Ryan received 7 aye votes and 2 abstentions

Alyssa Lavoie received 0 aye votes and 2 abstentions

Bill Ryan, the newly elected Budget Committee Chair took over the meeting from Paul White

Bill Ryan called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair

Jennifer Bernet nominated Alyssa Lavoie for Vice-Chair. Craig Alley seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Bill Ryan called for a vote on the nomination.

Alyssa Lavoie received 7 aye votes and 2 abstentions

Bill Ryan called for nominations for the position of Committee Secretary

Jennifer Bernet nominated Bridget Mooney for Secretary. Deb Delworth seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Bill Ryan called for a vote on the nomination.

Bridget Mooney received 9 aye votes.

Bill Ryan called for Committee appointments.

A request was made to describe the Committees.

49 Nick Burocker (Director of Technology) described the responsibilities of the Technology Committee
50 and Jonathan Vanderhoof described the responsibilities of the Facilities Committee. Alyssa Lavoie
51 spoke to the needs and expectations of the Strategic Planning Committee.

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53 **Committee Assignments:**

54 Technology: Deb Delworth; Bridget Mooney

55 Facilities: Craig Alley with support from Hal Melcher and Alyssa Lavoie

56 Strategic Planning: Phil Brooks; Alyssa Lavoie; Hal Melcher

57 School Board Liason: Bill Ryan; with back up from Jennifer Bernet and Jonathan Vanderhoof

58 Bill Ryan will look into getting someone from the State to come to a meeting to explain the
59 responsibilities of the School Budget Committee.

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61 Jonathan Vanderhoof moved to accept the minutes from the January 23rd, 2025 meeting; Deb Delworth
62 seconded the motion

63 6 ayes, 3 abstentions

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65 Alyssa Lavoie stated that anyone who has read the minutes can vote to accept them regardless of
66 budget committee status or whether the person attended the meeting being voted on.

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68 Jonathan Vanderhoof moved to accept the minutes of the February 6th meeting; Deb Delworth seconded
69 the motion

70 6 ayes, 3 absentions

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72 Jonathan Vanderhoof suggests we discuss the format of the budget that is presented to the committee.

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74 Alyssa Lavoie suggests the budget committee meet with Kristie LaPlante and Peter Weaver about what
75 we need and expect from them in terms of the budget.

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77 The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6:30 in the WLC Library

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79 A fairly freewheeling conversation began regarding the belief by some members that we need to be
80 more strategic rather than reactive in planning the budget. Alyssa Lavoie had charts from other local
81 school districts to support her position that more detail was needed in the school budget. Some on the
82 committee want more granuality in the budget. Others are concerned that too much data revealed in the
83 budget would be a violation of privacy.

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85 It was decided that this issue would be the basis of the agenda at the May 21st meeting.

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87 Jennifer Bernet moved to adjourn the meeting. Hal Melcher seconded the motion.

88 All ayes

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90 The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm

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