

1 **WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL**
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3 **FINAL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

4 Tuesday October 25, 2022, 6:30pm

5 WLC MS/HS Media Room

6 **Committee Membership:** Jeff Jones (Chair), Leslie Browne (Vice-Chair), Adam
7 Lavallee, Lisa Post, Bill Ryan, Caitlin Maki (Secretary), Charlie Post (School Board
8 Representative), Jennifer Bernet, Dick Rockwood, Geoffrey Allen

9 **Present:** Jeff Jones (Chair), Leslie Browne (Vice-Chair), Adam Lavallee, Caitlin
10 Maki, Lisa Post, Bill Ryan, Jennifer Bernet, Geoffrey Allen & Charlie Post (SB
11 Representative)

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13 **Absent:** Dick Rockwood

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15 Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:

16 10.11.2022 Draft Minutes

17 Leslie Browne makes motion to accept as written, Bill Ryan seconds

18 Ayes- Jeff Jones, Leslie Browne, Adam Lavallee, Bill Ryan, Caitlin Maki & Geoffrey Allen
19 Abstention - Lisa Post

20 Motion passes

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22 Joint Meeting:

23 Geoffrey Allen would like to see the detail we requested at the last meeting.

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25 Adam Lavallee discussed unencumbered, unspent money in undescriptive categories
26 totaling \$1.2M. He would like to know what this will be used for. Leslie Browne
27 mentioned it is only September, so it doesn't raise any red flags yet.

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29 Geoffrey Allen asked about capital reserves. Leslie Brown explained that we have three
30 funds: Capital Improvements, technology & Special Education. The Capital
31 Improvements reserve is the only one for all building/roadway needs. The school board
32 outlines a plan that details everything that needs to be done. The facilities committee is
33 working on improving our capital improvement plan (CIP) so it is in line with our current
34 needs and is something our staff and board members can be held accountable for.

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36 Student enrollment at FRES/LCS is 297 and at WLC 272. There are about 20 more staff
37 members at LCS/FRES than at WLC. It was mentioned that the budgets are pretty
38 different and would like some clarification on this.

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Committee updates:

1. Facilities - They met but need more time to get to a new plan.
2. Strategic Planning - Has not met yet
3. Technology - No updates
4. Finance- No updates
5. School Board-No updates

Public Comment:

Alyssa Lavoie-Alyssa was a member of the facilities committee last year. She voiced her concerns that there are items on the CIP that the current facilities director cannot reconcile. Additionally, the director has mentioned that the costs would likely be double now vs what is currently on the plan. She would like to see warrant articles created for each project in the CIP so the town can see exactly where their money is going and so the staff can be held accountable for the spend. It was brought up that our current plan is set up as an 'extended budget' in that we are only funding those expenses that need to be spent in that year. And in some cases, the money isn't going to the itemized projects if an emergency arises. Ms. Lavoie would like to see more detailed explanations in warrant articles regarding what they were originally established for rather than saying 'warrant article previously established'. Lastly, she urged that instead of trying to figure out what has been done in the past we should be starting brand new. We need accountability from the school board & budget committee to make sure the plan gets done.

Next Meeting - November 15th at 6:30pm in the Media room followed by the Joint session at 7pm in the cafeteria.

Adam Lavallee made a motion to Recess. Jennifer Bernet seconds. All in favor. Meeting recessed 7:03pm

Join session between School board and budget committee 7:19-7:59 pm. Adam Lavallee motions to end the joint session, Geoffrey Allen seconds. All in favor. Motion passes. See school board minutes.