

Belmont School Committee Minutes
Finance Subcommittee
December 15, 2011
Conference Room of the School Administration Building

Present: Mr. Kevin Cunningham
Ms. Laurie Slap
Ms. Anne Lougee
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance
Mr. Robert Sarno, Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee member

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

2. Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee Input, including data requests and feedback on report format

The group discussed the roles of the School Department, School Committee and Warrant Committee in Belmont's budgeting process as well as ideas to improve transparency and communication during the development of the FY13 budget. Mr. Sarno reviewed a preliminary set of data requests from the Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee. These requests included

- more detailed data from the year-end and quarterly reports
- more line item detail re how revenues from grants and revolving funds are applied
- the latest enrollment report broken out by grade
- class size reports
- more data re the total numbers of students in each of the Special Education out-of-district (OOD) placement types (MA Tuitions, Private Tuitions, LABBB)
- more detail re Special Education Transportation costs

Mr. DiCologero offered to provide much of the readily accessible data to Mr. Sarno and his colleagues as soon as possible before the December school vacation and to work with the Finance Subcommittee to address other questions early in the new year.

3. Review of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by



Kevin Cunningham, Chair