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2 **WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL**
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4 **DRAFT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

5 Tuesday January 31, 2023, 6:30pm

6 WLC MS Conference Room

7 **Committee Membership:** Jeff Jones (Chair), Leslie Browne (Vice-Chair), Adam
8 Lavallee, Lisa Post, Bill Ryan, Caitlin Maki (Secretary), Charlie Post (School Board
9 Representative), Jennifer Bernet, Lyndeborough (vacant), Wilton (vacant)

10 **Present:** Jeff Jones (Chair), Leslie Browne (Vice-Chair), Caitlin Maki, Lisa Post
11 Bill Ryan, Jennifer Bernet, Adam Lavallee & Charlie Post (SB Representative).
12 [Kristie LaPlante](#)(phone)
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14 **Absent:**
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16 Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:

17 1.31.2023 Draft Minutes

18 Leslie Browne recommends adjustments to upcoming dates.

19 Leslie Browne makes motion to accept as amended, Bill Ryan seconds

20 Ayes - Leslie Browne, Jeff Jones, Lisa Post, Caitlin Maki, Bill Ryan

21 Motion passes
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23 Final Budget Discussion:

24 [Kristie LaPlante](#) gave an update on final changes to budget. Roughly a reduction of
25 \$202,500. Adam Lavallee expressed his concern about the boilers coming from ESSER
26 funds and would like to see that money used to help our students.
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28 Leslie Brown noted that she thinks special revenues should be included in the final
29 budget number that we are voting on tonight. There is \$400,000 labeled as Grant Funds
30 for this. requested to see the detail in the budget for what the special revenue will be
31 used for to avoid any questions. It was determined that we do not need to include this
32 number in our vote.
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34 Warrants: [Charlie Post](#)

35 \$56,305 Collective Bargaining agreement

36 \$190,000 Capital Reserve Fund for Building/Equipment & Roadway

37 \$0 Special Education

38 \$75,000 Tennis court (this is an estimate based on a quote, still waiting on more
39 information) This will only cover basic repairs.

40 School board will be voting on warrant articles Tuesday. Budget committee will listen in
41 on this discussion during the meeting and vote on our recommendations.

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43 Current budget to be voted on \$13,839,792, this is a 5.23% increase. If all warrant
44 articles pass, the increase will be 5.5%. Discussion around percentage increase over
45 prior year. Last year's budget with warrants: \$13,382,064. This year proposed budget
46 with proposed warrants is \$14,161,097.

47 [Leslie Browne](#) makes a motion to accept the proposed budget of \$13,839,792, Bill Ryan
48 seconded.

49 Ayes: Lisa Post, Caitlin Maki, Adam Lavallee, Jennifer Bernet, Charlie Post, Leslie
50 Browne & Bill Ryan

51 Motion passes

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53 Budget Presentation:

54 Bill Ryan volunteered to take notes at the public hearing on February 9th. Thank you.

55 [Leslie Browne](#) reviewed the slides for the public hearing presentation:

56 Esser Funds- Leslie has listed what the first two Esser funds were used for and what
57 the status is for the third. Charlie recommended that the first two funds be consolidated
58 to one slide and to put the specific end date for the third fund.

59 Chart of what we have returned to the towns going back to FY 16/17. This slide also
60 shows the budget percentage change year over year. Adam will take the data and work
61 on a graph. Discussion around the slide of what was voted on and what was spent.
62 Kristie recommends doing this so voters can look at what they have voted on in the
63 past. She also recommends using the numbers from the operating expenses rather than
64 including warrants.

65 Jeff will update the slides with the voted on numbers. He will include a slide to address
66 Inflation and other important items to highlight that make up large impacts to this year's
67 budget. Charlie recommends a separate slide for the new transportation contract.

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69 Public Comment:

70 N/A

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72 Next Meeting - February 7th at 6:30pm in the Media room.

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74 Leslie Browne made a motion to adjourn. Bill Ryan seconds. All in favor. Meeting ends
75 8:02 pm

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