

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
WLC-Conference Room**

**DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, January 20, 2026**

Committee Membership: Bill Ryan (Chair), Alyssa Lavoie (Vice Chair), Lavallee (SB rep), Bridget Mooney (Secretary), Craig Alley, Phil Brooks, Harold Melcher III, Bob Silva, Jonathan Vanderhoof

Present: Alley, Lavoie, Melcher, Mooney, Ryan, Silva, Vanderhoof

Absent: Brooks, Lavallee, vacant Wilton position

The meeting was not recorded.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35

Chair Ryan announced that Alyssa Lavoie will be taking over the committee's chair position for the month of February.

There was a freewheeling discussion of issues such as transportation funding and athletics funding.

The committee was called to the School Board meeting.

Following the School Board meeting (minutes available through the School Board) The Budget Committee reconvened in the Conference Room.

Another long discussion about the budget concerns including a discussion and explanation of iReady.

Jonathan Vanderhoof makes a motion to add to Athletic Maintenance and Repairs, line 202 in the budget, the amount of \$10,000 raising that from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Craig Alley seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Alyssa Lavoie makes the motion to reduce from WLC Contracted Professional Development, line 26 in the budget, the amount of \$1,500. Craig Alley seconds the motions. The motion passes unanimously.

Alyssa Lavoie makes the motion to reduce the FRES Principal Travel Conference fees mileage, line 158 in the budget, by \$1,000. Hal Melcher seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

There is discussion about continuing to make budget cuts this evening, to put that off to a meeting next week, or to approach the building of the school budget in a new way beginning soon after the March 2026 meeting. It was decided by the committee, without a formal vote, to put this off until after the March meeting.

Warrant Articles:

Article 4: Open Enrollment

Shall the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District vote to adopt an Open Enrollment school program, designating grades 9-12 at Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle/High School ("High School") as open enrollment school pursuant to NH RSA 194-D, for the purpose of enabling the District to admit non-resident students to the High School pursuant to RSA 194-D, with one hundred percent (100%) of its eligible resident pupils permitted to attend the High School, and zero percent (0%) of its resident pupils in grades Preschool-12 permitted to attend open enrollment schools located outside of the District, and further, to limit the number of non-resident pupils who may attend the High School under the provisions of RSA 194-D to no more than 15% of the School's current enrollment and to allow the administration to set admission standards and criteria as well as a maximum capacity for each school, grade and program within that total number.

Unanimously Recommended by the School Budget Committee

Article 5: District Operating Budget

To see if the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$16,578,477 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Alyssa Lavoie makes the motion to approve the school district operating budget. Craig Alley seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Unanimously Recommended by the School Budget

Article 8: Appropriate to Capital Reserve Fund for Building/Equipment & Roadway

To see if the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,000 to be added to the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Building/Equipment & Roadway Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum is to come from general taxation. This article is a special warrant article and is not included in the operating budget.

(Majority vote required)

Alyssa Lavoie makes the motion to approve Article 8. Bob Silva seconds the motion.
The motion passes unanimously.

Unanimously Recommended by the School Budget Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Crause requests that next the Budget Committee makes it clear early in the process what it wants to see in the next year's budget.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Craig Alley. Motion seconded by Bill Ryan.
The motion passes unanimously.

The meeting adjourns at 9:36