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5 **WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL**
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7 **DRAFT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

8 Tuesday April 11, 2023, 6:36pm

9 WLC Library

10 **Committee Membership:** Jeff Jones (Chair), Leslie Browne (Vice-Chair), Adam
11 Lavallee, Bill Ryan, Caitlin Maki, Cynthia Foss (School Board Representative), Jennifer
12 Bernet, Jonathan Vanderhoof, Michelle Alley. Charlie Post (Secretary)

13 **Present:** Jeff Jones, Leslie Browne, Caitlin Maki, Charlie Post, Bill Ryan, Adam
14 Lavallee, Jennifer Bernet, Jonathan Vanderhoof & Michelle Alley. Dennis Golding
15 (public)
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17 **Absent:** Cynthia Foss
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19 Position Appointments:

20 Chair-Adam Lavallee nominates Jeff Jones, Jennifer Bernet seconds. All in Favor
21 Vice Chair-Bill Ryan nominates Leslie Browne, Jenn Bernet seconds. All in Favor
22 Secretary-Adam Lavallee nominates Charlie Post, Bill Ryan seconds.

23 No: Jennifer Bernet

24 Yes: Jonathan Vanderhoof, Caitlin Maki, Leslie Browne, Bill Ryan, Adam Lavallee,
25 Michelle Alley, Jeff Jones

26 Motion passes
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29 Committee Appointments:

- 30 1. Facilities - Jonathan Vanderhoof, Leslie Browne
31 2. Strategic Planning - Jennifer Bernet, Michelle Alley
32 3. Technology - Jeff Jones, Adam Lavallee
33 4. Finance- Adam Lavallee, Charlie Post
34 5. School Board- Bill Ryan, Jennifer Bernet
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36 Minutes for approval:

37 February 7th

38 Bill Ryan makes a motion to accept as written. Seconded by Jennifer Bernet

39 Yes: Leslie Browne, Charlie Post, Jennifer Bernet, Bill Ryan, Jeff Jones & Caitlin Maki

40 Abstain: Michelle Alley, Jonathan Vanderhoof

41 February 9th Public Hearing

42 Leslie made a few spelling corrections. Bill Ryan makes a motion to accept minutes with
43 corrections. Jennifer Bernet Seconds

44 Yes: Leslie Brown, Jennifer Bernet, Jeff Jones, Adam Lavallee, Bill Ryan

45 Abstain: Charlie Post, Michelle Alley, Jonathan Vanderhoof, Caitlin Maki

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47 Discussion:

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49 Next Tuesday, April 18th @ 6:30 pm we will be meeting with the school board to
50 discuss YTD spending, maintenance items and what is left open. We will also discuss
51 the \$20K for the tennis court. Jonathan expressed concern with using the \$20K for
52 anything else. It should just be sent back to the taxpayers. Charlie would like the budget
53 committee to hold the school board accountable for the budget that was put together
54 and make sure that they are spending money the way the taxpayers were informed the
55 money would be spent. He would like to ask the board for a planned spending report for
56 the remainder of the current year.

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58 Charlie informed the board that at the facilities committee meeting on April 11th they
59 learned the boilers the school planned to purchase are no longer efficient and cannot be
60 sold in the US. New quotes will now be required for boiler replacement. We have until
61 September 2024 to use the last of the ESSER funds. The first boiler was ordered before
62 this law went into effect so that can still be used.

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64 Leslie Browne requested that there is a Facility report as part of the school board
65 packet. Dennis Golding mentioned that the school board has requested this to be
66 submitted once a month.

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68 Jonathan Vanderhoof suggested the school gets a quote for the full kitchen renovation
69 to get it done in one shot. Leslie Browne suggested that once we have that plan, we go
70 to the towns with a special meeting to raise the money to fix the Kitchen. Sooner rather
71 than later.

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73 Discussion on the CIP and the presentation of a new CIP at district meeting. The plan
74 needs to retain the items on it that have been previously presented to the towns. Even if
75 things are not being done, we need to know why they are not being done and they need
76 to remain on the plan. Caitlin Maki asked if we could plan to use any extra funds to put
77 toward facility needs? Jonathan Vanderhoof cautioned against this saying that we have
78 to be careful because the amount returned historically offsets the actual taxes for the
79 next year and not giving funds back could be a shock to taxpayers when they receive
80 their bill.

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82 Public Comment:

83 Dennis Golding congratulated those who were elected to board seats.

84 Mary Golding welcomed new members and asked if she could get the link for future
85 budget meetings so she can share with the towns so we can have more members of the
86 public present.

88 Next Meeting - April 18th at 7:00pm in the Media room. Joint session with School Board
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90 Adam Lavallee makes motion to Adjourn, Bill Ryan seconds, all in favor, meeting
91 adjourns at 7:34pm.
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