

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 – Location: FRES Library 7:00 PM

JOINT MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Vice Chair Karen Grybko, Secretary Lisa Post, Leslie Browne, Kelly Eshback, Cary Hughes, James Kofalt, Ellen Pomer, Harry Dailey (WLC School Board Rep.).

Attendance: School Board Member(s): Geoffrey Brock, Harry Dailey, Matt Ballou, Francis Bujak, James Button, Joyce Fisk, Mary Guild, Alex LoVerm, Carol LeBlanc

Superintendent Dr. Christine Tyrie, Business Administrator Lise Tucker, Principal Brian Bagley, Principal Tim O'Connell, Administrative Assistant Kristina Fowler

The Agenda was as follows:

1. Call Budget Committee Meeting to Order – FRES Library
2. Minutes Review and Approval
 - a. August 18, 2015
3. Joint Session WLC Budget Committee & School Board
 - a. See WLC School Board Agenda
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment of Budget Committee

1. Call Budget Committee Meeting to Order – FRES Library

Cary Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

2. August 18, 2015 Minutes Review and Approval

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended was made by Leslie Browne seconded by Kelly Eshback, 6 yes with 1 abstention.

3. Joint Session WCL Budget Committee and School Board

- a. Dr. Tyrie informed us that there were leaks in the roof at WLC Gym, HS hallway, Consumer Science Room and Middle School Science Room from the last heavy rain. Mr. Erb, Facilities Manager, informed us the leak may be due to the infrastructure underneath that could be traveling along the trusses or a crack or a hole. Prime Roofing will be coming in to evaluate the leak. At the High School, one leak is due to a dried out rubber seal around skylight and will be repaired. At FRES leaks are in areas where the roof needs to be replaced, although, there are no leaks with normal rainfall.
- b. Dr. Tyrie stated that with revenue decline, population decline and aging voters, she his happy that WLCS provides affordable high-quality education; and she was excited and to be here and start the 2016-2017 budget year. Recommended major focus points for 2016-2017 are: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Facilities; and district-wide planning and managing for better decision making and efficiencies.
- c. Enrollment: Lyndeborough Center 49; FRES 222; Middle School 126; HS 175. District total is 572.
- d. Dr. Tyrie stated that 2016 salaries are down due to consolidation savings and they are on-target. The School Board proposed the same staffing for FY 17 as 2016 (with current additions included) but the budget will increase due to contractual agreements with a net change of \$70K. Due to expected retirements (must be filed by November 4) a placeholder of \$40K for positions has been

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- 1 added to the salary line (this will change with actual retirements). Jim Kofalt questioned the cost
2 of retirement departures. Dr. Tyrie said it was based on years of service at \$5K, 7.5K and 10K.
3 e. Lise Tucker reviewed benefits and they are up 7.64%. There were savings by going to a new
4 provider for Life and Disability. They are looking at alternate ways to keep health insurance costs
5 down by changing and/or consumer driven plans.
6 f. Fran Bujak questioned Special Education Services and Dr. Tyrie said she will provide a breakdown
7 for the next meeting.
8 g. Extended Day Kindergarten: Ellen Pomer questioned the cost of the program for participants. Dr.
9 Tyrie stated charge is \$210 per month which must less than other area programs. Program is
10 down to 16 children which brings program to revenue neutral. Leslie Brown said she thought the
11 breakeven point was 15. Jim Kofalt thought it was 20. Dr. Tyrie said Board anticipated 40K
12 revenue but was willing to take a hit if numbers weren't up. Dr. Tyrie will do salary and benefits
13 overview for next meeting. Some reasons for decline in enrollment is unaffordability for some
14 people and inability to get funding from HHS, and a student lost due to parent feeling the day was
15 too long for her child. Dr. Tyrie noted that buses are transporting 14 children in AM/PM and it is
16 working well.
17 h. Lise Tucker gave a budget overview in the Infinite Visions program. She suggested budget print
18 outs remain the same for review and look at the details in IV when the Budget Committee
19 requests more information. She can provide the Budget Committee with as many details as
20 possible. Dr. Tyrie said Premium Holiday does not provide savings. Leslie Browne said retirement
21 is not going to change and that it is a bi-annual budget item. Jeff Brock said we can't pass off
22 retirement savings to School Board; they are paying enough for teacher's retirement based on
23 interest rates.

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25 **4. Other Business**

26 None addressed

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28 **5. Adjourn**

29 The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM location: HS
30 Media Center. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ellen Pomer and
31 seconded by Cary Hughes; all in favor. The School Budget Committee was adjourned
32 at 8:06 PM.

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34 Respectfully Submitted,
35 Lisa C.M. Post, Secretary