

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MINUTES
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 13, 2012**

Present: Ms. Laurie Graham, Chair
Ms. Rebecca Vose, Secretary
Ms. Laurie Slap
Mr. Kevin Cunningham
Ms. Anne Lougee
Absent: Mr. Scharfman

1.1 Call to Order

Ms. Graham called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. in the Conference Room of the School Administration Building.

1.2 Clarke House

Mr. Michael Smith, co-chair of the Historic District Commission presented to the Committee a proposal to move the Clarke House to a temporary location. The Board of Selectman have approved moving the house from its current location on Common Street to a parcel of land on Concord Avenue, next to the White Field House, across from the Belmont Public Library. The proposal has been shared with Belmont High School Principal, Dr. Harvey and Athletic Director Jim Davis. Mr. Davis said that he saw no impact to Belmont athletics. Mr. Smith explained that the house could be on the site for up to a year until a permanent spot is found. Ms. Vose explained that the School Committee does not have any jurisdiction over that land so it cannot actually give permission but the Committee members agreed that they have no objection to the proposal.

1.3 Calendar of Budget Meetings


Mr. Cunningham updated the Committee on a potential calendar of budget meetings to take place over the next few months. As discussed by committee members it is anticipated that:

- there will be two joint meetings with the BOS – one in early Feb, the other in Early March. Dates to be determined
- there will be at least two public budget forums, held the week of 2/13 – one in the morning and another in the evening. Dates to be determined.
- the Finance Subcommittee will schedule, with the whole committee, some focused, high-profile, budget topics (ie. Health Insurance, Special Ed.) Dates to be determined.
- the Finance Subcommittee will provide a formal presentation at a School Committee meeting in March to update the Committee on its work.
- The School Committee will vote on the budget at the meeting of 3/27.
- The School Committee will work with the Central Office to develop presentation materials for budget forums and the Annual Town Meeting. It is anticipated that distribution will be prior to April vacation.

On a motion offered by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Vose, it was

VOTED unanimously (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by


Rebecca Vose, Secretary