

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

BUDGET COMMITTEE & JOINT SCHOOL BOARD SESSION

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in the WLCS Conference Room

Committee Membership: Karen Grybko, Chair, Leslie Browne, Vice Chair (Facilities Committee Rep.), Lisa Post, Secretary, Pam Altner, Mary Guild (Facilities Committee Rep.), Edwina Hastings, James Kofalt (School Board Rep.), Ellen Pomer (School Board Rep.), Christine Tiedemann, Harry Dailey (WLC School Board Rep.).

1. Call WLCS Budget Committee to Order
2. Public Comment
3. FY 2017-2018 Budget Discussion
4. Review and Approval
 - a. October 11, 2016 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
5. Other Business:
 - a. Schedule Next Budget Committee Meeting
6. FY 2017-2018 Budget – **Joint Session with School Board at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Room**
 - a. Wilton Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle/HS
7. Adjournment of Budget Committee

Present: Karen Grybko, Leslie Browne, Lisa Post, Pam Altner, Mary Guild, Edwina Hastings, James Kofalt, Ellen Pomer, Harry Dailey, Christine Tiedemann-7:00 p.m.

1. Budget Committee called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. No Public Comment

3. FY 2017-2018 Budget Discussion

Edwina Hastings questioned why the budget is increasing with a decline of 22 students. She made note that the extra column of 2015 expenditures/actuals was not added and also questioned why we needed another slide and the \$9K cost. It was discussed that the slide is for the younger children as the one we currently have is not appropriate for pre-k and kindergarteners. The cost includes a liability policy that is attached to the slide itself. Karen Grybko questioned if the state testing results had come in and she would request them from the Superintendent Lane for the next meeting. Jim Kofalt was concerned over rolling out a new Reading Program without confirming that the past year's Technology rollout implemented and working properly.

4. Review and Approval of October 11, 2016 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ellen Pomer to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Edwina Hasting. Voting: All in favor with two abstentions: Pam Altner and Mary Guild. Motion passed.

5. Other Business:

- a. The next Budget Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the WLCS M/HS Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. and will be follow by a Joint Session with the School Board at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Room

The Budget Committee recessed at 6:58 to attend the Joint Session with the School Board in the Media Room at 7:00 p.m.

Present: School Board Attendance: Geoff Brock, Harry Dailey, Matt Ballou, Mark Legere, Joyce Fisk, Carol LeBlanc, Alex LoVerme, Charlie Post via telephone.

Superintendent Bryan Lane, Business Administrator Lise Tucker, Director of Student Support Services Betty Moore, Principals Brian Bagley, Tim O'Connell and Clerk Kristina Fowler

6. Questions/Requests from the Budget Committee:

Jim Kofalt questioned how the technology program rollout went and how it was received by students, teachers, parents and staff. Principal Bagley stated Kevin Verratti, IT Director, had 10 teachers attend a Chromebook session this summer and he provides support in the in the classrooms daily. Principal O'Connell stated they were

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56 ready for the devices before they arrived and staff had significant training. Principal Bagley confirmed it is ongoing
57 and not fully utilized; they only have three grades with Chromebooks currently. Edwina Hasting questioned if they
58 have evaluated the program. Principal Bagley said that Mr. Verratti completed a survey with the students.
59 Superintendent Lane said that it will be shared at the next Board meeting.
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61 Edwina Hastings inquired if the Budget Committee could get a revised percent in the overall increase in the
62 elementary school budget. Superintendent Lane said he would provide a revised budget that shows what the
63 current budget is and where the increases and decreases are. Ms. Hastings also questioned the declining
64 enrollment of 22 students and why the budget would be going up instead of down. Superintendent Lane replied
65 that losing one or two students per grade over 12 grades does not lower the budget significant and that regarding
66 staffing, there is an increase in health and in the collective bargaining. Superintendent Lane said it is his intention
67 to hold the budget to a zero increase.
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69 Edwina Hastings asked for clarification on how much the LCS slide was and Principal O'Connell clarified that it was
70 \$9,000 for the slide, installation and liability insurance and that vendor had been used in the past and did the
71 design of the new playground at LCS and had the layout. Karen Grybko asked how the cost was obtained and
72 Principal O'Connell replied that he looked at two separate vendors and the slides were essentially the same but
73 one was less expensive.
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75 Ms. Hasting asked whether the extra column would be added for the 2015 Expenditures/Actual numbers as
76 previously discussed and Lise Tucker said she would add those for the next meeting.
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78 Karen Grybko requested that the Budget Committee be provided with the latest proficiency scores.
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80 ***Chairman Brock suggested that if the Budget Committee members have questions from past sessions they should***
81 ***Chair, Karen Grybko who will forward them on to Superintendent Lane so that administration is prepared with***
82 ***the information at the following meeting.***
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84 85 7. FY 2017-2018 Budget - Wilton Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle/HS

86 Principal Bagley gave an overview of the MS/HS operational budget which is \$1,832,609, a decrease of \$222,898
87 from the \$2,055,507 in the adopted budget of 2016-2017 (10.84%) with technology applied the decrease is .06%.
88 Areas of increase include: \$4,348 in general education supplies, \$3,957 in general education replacement
89 equipment for new tables in the art room, desks in classrooms and in Family and Consumer Science, replacement
90 of a stove and dryer, \$4,468, repairs and maintenance due to increased use of copiers and printers, \$2,285 in snow
91 plowing services due to pending agreement with the town, \$3,200 in athletic equipment which includes new
92 outdoor bleachers (two yr. plan implemented), \$5,000 to MS dues and fees to help lower cost of grade 7 and 8
93 field trip and assist students who cannot afford the trip, \$4,490 in facilities furniture fixtures for 5 café/auditorium
94 bench/table sets, \$36,377 in SPED out of district placements and transportation. Areas of decrease include: \$3,989
95 in general education books and in equipment attributed to moving technology out of this budget to the technology
96 budget, \$7,500 in vocational education tuition due to declining enrollment in this program, \$3,022 in copier leases,
97 \$3,620 facilities replacement equipment, \$2,562 athletic officials (purchased services) not running volleyball
98 program for lack of interest, \$3,475, athletic transportation from not running the volleyball program. All other
99 accounts are level or decreased.
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101 They continue to revamp the Program of Studies and are in year one of three and continue to review the schedules
102 along with the Superintendent. The recently added "Running Start" program gives high school students the
103 opportunity to apply their credits earned through this program to their college. They are hoping to expand their
104 course offerings in this program. Some of these costs are in the proposed budget.
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8. Superintendent Lane provided a budget summary sheet exclusive of salaries, benefits capital improvements and revenue and at the next meeting he will provide a spread sheet with proposed vs. current with a break down by account with definitions of what each account is. The sheet passed out shows a total increase of \$121,046 and a decrease of \$165,739 (discretionary accounts in the budget show a decrease of \$44,693). One of the issues is \$32,683 in miscellaneous; the bulk of this is the salary pool for non-affiliated increases. It was moved from this part of the budget and moved in the salary account, if you take that out we are down \$12,000 from last year. He complimented the staff as a whole for still being able to enhance our curriculum while doing it in the bounds of what he said he would try to do, to come in flat.

9. The Budget Committee was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

A MOTION was made to adjourn the Budget Committee Meeting by Ellen Pomer and seconded by Pam Altner. Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Post, Secretary

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