

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING FINAL MINUTES

WLC MS/HS Media Room

Tuesday June 7th, 2022 , 6:30pm

WLC Middle School Conference Room

Committee Membership: Jeff Jones (Chair), Leslie Browne (Vice-Chair), Adam LaVallee, Lisa Post, Bill Ryan, Caitlin Maki, Dennis Golding (School Board Rep), Jennifer Bernet, Dick Rockwood, Geoffrey Allen

Present: Jeff Jones (Chair), Leslie Browne (Vice-Chair), Adam LaVallee, Lisa Post, Bill Ryan (Video), Dennis Golding (School Board Rep), Jennifer Bernet, Dick Rockwood

Absent: Caitlin Maki, Geoffrey Allen

Other: Peter Weaver, Kristie LaPlante

Agenda

1. Call WLC Budget Committee called to Order 638PM
2. Meeting Minutes - May 3rd

Bill Ryan, Leslie Browne abstain. All others AYE. Minutes approved as written.

3. YTD Financials Discussion – All

Chair Jones stated that the Budget Committee wants to discuss remaining balance. Adamlesli Lavallee suggested repaving the parking lot. Mr, Rockwood expressed that he did not support that if it has not been discussed with the taxpayers. Committee discussed spending down the balance prudently at the end of the year for things that are needed or were budgeted for, vs. returning the maximum to the taxpayers. Ms. Browne said that it's been done both ways in that the district used to spend down the balance but not recently.

Mr. Weaver stated that there aren't line item transfers any further but we have the ability to overspend certain line items in case there are things we need. District in the process of hiring a new athletic director and committee requested the new hire be part of the budget presentation next fiscal year. Mr. Weaver also explained that the school board was getting new quotes on repair of the tennis courts given concerns raised by two parents about the approved plan to remove them.

Ms. LaPlante provided an overview of some of the unspent maintenance line items for the FY completing June '22. Many of the items were put off in case the boiler failed so there would be enough funds to cover that. Committee and Superintendent agreed that a discussion with the BC should occur in April '23 and potentially the School Board as running a large surplus could allow for some spending to occur on items that are needed that would otherwise roll into the next budget year. Mr. Ryan stated that the BC should be thanking the district for their smart spending and that the actual spend is not the responsibility of this committee.

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Committee discussed the importance of maintaining our facilities. There was a discussion and consensus that the analysis the Facilities Committee is currently performing will inform some of the decisions in next year's budget.

4. Committee Updates

- a. Facilities-- Lisa Post, Bill Ryan Lisa commented that the LCS stove may need to be replaced and some of the exterior needs repair
- b. Strategic Planning- Leslie Browne, Jen Bernet. No update
- c. Technology- Jeff Jones. Mr. Jones stated the School Board has a draft of the vision document for feedback.
- d. Finance-Adam Lavallee. Recent meetings have been cancelled.
- e. School Board Liaison- Caitlin Maki, Adam Lavallee. No update

5. Public Comment Brianne Lavallee /Lyndeborough stated that the board could talk about or revisit spending down the balance in the future more thoughtfully.

She stated BC should make sure that we are clear with the public that increases in budget may be due to ESSER spends this year that won't be there next year.

She reached out to public members and feedback has been poor about facilities. We should not rely on the public to volunteer for help at the facility and we can budget for it.

6. Schedule Next Meeting (Public School Funding Workshop – 8/16/22 6:15PM) Next Budget Committee meeting August 9th. 630PM

7. Adam Lavallee motion to Adjourn, seconded by Dennis Golding. Voting, all ayes. Committee adjourns at 8:10PM