WILTON-LYNDEBORUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

WLC-Library
FINAL MINUTES
Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Committee Membership: Alyssa Lavoie (Chair), Phil Brooks (Vice Chair)
Bridget Mooney (Secretary), Craig Alley, Kellie-Sue Boissonnault, Kate McClure, Bob Newton, Bob Silva

Present: Alley, Boissonnault, Brooks (online), Lavoie, McClure, Mooney, Newton, Silva, Dennis Golding (SB Rep)
Absent: vacant Wilton position

The meeting was recorded.
The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

The meeting began with members introducing themselves.

Elections for the position of Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary followed.

Craig Alley nominates Alyssa Lavoie for committee Chair.
Kate McClure seconds the nomination

Bob Newton nominated Kelly-Sue Boissonnault for committee Chair.
Kellie-Sue Boissonnault seconded the nomination.

Phil Brooks spoke in favor of Lavoie's nomination emphasizing how well she ran the meetings last year and the great job she did putting the presentation together. Craig Alley supported Phil's comments.
Bob Newton said he believes Alyssa Lavoie is not qualified to be chair and states the although Boissonnault has no experience as a committee chair her past experience makes her qualified to run a meeting.

The vote: six aye votes for Alyssa Lavoie, one nay vote and one abstention.
Alyssa Lavoie is the new Chair.

Kate McClure nominates Phil Brooks as committee Vice Chair
Alyssa Lavoie seconds the nomination
There were no other nominations. There was no discussion

The vote: six aye votes, two abstentions
Phil Brooks is the new Vice-Chair

Phil Brooks nominates Bridget Mooney for Secretary.
Kate McClure seconds the nomination.

The vote: 8 yeas
Bridget Mooney is the committee Secretary.

Committee Appointments:

There was some discussion about the purpose of the committees, when they meet, and whether the Budget Committee could establish its own sub-committee. Alyssa Lavoie emphasizes that a budget sub-committee would need to stay focused on budgetary issues and not attempt to get into school policy issues.

There was some discussion as to who would represent the budget committee on the Strategic Planning Committee. Two of the four interested in that committee removed their names and two prevailed.

Alyssa Lavoie motions to accept the committee assignments
Kate McClure seconds the motion
All ayes

Technology: Bob Silva
Facilities: Craig Alley, Phil Brooks
Strategic Planning: Kate McClure, Kelly-Sue Boissonnault
School Board Liason: split between Alyssa Lavoie and Kate McClure

At this point Bob Newton stated that a roll call vote was necessary if a committee member is online.
Therefore the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary positions required a roll call vote.

	Chair- Lavoie	Vice Chair - Brooks	Secretary - Mooney
Craig Alley	aye	aye	aye
Kellie-Sue Boissonnault	abstain	abstain	aye
Phil Brooks	aye	aye	aye
Alyssa Lavoie	aye	aye	aye
Kate McClure	aye	aye	aye
Bridget Mooney	aye	aye	aye
Bob Newton	no	abstain	aye
Bob Silva	aye	aye	aye

Alyssa Lavoie reminds us that there is a vacant committee seat to be filled by a Wilton resident and to please ask people to join.

Kellie-Sue Boissonnault states that we need to assign someone from the School Budget Committee to attend Town Budget Committee meetings. Dennis Golding, School Board Chair,

says that this is not necessary and hasn't been done in the (recent?) past. Alyssa Lavoie clarifies that budget committee representation is required in different kinds of districts, but not in our district.

There is a discussion about next meetings. Dennis Golding agrees that it would be beneficial for the budget committee to meet together with the school board prior to the summer so that the board can express its goals of the coming year to the budget committee. A meeting on June 9th 2026 is decided.
Bob Newton lists the dates and requirements of the end of the budget cycle. Alyssa Lavoie states that the Administration puts those dates together for us.

Bob Newton wants to put together a document for the budget committee to consider as a framework for approaching the budget. His idea is to envision the school budget as if it were a business or a corporate budget. Kate McClure says she's willing to look at Bob Newton's document but that she is uncomfortable equating a school to a business. Alyssa Lavoie again reiterates that we are a finance committee, not a board of directors, and it is not within our authority to set or influence school policy.

Alyssa Lavoie reminds the committee of the policy that all communication with the Administration must go through the committee Chair, and vice versa.

Phil Brooks encourages the committee members to read the documents that Alyssa Lavoie shared with the committee on how a budget committee functions.

Public Comment:
Bill Kraus – *Lyndeborough* – He is concerned that last summer the idea of a zero increase budget was suggested and that the subsequent budget was based on that idea. He wants to express his concern that that not be the approach again this year as he feels it resulted in significant underfunding. He thinks the joint meeting in June will help to clarify goals.

Kellie-Sue Boissonnault wonders how she will get connected with the committee shes been assigned to. Alyssa explains that an email will be sent to all committee members with date, time and agenda.

Bob Newton moves to adjourn the meeting.
Kellie-Sue Boissonnault seconds this motion.
All ayes
The meeting adjourns at 8:02pm

The next budget meetings:
Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 in the WLC library
Tuesday, June 9th, at 6:30 in the WLC Library