

1 **WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL**

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3 **FINAL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

4 Thursday December 15, 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, Geoffrey Allen, Open (Wilton)

9 **Present:** Jeff Jones (Chair), Leslie Browne (Vice-Chair), Adam Lavallee, Lisa
10 Post, Jennifer Bernet, Peter Weaver (Superintendent), Kristie LaPlante (Business
11 Administrator)

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13 **Absent:** Caitlin Maki, Charlie Post, Geoffrey Allen, Bill Ryan

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15 Call to Order 6:37PM

16 Chair Jones notified the committee that Dick Rockwood resigned, effective immediately.
17 Given the timing so late in the budget season, the committee agreed to let the position
18 come up for election in March.

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20 Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:

21 11.29.2022 Draft Minutes

22 Leslie Browne requested to change the word “grants”, to “ESSER” in the sentence
23 about the laptops.

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25 Leslie Browne makes motion to accept as ammended, Adam Lavallee seconds
26 Ayes- Jeff Jones, Leslie Browne, Adam Lavallee, Jen Bernet, Lisa Post

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28 Motion passes

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31 Budget Deep Dive:

32 Leslie Browne stated that the Budget Committee spent a lot of time checking for errors
33 in the past and it is good we can focus on the actual budget. Leslie reviewed her
34 observations in the current budget, Facilities up 110k, but some of the maintenance
35 items were down or flat. Peter Weaver stated were able to replace some desks, chairs,
36 for small cost this year (used furniture). Transportation and Facilities were up mostly
37 due to inflation, nothing discretionary.

Committee discussed the busing being up 49%. Only one bid was received. Kristie to follow up on bus bid (only one) and check with Steve's Bus to see if it is reasonable.

Committee discussed the "wants" section. Leslie Browne stated she was supportive of all the items.

735PM- Jen Bernet left the meeting

Leslie Browne and Jeff Jones reviewed some of the feedback from the teachers meeting.

"Makerspace" items are listed in the budget. Discussion on the vision for that but there is equipment that is not used today that was purchased in the past. Superintendent stated that he has a hard time justifying purchasing more equipment until a plan is further along. Kristie Laplante to pull the item list for review so we are not purchasing additional equipment that doesn't tie to current curriculum or robotics program.

Kristie Laplante sent a revised budget to the committee and reviewed some of the adjustments made since the last draft. Administration has been evaluating staffing needs which may offset some of the extra expenses from what has been added in the budget for tech, custodial, and FRES teacher. If changes are adopted, budget increase will be 4.8% to 5.0% increase.

Lisa Post and Kristie Laplante reviewed the recommendations from the Facilities Committee. Building Capital Improvement 190,000. Support Staff contract. \$50,000 recommended to go into the operating budget each of the next 3 years.

Leslie Browne advocated that we keep the track in the budget. The committee discussed, and Adam Lavallee said he would also support it going into the budget. BC was unable to vote on the item because a quorum was no longer present but advised the BA to add the item back in.

Public Comment: None

Leslie Browne makes motion to adjourn, Adam Lavallee seconds
Ayes- Jeff Jones, Leslie Browne, Adam Lavallee, Lisa Post

Meeting adjourned at 8:31PM

Respectfully Submitted, Jeff Jones