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3 **WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL**
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5 **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

6 Tuesday January 31, 2023, 6:30pm

7 WLC MS Conference Room

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

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

18 1.24.2023 Draft Minutes

19 Leslie Browne recommends adjustments to upcoming dates.

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

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

22 Motion passes
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24 Final Budget Discussion:

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

36 \$56,305 Collective Bargaining agreement

37 \$190,000 Capital Reserve Fund for Building/Equipment & Roadway

38 \$0 Special Education

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

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

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

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

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

Motion passes

Budget Presentation:

Leslie Browne will take notes at the public hearing on February 9th. Thank you.

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

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

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

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

Public Comment:

N/A

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

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