

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

WLC-Library; WLC Conference Room
FINAL MINUTES
Monday, October 5, 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: Brooks, Lavoie, McClure, Mooney, Newton, Silva, Brianne Lavalley (SB rep), Dennis Golding (SB rep), Peter Weaver (Superintendent), Kristie LaPlante (Business Administrator), Nicholas Buroker (Director of Technology)

Absent: Alley, Boissonnault, vacant Wilton seat

Chair Lavoie called the meeting to order at 7:03

The meeting was live streamed and recorded.

Alyssa Lavoie reports that Kellie-Sue Boissonnault will be out until October 20th, 2026

Adjustments to the Agenda:

Alyssa Lavoie proposes moving agenda items

VII: Committee Reports

VIII: Review Previous Meeting Minutes

IX: Budget Committee Vacancy

to the beginning of the meeting.

Kate McClure seconds the motion. Five ayes, one abstention, the motion passes.

Bob Newton motions to add a new item to the agenda wherein budget committee members can address or question each other directly and add new discussion topics. Alyssa Lavoie points out that any committee member can already contact the Chair and/or vice Chair to have an agenda item added. Bridget Mooney notes that we've already added a Budget Committee comment section to the agenda. There is no second to the motion.

Committee Reports:

School Board Committee – Kate McClure reports that the two items discussed at the school board meeting relevant to the budget committee were stipends for coaches and assistant coaches. This item was not voted on. The second item, discussed extensively, was HB1300. It was determined that a search for a replacement Superintendent can not take place until after the vote on Nov. 3.

Facilities – Phil Brooks reports positively on discussions with the company EMC, which is a company that works with schools on getting bids on jobs, conducting research, vetting workers. He believes it is worth pursuing a partnership with them. Phil Brooks further reports



that the school has an underground oil tank with a thirty year life expectancy which is now in its thirty eighth year. There are plans to investigate if there are any current leaks.

Strategic Planning – Kate McClure reported the group is discussing current road maps to move forward with retaining students and attracting new students through Open Enrollment.

Technology – Bob Silva reported that the bulk of their discussion was around chrome books for FRES, their replacement cycle (7-8 years) and screen time for children.

Meeting Minutes

Bob Newton motions to approve the amended May 13, 2026 Budget Committee minutes.

Kate McClure seconds the motion. All ayes. The motion passes.

Kate McClure motions to approve the September 14, 2026 Budget Committee minutes with an amendment to line 99. Bob Newton would like the entire paragraph (lines 97-105) stricken from the record expressing his opinion that the words in that paragraph are an opinion. Alyssa Lavoie read the paragraph which she states accurately expresses her opinion.

Bob Newton motions to strike the paragraph from the minutes. There is no second. Phil Brooks seconds Kate McClure motion. The vote is five ayes, one nay. The motion passes.

Chair Lavoie says the a Wilton School Budget Committee seat is still unfilled and wonders if anyone has any suggestions for someone to fill it. No one does. Alyssa Lavoie states that Adam Lavallee has reaffirmed his interest in filling the upcoming vacant Lyndeborough Budget Committee seat by sending a memo to the Chair which was shared to the committee.

Chair Lavoie reads her resignation letter. (Please see the recording of the meeting to hear the full letter minute 26:50-39:30). The letter which explains the reasons for her resignation beyond the fact that she and her family are moving out of the district.

Brianne Lavallee clarified the response from the NHSBA regarding issues raised by the Budget Committee and discussed in Chair Lavoie's resignation letter.

Alyssa Lavoie says she will now leave the meeting. Kate McClure states that we need a Chair to run the meeting. Kate McClure makes the motion that the committee takes a ten minute recess. Bob Newton seconds the motion. All ayes the motion passes.

The meeting resumes at 7:55

Kate McClure makes a motion to adjust the agenda to move item

VI. Budget Walkthrough and Review to the next Budget Meeting (October 19).

Bob Newton seconds the motion. All ayes

Kristie LaPlante discusses the memo she's handed out on the 1st Draft of the FY28 Budget. The initial draft budget totals \$17,538,054. It was built without any of the implications of Bill 1300 – the tax cap bill. She explains the largest increase to the budget is in Special needs funding. Excluding Special Needs the budget is up just 1.1%.

Phil Brooks asks about the Instructional Pathways Program which Peter Weaver then explains it and says they are looking at other/better resources to replace it.



Brianne Lavalley asked about the food service program negative meal balances. It will be addressed at a future meeting.

Bob Newton thanks Kristie LaPlante for her typically well formulated report.

Chair Lavoie explains that the Budget Committee members will get questions for the administration to the Chair by October 12th. The committee will meet again on the 19th to discuss the budget without the administration present. Kristie LaPlante reiterates that if HB1300 is defeated there will be no need for the Nov. 9th meeting.

Peter Weaver addresses Madam Chair Lavoie to explain how much he's enjoyed working with her over the past year. She challenged the administration in many ways which he appreciated and learned from and he will sorely miss her.

Peter Weaver and Kristie LaPlante leave the meeting.

Bob Newton makes the motion that Phil Brooks takes over as Chair of the rest of the October 5th meeting. Bob Silva seconds the motion. Phil Brooks thinks it is better to continue with one chair. Kate McClure suggests making the meeting shorter and continuing with Allyssa Lavoie as Chair. Alyssa Lavoie says she is fine with continuing or leaving. Brianne Lavalley states that Alyssa Lavoie was the driving force behind item 4 on the agenda, she should stay to represent it at the meeting. The vote was one aye, four nays, one abstention. The motion does not pass.

Phil Brooks makes the motion to have Brianne Lavalley spearhead legal review of the proposed Rules of Procedure prior to any further discussion on that. Kate McClure seconds the motion. Brianne Lavalley says she will begin by discussing it with the NHSBA as it free legal advice, but since it budget committee and not school board issue she might not get a through answer. She will also bring the issue to the School Board for approval to seek legal advice. Bob Newton suggests that he can (and will) talk with Lyndeborough's town administrator and selectmen to see if he can get free advice from the NHMA which represents the Town of Lyndeborough.

Bob Newton makes the motion to amend the motion to include that he (Bob Newton) will take the issue to the NHMA. The amendment passes with all ayes.

The motion as amended passes with all ayes.

This will be added as an agenda item to the October 19th meeting.

Bob Newton motions to move the discussion of the Information Request Guidance Document to the next meeting. Bob Silva seconds the motion. Phil Brooks feels it important to address it now as we have so many pressing issues to address at subsequent meetings. Brianne Lavalley points out this is a guidance tool and not a policy item and shouldn't need much scrutiny. She says that from a School Boards perspective they support having Best Practices documents. Phil points out that this is a working tool and would like Bob Newton to withdraw his motion and accept this as a tool, not a policy. Bob Newton agrees withdraw his motion.



Alyssa Lavoie discusses the document of responses from the School Board/Administration to the ten question request made by the School Budget Committee. This will be added to the October 19th agenda for discussion.

Public Comments:

Jeffrey Allen – *Lyndeborough*.- Alyssa Lavoie a steadfast servant and we're going to miss her.
Mary Golding- *Wilton* – Best of luck to Alyssa and thank you for all the good you have done for the community. You will be missed.

Budget Committee Comments:

Phil Brooks: appreciates how much Alyssa has done to professionalize the Budget process

Bridget: ditto Phil's comments

Kate McClure: will see you at the baseball games and thank you for all your good work.

Bob Silva: appreciates having worked with and debated Alyssa over the years

Brianne Lavallee: appreciates all the work Alyssa's done to make the committee more efficient and to provide guidance in the documents you've created for years to come.

Alyssa Lavoie: Hopes this meeting, as challenging as its been helps move the committee in a positive direction. Do your best to be respectful and to find compromise. Appreciates everyones kind words.

Next meeting is October 19th.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Newton. Seconded by Kate McClure. All ayes.

Meeting adjourns at 8:43