

Belmont School Committee Work Session Minutes
School Committee Finance Subcommittee
September 17, 2019
Conference Room of the School Administration Building

SC Members Present: Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox
Ms. Amy Checkoway
Mr. Michael Crowley
Ms. Andrea Prestwich (until 9:05 AM)
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance
Mr. John Phelan, School Superintendent

Guests: Ms. Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator
Mr. Jeffrey Wheeler, Senior Town Planner

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM.

2. Finance Subcommittee Goals for FY21

The group did not have time to discuss goals for the upcoming year.

3. Financial Task Force 2 Update

The Financial Task Force 2 (FTF 2) has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2018. The FTF 2 is in the process of reviewing the current and upcoming budgets and discussing the likelihood of a gap of approximately \$5,000,000 in the town budget. The group is also discussing the best time for the town to consider an override vote. The options are April 2020 or November 2020.

4. Initial FY20 Budget Update

Superintendent Phelan noted some changes in the FY20 budget to address the needs of students at the Chenery Middle School. The changes include additional aides and time for a speech and language pathologist.

Additional costs that may come up in FY20 include time for an administrator to handle the contracting and placement for students interested in pursuing vocational and technical education should Belmont's decision to withdraw from the Minuteman District become final.

Superintendent Phelan spoke to Jack Weis, the new chair of the Warrant Committee's Education Subcommittee regarding that group working with the SC on the upcoming budget

and related issues .

5. Rink RFP Discussion

Ms. Patrice Garvin and Mr. Jeffrey Wheeler participated in a discussion regarding the community forum on the possibility of the town entering into a public/private partnership for a new rink held by the Select Board and School Committee on Monday, September 16th. Everyone agreed that community members provided some thoughtful comments and made recommendations for contract language that Mr. Wheeler will incorporate into the next draft of the RFP and contract.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by



Susan Burgess-Cox