

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING- FINAL MINUTES

Thursday August 29th, 2024, 6:30PM, WLC Library

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

Present: Jeff Jones (Chair), Adam Lavallee (Vice Chair), Bill Ryan, Jennifer Bernet, Phil Brooks, Alex LoVerme,

Absent: Michelle Alley (SB Rep), Vacant – Wilton, Bridget Mooney, Jonathan Vanderhoof

Agenda

Chair Jones called the WLC Budget Committee to Order at 6:33PM. Budget Committee members introduced themselves.

May 21st Draft minutes were reviewed. Adam requested that his name be changed to have a lower-case v throughout.. Motion by Adam to approve as amended, second by Jen. Bill / Alex abstain. All others AYE. Motion passes

Open Secretary position was discussed. Alex nominated Bridget, Adam second. All voted AYE. Motion passed. Chair Jones will notify Bridget and see if she accepts appointment.

Chair Jones asked if there were any volunteers from Wilton to fill the vacant position. The opening is still on the banner for the school website. Alex mentioned he would reach out to Scott Dowling to see if he is interested.

Goals/ Targets for Budget :

Alex requested that anything that was planned fixed to be fixed during the next school year should go into the budget. Adam mentioned that we should let the school create the budget without a percentage change in mind. Jen also stated she wants the school present what they need and future goals. Chair Jones stated that the CBA already causing a 1.9% increase. Alex stated he would be comfortable with up to 6%-7% increase, but the Committee did not agree to provide a specific number to the administration. There was a discussion around busing contract and quality of current service. Alex stated that he thought the cost was too high. Alex asked if there is a regular maintenance schedule for outdoor facilities. Adam stated that some of the fencing needed

34 replacement and some of the trees had overgrown it. Committee will discuss with Facilities Director during the
35 budgeting process

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37 Budget Committee Protocols Document. Chair Jones presented the concept of creating a document that speaks
38 to the role, responsibilities, and best practices of the Committee. The Committee discussed what could go in
39 this document. Phil mentioned the laws define how the Committee should operate. Jen stated that orientation
40 is helpful for new members.

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43 Committee Updates

- 44 a. Board- none
45 b. Facilities- Mr Jones covered the parking lot and tennis court delays. Locker room still in planning.
46 c. Technology- none
47 d. Strategic Planning - One meeting, Adam covered the achievement and mission statement. That
48 Committee talked about long-term picture and what we can offer to our students. No tangible actions
49 right now

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51 Public Comment - none

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53 Bill made a motion to adjourn, Alex second. All AYES. Motion passes, meeting adjourned at 7:12PM.

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55 Respectfully submitted, Jeff Jones Chair

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66 FY '26 Budget Calendar

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

68 -Recap of FY24 budget/actual

69 -Discuss strategy for FY26

70 -Establish guidelines for Admin to build the budget

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

72 -Superintendent/BA presents first draft of FY26 budget

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

74 *October 29 - regular School Board meeting*

75 *-School Board discussion of Warrant Article considerations*

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

77 *November 12 - regular School Board meeting*

78 *-Goal is to have Warrant Articles finalized*

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

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

81 -Attempt to wrap up FY26 Budget?

82 -Warrant Articles should be finalized

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

84 *December 17 - Regular School Board meeting*

85 **February TBD – Public Hearing**

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87 **March TBD – Annual District Meeting**

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89 Meeting Guidelines

90 - All Budget Committee meetings to occur in Library with full technology setup

91 - School Board member and BC's SB rep responsible for updates between School Board and BC

92 - Requests to Admin will be filtered thru the BC Chair

93 - Additional Meetings to be added, as needed

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