

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES
Wednesday May 21, 2025, WLC

1. Committee Membership: Bill Ryan (Chair), Alyssa Lavoie (Vice Chair), Bridget Mooney
2. (Secretary), Craig Alley, Jennifer Bernet, Phil Brooks, Deb Delworth, Harold Melcher III,
3. Jonathan Vanderhoof, Paul White (SB liaison).
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5. Present: Alley, Bernet, Brooks, Delworth, Lavoie, Melcher, Vanderhoof, White.
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7. Absent: Mooney
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9. Chair Bill Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
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11. No adjustments to the agenda.
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13. No public in attendance for comments. The meeting was not accessible via the Internet.
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15. Motion to approve previous minutes made by Johnathan Vanderhoof, seconded by Deb
16. Delworth. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
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18. The chair states his policy of abstaining from votes except to break ties.
19. Alyssa Lavoie asks why the chairperson says the NH DRA (Department of Revenue
20. Administration) recommended this. J. Vanderhoof states he believes the chair was
21. elected to
22. vote.
23. Discussion of Budget Process
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25. Chair explains budget codes. Chair explains the reason for fewer joint sessions with
26. School Board. The first joint meeting with the School Board is scheduled for September 23rd,
27. 2025, at 7:00 PM. The administration will discuss the first draft of the budget. A. Lavoie
28. asked about previous directives given to the administration from the budget committee,
29. such as, is a 0% increase something that is a typical starting point. There was
30. discussion about previous years and that there is no consistent policy or strategy.
31. Chair Ryan expects changes that will result in lower costs, including the possibility of the
- Superintendent's position being made part-time. It was not clear if The School Board had
- decided this.
- J. Vanderhoof says that fixed costs aren't necessarily fixed. He would like to request a
- master schedule of all classes and teachers. This is something he has wanted to ask for
- in the past, but has not received. Committee agrees this would be helpful.

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33. Phil Brooks asks about federal grants to the states. There is some discussion of how the
34. budget is built.
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36. There was discuss about reports that look at the costs of specific positions and the salaries attached to them. There was strong agreement in wanting salaries broken out in more detail, but balancing that with identifiable information. Jonathan Vanderhoof says that when he first started on the committee, names were line items with numbers, and he would like more clarity. No one was sure as to exactly when and why that practice stopped.
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38. Alyssa Lavoie wants more reporting to the Budget Committee about CIP (Capital
39. Improvement Plan) spending. She points to an RSA regarding the posting of the receipt of
40. grant money.
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42. Alyssa and Jon have questions about SPED funding.
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44. Chair Ryan will communicate questions of the members to the administration. Alyssa
45. Lavoie offered to do this, but chair Ryan explains that communication is to go through the
46. chair for efficiency and clarity.
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48. Jonathan Vanderhoof made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Craig Alley.
49. The meeting adjourns at 8:05 PM.
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51. Minutes taken by Jennifer Bernet
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53. Respectfully submitted by Bridget Mooney