

# **WILTON-LYNDEBOROUGH COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**Location: Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School – Media Room: 7:00 P.M.**

## **December 9, 2014 FINAL MEETING MINUTES**

*Members Present: Chairman Don Davidson, Vice Chair Mark Altner, Leslie Browne, Kelly Eshback, Ellen Pomer, Lisa Post, Secretary Dawn Tuomala.*

School Board Member(s): Geoffrey Brock, Harry Dailey, Matt Ballou, Francis Bujak, Joyce Fisk, Alex LoVerme, Carol LeBlanc

Administration: Superintendent Dr. Christine Tyrie, Administrator Lise Tucker, Director of Student Support Betty Moore, Principal Brian Bagley, Principal Tim O'Connell, Administrative Assistant Kristina Fowler

The Agenda was as follows:

1. Call Budget Committee Meeting to Order – in Media Center
2. Joint Session WLC Budget Committee & School Board Budget Presentations:
  - a. High School (HS)
  - b. SPED
  - c. Food Service/Grants
  - d. Line Item-revenue/Expenditures
3. Other Business
  - a. Next Meeting Date
4. Adjourn of Budget Committee

### **1. Call Budget Committee Meeting to Order – in Media Center**

Chairman Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **2. Joint Session WLC Budget Committee & School Board Budget Presentations**

#### **a. High School (HS) Budget**

Principal Bagley reiterated that as with the MS budget, requests for the HS budget all are derived from some plan that is in place. There is a 3 year science plan; a 5 year Library Plan; a 3 year Tech plan; an athletic replacement Plan; a Stem & Steam plan for teachers. Also driving the budget are changes in the graduation requirements. The students will now need to have 4 units of math instead of the present 3 units of math. This forth unit cannot come from the math department but much be obtained from another program. Programs that they will be adding are engineering, CAD design, construction and a robotics program.

Rental of equipment is split between the high school and the middle school 60/40. There are 7 interactive white boards, mobile labs, computers and all other general supplies that the teachers need and has a 40.2% increase. The teacher aid salaries and benefits have a 9.1% increase. Substitute teacher salaries along with the social security, unemployment and workers compensation are projected to increase by 97.4%. Special Ed. Teacher Salaries and benefits are projected to increase 4.9%. The Sped supplies are down 21.4%. SPED Aide salaries and benefits have increased 0.7%. The in State Tuition and

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private in and out of State Tuitions have increased 8.7%. Vocational Ed. Tuition is projected to increase 23.9%.

Under section 1420 the athletic salaries have stayed flat but there are increases for the officials. They have also included replacement of uniforms for the middle and high schools. The championship jackets have been added back in so they don't have to go to the community asking for donations. The Guidance and Nursing lines have remained fairly flat.

Ms. Moore described all of the SPED components including BCBA increase, speech, hearing testing and a reading specialist. She also explained contracting services that might be needed next year for professionals that we don't have in district.

The teaching staff will need time in the summer to re-write the curriculum. The library is in the second year of a 5 year plan to refurbish the library with newer books. The Library is also requesting new tablets to use with the students. They are planning to lease a new copier to replace the teacher's lounge copier; then to take the one presently being used and put it in the office and then give the one from the office to the middle school since they don't have one.

They are going to add a new science lab next year; there are only 2 labs right now and they need a third one. Presently there are two teachers sharing one lab. The lab will go into the present physical science classroom. They will need to replace the desks with work stations, including cabinets and water stations along with resistant top benches.

Lawn and grounds maintenance has been moved to the athletic budget. They are planning on having Mainstay to oversee the computer system. They will work on the server overseeing the network. The bottom line has increased 5%; question was asked how much is due to retirement and contract increases verses other growth. The numbers are being trued up and the expenses put where they belong. The middle school is down.

They are going to be participating in the first robotics as part of an engineering option. They are supposed to graduate with 4 units of math and one of the credits are not to be within the math department. They are adding CAD Design computer program and to purchase a CNC rotor. There are only 5 to 10 students taking advantage of going to Milford for the Tech program. Presently the schedule only allows for transportation in the morning but they plan to run additional transportation in the afternoon.

## **b. SPED Budget**

Ms. Moore presented the SPED budget beginning with 2013 verses 2014 statistics. IN 2013 there were 89 students that had IEP's and in 2014 there are 96 students or 16.2% in the whole district. The Middle School presently has 20%. The total amount of students in the district is 594 versus 609 last year. The percentage of students has decreased but the amount of students with disabilities has increased. This has increased the expenses.

They will need to have a new contract for SPED transportation next year. The cost of the Autism Bridges program estimated at \$124,500 per student; while in house RISE Program is \$66,500 or a savings of \$58,000 per student. Those that are Medicaid eligible

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will get half the cost of benefits or savings pre student at \$39,600 with 6 students that need services. Not all of the autism students are in the middle or high school.

The District has just received approval from the NH Department of Education to have up to 12 students. Ms. Moore described the various positions and the amount of increase or decrease. There is a proposed 2.28% reduction in the overall SPED costs.

**c. Food Service/Grants**

Ms. Tucker presented the food which will need a revenue transfer to cover the cost of running the Food Service Program again for the 2014/2015 year. The employees who now work more than 30 hours per week are receiving health benefits under Obama Care which has increased the expenses. There are also more stringent food guidelines in place that has increased the costs.

If meal participation is increased then there would be a smaller deficit. To increase participation they are planning to increase the weekly pizza menu and have more homemade foods. There are new nutritional values in place one of which calls for sodium reduction. The food service program cannot report a negative amount which is estimated at \$39,000 for this year.

**d. Line Item-revenue/Expenditures**

Dr. Tyrie explained there are revenues that we won't be getting again next year are REAP, COPS & Title VI - RLIS. There is also a grant received from NH Homeland Security for \$3,000. This provided for the installation of software that when 911 is dialed from the school the nearest 5 cruisers will be notified along with the emergency services center. This way there will be a faster response time. The yearly user fee of \$1,200 is already in the projected budget.

There are a total of \$305,000 anticipated revenues for the 2015/2016 year which are based upon amounts from this year. The total Budget Proposal Report by Function was provided with a bottom line of the budget up 1.53% at this time.

**3. Other Business**

- a. Next Meeting Date** will be January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. It will start as a joint meeting in order to have the Warrant Articles presented. The Budget Committee will then adjourn to another room to have discussions of the entire budget. There will then be a Joint meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to continue the discussions of changes, additions or deletions to the budget in order to come up with a bottom line figure.

**4. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be a joint meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7:00 PM; location Media Center. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Browne and seconded by Mr. Altner; all in favor. The School Budget Committee was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Tuomala, Secretary