

**WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING & JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE SESSION
Tuesday, January 5, 2016
Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative M/H School-Media Room
6:30 p.m.**

Present: *Harry Dailey, Matt Ballou, Jim Button, Fran Bujak, Carol LeBlanc, Alex LoVerme and Mary Guild arrived at 7:06pm*

Superintendent Christine Tyrie, Business Administrator Lise Tucker, Principal Brian Bagley, Director of Student Support Services Betty Moore and Clerk Kristina Fowler

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Dailey called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent Tyrie requested to show a short video which was granted with some of the students from LCS performing to “Jingle Bell Rock”.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments to report.

IV. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

V. PRESENTATIONS

a. The New Normal for Public Education-Superintendent Tyrie

Superintendent Tyrie shared a condensed version of a presentation from Mark Joyce, NHSAA on “The Major Impact on Public Education Today” and what has changed. The highlights noted were younger households in decline, employment growth in NH has slowed, NH is aging faster than the United States as a whole, lower birth rates, and migration into NH has slowed. It is difficult to fund education in NH and maybe we can come up with some ideas on how to fund it better. We are serving students we did not serve in the past and are serving them at a higher level.

b. Tech Committee

- This was deferred to the joint meeting, see below.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Reports

i. Treasurer’s Report-September 2015

The report has been reviewed by the Board.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Bujak and SECONDED by Mr. Button to approve the consent agenda. Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

A MOTION was made by Mr. Button and SECONDED by Mr. Bujak to approve the minutes for December 22, 2015 as written.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

- The Board took a 5 minute recess in order for the Budget Committee to have enough members for a quorum.

VIII. 7:00 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE SESSION

Present: Don Davidson, Pam Altner, Leslie Browne, Kelly Eshback, Karen Grybko, Ellen Pomer, and Jim Kofolt

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

- **Tech Committee**

Teachers Amy White, Wanda Meagher and Linda Cordileone were representing the Technology Committee and gave an update to the Board and Budget Committee. They outlined three options with the goal in mind of one to one computing for students and access for all. This doesn't necessarily mean they have to take them home but need access to devices whatever those devices are determined to be. Another primary goal is to get students to work well and collaborate on line as students and parents schedules are busy. They noted there will be bumps along the way and processes that will need to be managed and worked out.

Discussions were had about the cost of what is in the budget currently for technology vs. what it would cost for one to one computing. Support for one to one computing came from both Board and Budget Committee members. They would like to see a cost analysis. Mr. Davidson is particularly curious to see this outlined for 4th and 9th grades and noted other districts are doing this and Mr. Dailey would like a 5 year plan outlined and Mr. Bujak would like consideration of a hybrid plan for 11th and 12th grades. Mr. Ballou noted that we are not bound 100% on the Technology Plan and he would like the representatives to take what they have heard and put it in the plan and bring it back for Board approval.

- a. Community Videograph for Website**

Ms. Dolores Fox showed a videograph she put together which is posted on the homepage of the district website, www.sau63.org. It contains videos from administrators, teachers, and student events as well as key feedback from WLC alumni. It showcases some of the great things happening in our schools.

- b. FY 17 Budget**

- i. SPED Overview**

Ms. Moore gave an overview of SPED comparisons for 2015, 2016 and 2017 of contracted services, anticipated transportation, anticipated tuition and enrollment by disability for 2013, 2014 and 2015. Ms. Moore fielded several questions about special ed and 504 and the differences. She was asked to follow up on the increase in enrollment (17 students) relating to IEP's from 2014 to 2015 and are these largely new to the district or newly identified students. She was also asked to provide data on the caseloads of the contracted service providers.

- ii. MS/HS**

Mr. Bagley gave an overview of the MS/HS budgets and the process his building follows to prepare the budgets. Typically there is a 60/40 split between the HS (60) and MS (40). He reviewed the line items highlighting the larger increases such as an increased need for counseling in 504 special programs line. These services will be provided on a case by case basis and is separate from special education services. Due to the Program of Studies they are running additional classes and general supplies and paper have increased. It was noted that it seemed to be a lot of money for the upkeep of the fields. Mr. Bagley responded that it wasn't enough. The fields need more attention and a lot more money. For the HS, new interactive white boards, mobile labs, and laptops are in the budget.

Ms. Tucker noted as far as facilities they are trying to get a better handle on the maintenance schedules. TDS has increased due to the increase in VoIP data which changed this year.

c. Draft Warrants

Draft Warrants have been reviewed by the members.

Ms. Grybko questioned the extended K program being in the budget and Superintendent Tyrie replied that she did do an update for the Board and will be sure that is shared with the Budget Committee. There will be reconciliation at the end of the year as well. The Board committed to an enrollment of 15 and at the present time break-even is around 16. We are approved through Health and Human Services now and hope the enrollment will increase.

Mr. Davidson noted the Budget Committee will have potential recommendations for the School Board in regard to the budget at the next meeting. He was notified by Mr. Cary Hughes that he is resigning from the Budget Committee and they have the authority to appoint someone else (Dawn Tuomala) to cover his term this year. There will be an opening to complete the rest of his term on the election ballot.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Browne and SECONDED by Ms. Altner to appoint Dawn Tuomala to cover Mr. Cary Hughes' term for this year.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

• ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Ms. Eshback and SECONDED by Ms. Pomer to adjourn the Budget Committee session at 9:18pm.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

i. Elementary Building Renovation Committee

Mr. Dailey reported they completed almost 100% of the items left on the list although there are still some heating issues at LCS. We do not have an estimate on the bleachers or other estimates for FRES however most of the work will be done in the spring such as the painting.

ii. Facilities Committee

Mr. Bujak reported the committee met prior to this meeting and the next scheduled meeting is February 2, 2016. We reviewed the "tools for schools" checklist and will set this up electronically. We discussed bids and quotes which we will review with together and with the SAU and return to the Board on a date in the future for approval.

X. BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION

Discussions were had about the budget, one to one computing and warrant for technology. It was requested to bring back a one page document outlining a plan with what is needed for equipment (x # of laptops etc.) and cost analysis and a five year plan. It was suggested to do this for more than just 2 grades if possible.

Mr. Ballou noted that typically when you do each grade, you replace everything in that grade, teachers computers etc. even smart boards if they are needed. It is all done on the same cycle for consistency. If it happens that one of those computers is a newer computer, it should be deployed elsewhere but keep that grade on the same cycle.

Mr. Bujak suggested for district meeting we display student work, show the videograph and photos of the FRES building project. He also suggests adding a link to the videograph in the annual report. He also requests an update on where we are with the attendance policy for the meeting after next.

XI. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS / LEAVES

There were none to report.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments to report.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Bujak and SECONDED by Ms. LeBlanc to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:58pm.

Voting: all aye; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Fowler