

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
EMERGENCY FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, April 13, 2020
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative MS/HS-Media Room
6:00 p.m.**

Due to the state of emergency declared by the Governor regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, and subsequent Emergency Order #12, it was determined that the physical presence of a quorum within the time required for committee action is not reasonably practical and therefore authorized participation of committee members via videoconferencing/audio. The videoconferencing link was published several places including on the meeting agenda.

Present: The following members participated remotely: Charlie Post, Carol LeBlanc, Brianne Lavallee, Tiffany Cloutier-Cabral and Superintendent Bryan Lane in Media Room.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

Public Comment

There was no public comment to report.

Superintendent begins with an explanation of the changes to the side by side spread sheet. The committee had agreed to put in a reduction in supplies with parents picking up \$20 annually and a reduction in field trip transportation with parents picking up \$10 of the cost annually. There were also additional reductions in curriculum. Dr. Heon was able to get the price for the math curriculum \$5,000 less than expected.

The two options on the spreadsheet are to either have the curriculum coordinator and school counselor both half time or to have the school counselor full time and not have a curriculum coordinator. The two options vary with the reductions in the insurance buffer.

Mrs. LeBlanc states she willing to present the two options as they are.

Mrs. Cloutier-Cabral states she is willing to present the two options to the board.

Mrs. Lavallee agrees.

Mr. Post inquires as to whether or not there is a preference between options.

Mrs. LeBlanc believes that both should be presented.

Mrs. Cloutier-Cabral indicates that the committee should present both with a preference to the first.

Mr. Post feels that presenting both with no preference stated would be appropriate.

Mrs. LeBlanc agrees that the committee does no need to give a preference because there will be a vote.

Mrs. Lavallee agrees.

Mr. Post questioned what is the best way to present; can put together a chart for each piece to get a graphic representation.

Mrs. Cloutier-Cabral believes that the “miscellaneous” does not give enough detail for a true understanding.

The Superintendent will clarify this on the spreadsheet.

Mr. Post goes over the options and wants to discuss which areas of the reductions are sustainable.

Which are the major structural changes that would create efficiencies that could allow for support of other.

The Superintendent identifies that the following reductions are sustainable:

- Elementary band
- Math curriculum
- Some of the Dues and Fees
- Red Ribbon week speaker
- Health insurance adjustment for non-union employees
- Alternative Education Specialist position
- Reduction in PE/Health and Music position depending on student course selection
- Field Trip
- Supplies
- Reduction in staff at LCS

Superintendent indicates that it is possible that some CARES ACT funds for COVID-19 expenses may lower tax rate.

Public comment will be taken before the vote.

Public Comment

Principal Brian Bagley asks to go on the record not supporting reductions to staff. School is filled with students who need as much support. By creating reductions students are not supported. Once a position is cut it is not returned.

Mrs. Sue Ballou asks if there are any positions that were added this year that were full time in the current budget.

Mr. Post clarifies that the half time business office position was added but is now in the reductions.

Mrs. Ballou asks about the school psychologist. The Superintendent clarifies that was done last spring.

Mrs. Debbie Bass speaks to the need to support students with as many resources as possible. She knows there are students in the community in need.

Motion to bring both proposals to the board by Mrs. Cloutier-Cabral, 2nd Mrs. Lavallee.

Voting: Roll call vote; all ayes

Mrs. Post noted the budget committee will meet tomorrow night. School board hopefully.

Mr. Post will communicate with the board chair to see if there is a desire to call a meeting prior to the board meeting on April 21.

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Cloutier-Cabral, 2nd by Mrs. LeBlanc.

Voting: Roll call vote; all ayes

Meeting adjourned at 6:54.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Fowler for Bryan Lane, Superintendent of Schools*