

WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE - FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 22, 2015 – Location LCS Conference Room 7:00 PM

Members in Attendance: Don Davidson (Chair), Karen Grybko (Vice Chair), Harry Dailey (WLC School Board Rep), Pam Altner, Kelly Eshback, Jim Kofalt, Leslie Brown, Ellen Pomer

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM @ LCS

Minutes for November 17th Meeting amended to correct spelling and approved
Harry Dailey made the Motion and Jim Kofalt Seconded

Minutes approved for December 8th Meeting approved
Harry Dailey made the Motion and Pam Seconded. All in favor.

Don Davidson questioned Benefits increase of 5.2%; which is down from anticipated change. Salary increases are not increasing at the same rate as health benefits.

Harry Dailey stated the Health Benefits are part of the negotiated contract, will likely be discussed as part of the next contract, and insurance premiums are currently paid at an 80/20 district/employee ratio.

Don Davidson asked about the 3 – 5th Grade Teachers and why the teacher count was reduced by 1 and not 2 as expected.

Harry Dailey stated, 5th grade was at 50 when decision was made to add another teacher. Next year (2016-2017), the plan is for the 5th grade to return to two classes and 4th grade will increase to 3 classes. Additionally, the NH Board of Education strongly recommended an RN at LCS instead of the LPN originally hired for the position. An RN has been hired and the LPN is working as an aid in the classroom at LCS but is being paid at the LPN rate during the 2015-2016 school year only. SPED budget increase a result of 2 - Out of District placements from students who newly moved into the WLC School District. The Curriculum Coordinator position is a temporary position.

Jim Kofalt commented on the addition of staff for 50 students in 5th grade. There was a discussion on the number of adults in each classroom.

Harry Dailey explained each classroom has at least one aid and may have more and parents do not want their children in a classroom with 25 students. Parents prefer a smaller class size.

Jim Kofalt questioned why custodians hired with benefits instead of for hours below benefit requirements.

Harry Dailey replied there was a lack of applicants when job did not include benefits and custodian hired as a district custodian. He also said the Extended Day Program was self-funding and the break even number of children was 17 and supplies are approximately \$200.

Leslie Brown discussed the Tech Plan.

- iPads for the library

- Labs vs. Carts

- There is a concern that the approach is not really thought through.

- \$17,000 for fully equipped computer carts.

- Does the curriculum support the technology?

- Why are tech purchases not on CIP?

 - Goal: Laptop cart in every classroom. Why a number of laptop carts in plan for each year?

Don Davidson asked Harry Dailey about increase in Wilton tax rate. Wilton evaluations dropped so rate/thousand increased. District meeting will need to address the increase in Wilton tax rate.

Next meeting – Joint Meeting Jan 5th @ WLC Board 6:30 PM and Budget 7:00 PM

Other Business;

School Board looking for full time replacement for superintendent's position.

Harry Dailey gave an update on the FRES School Building Project

- Working on the last of the punch list items

- Project is mostly done

- Trim work on 1895 building approximately \$29,000 – more bids coming

- CIP may have enough money to replace bleachers at FRES

 - will need replacement in next 2 years

 - after next joint meeting should have enough for replacement

Joint Meetings set for Jan 5th, Jan 12th, and review on Jan 19th

- Need to finalize budget

- School Public Meeting on February 4th

Leslie Brown made the Motion to Adjourn

Kelly Eshback seconded the Motion

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Draft Submission: Ellen Pomer

Final Submission 01/25/2016: Lisa Post, Secretary