

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

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Wednesday, May 13, 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, Lavoie, McClure, Newton, Silva, Brianne Lavalley (SB Rep),
ChrisConway (IT)

Absent: Alley, Mooney, vacant Wilton seat

Chair Alyssa Lavoie called meeting to order

Alyssa LaVoie made the motion to approve the 2/5/26 revised minutes
Kellie-Sue Boissonnault motioned to accept, Kate McClure seconded the motion.
There was no discussion
The motion passed with six ayes, one abstention

Alyssa LaVoie made motion to approve the 4/22/26 minutes
Kate McClure motion to accept, Phil Brooks seconded the motion.
There was no discussion
The motion passed with seven ayes

Alyssa Lavoie presented **Rules & Procedures**

Discussion among members to review and will provide thoughts before next meeting.

Alyssa LaVoie requests that any suggestions or questions be submitted to her as the Chair, not to the full committee or questions/comments can be brought up at the next meeting.

Phil Brookes made a motion to table till the next meeting. It was agreed that this would allow for members to have enough time to review the document and have comments for discussion at next meeting.

Discussion on document included:

- Suggestion for a section on the use of email. That email should not be used for discussions outside of public meetings among members and to make sure we comply with 91A. Also, that members should use the .sau email address for all communication and not use personal email which makes it easier for the staff logistically if there is a RSA 91:a request.
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- Legally required deadlines for public hearings and submission of documents. There is 'x' days before. For example the District meeting and those deadlines should be part of this document. Not specific dates, but days required prior to the actual meeting date.

Kellie-Sue Boissonnault seconded the motion

Motion passes

This will be added to the next meeting agenda

Budget Committee vacancy – Seat is for Wilton. Position would run through end of this season and would be up for re-election come March 2027. We'll continue to have this on the agenda for the foreseeable future until it is filled. Statement in the procedures that vacancies are to be filled by the Chairman of the SB. Is that correct? This is something we need to verify. SB Rep Brianna Lavallee confirmed vacancy should be filled by the SB.

Management Document - Bob Newton created this memo and is presenting. Bob read the explanation of why he wrote the memo and what it means, but didn't read the actual list of items. Bob listed several areas of suggested improvements of presentation for ease of understand to taxpayers and families of our Towns. Restructure operations to achieve better performance from the organization. Budget Committees duty to ensure taxpayers get best value for money from the operation of our schools, not the cheapest. Duty has two dimensions, costs and quality of education. Families opting out for better education options, cost increases that exceed the inflation rate and worse learning outcomes across the board. People may say this is a national problem, but the fix for it is. Some people will say that the problem is parents or social media or politics to deflect the responsibility. Bob wrote the memo because he believes that we can do better

Bob Silva - The data format could be reorganized and filtered in excel to serve the public in a better way. List with coding that mimics the questions. Some of the focus and we should be able to answer by having the data in a better way. Pivot table to provide information that is being requested in an easier way.

Alyssa LaVoie states the Budget Committee is required to review, analyze and present, but not control spending. Guidance to ask questions - does it serve the purpose of authority of the budget committee. Necessary and appropriate.

SB is discussing restructuring middle school actively FRES looking at trying to be aware of the taxpayer to extensive questions material. Many questions and discussion and specifically address technology SB is constantly looking and discussing these issues. SB open enrollment passed working with 2 other towns to get students enrolled here. Accepting students in, closing a school. Areas being worked on and agree to some items in doc agree to but also don't agree with other areas of the doc. We are held accountable and try to be accountable to students and teacher.

Continued with more discussion about the document with strong opinions of both pros and cons. Will work through the document for additional discussion, clarifications, and format.

Discussed having joint meeting with SB 6/9/26, but hasn't been confirmed. It would be beneficial for the budget committee to meet together with the SB prior to the summer, so that the board can express its goals of the coming year to the budget committee.

Alyssa LaVoie - A meeting on June 9th, 2026 is decided so we can regroup with on Tuesday at our meeting we will be discussing our goals and my hope is that we will come to a consensus on what our goals will be. So then on the meeting on June 9th would be the opportunity for us to present them to you and for you to ask questions regarding what our goals are as a board.

Continued discussion on what the Budget Committees responsibilities is per the RSA and information from NHMA.

Briana Lavallee (SB Rep) asked for clarification on how specific goals from SB are to be. What data do we need in order to understand where we've been and where we are going. Take into account the past - what other info we are interested in and the high level of what data, format, understanding and clarity from technical align to budget authority SB goals consideration time required changes and realistic now and what needs to be tabled for next year.

Alyssa LaVoie will present more details to the budget committee - motion made and put to a vote for what info is requested from administration.

Short term and long term goals provided to public, staff, SB and budget committee. Is the budget supporting the goals while being respect with the tax payer in mind. Unique and challenging position as we haven't had this in the past.

We will come up with more questions and context and continue discussion at the next meeting.

Public comment:

Jeff Allen: (online) statements on right track

Briana Lavallee - speaking as a mother and volunteer who is in the schools on a pretty regular basis, especially at WLC. I respectfully disagree with Mr. Newton. I'm not sure if he meant it as it may have sounded to some people, but I did want to get up and speak particularly about the staff that we have here. As somebody who is in the schools on a regular basis, I would say that the majority of staff that I interact with are not doing this for a personal bene?t. Some might be doing it because it's their job, but I would say the vast majority are doing it because they genuinely care about our children in these towns. it's hard to hear comments like that, especially from people who are not in the schools regularly, so they're not interacting with the students and interacting with the teachers. I just really felt the need to say that and to say thank you to all of our staff. I think that you are doing a great job. And I also want to say that I am so proud of so many of our students that have gone on from here to do amazing, wonderful things. They're giving back to their communities. They are moving to different places, taking jobs that they may not be able to access in New Hampshire. They are staying in New Hampshire and taking jobs in the very communities and they are attending our colleges, our vocational programs and going directly into the workforce as social workers, teachers, nurses, all of the people that give back to the community. So, I just want to really highlight that if there was one data point to show how successful we are here, I would have to say look at our alumni and what they're doing with their lives. Thank you.

June 9th meeting, time will be confirmed with the chair of the SB.

Budget Committee meeting immediately following the end of joint meeting.

Kate McClure made Motion to adjourn

Bob Newton second

Note: these minutes were taken by Kellie-Sue Boissonnault in Bridget Mooney's absence.

Submitted by Bridget Mooney