

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MINUTES
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 6, 2012**

Present: Ms. Laurie Graham, Chair
Ms. Rebecca Vose, Secretary
Ms. Laurie Slap
Mr. Dan Scharfman
Mr. Kevin Cunningham
Ms. Anne Lougee
Dr. Thomas Kingston, Superintendent of Schools

1.1 Call to Order

Ms. Graham called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. in the Conference Room of the School Administration Building.

1.2 Budget Assumptions

Dr. Kingston explained the budget assumptions and discussed the upcoming budget presentation which will take place at the January 10th School Committee Meeting. This is the initial transmission and there will be changes going forward. There is no plan to adjust any fees at this time.

The consolidation of buildings and grounds will not necessarily be cost saving initially but the program will allow for expert in-house services to maintain the facilities which will save money in the long-run.

Dr. Kingston suggested and Committee members agreed to release the budget information on Wednesday morning preceding the submission to the Warrant Committee.

The current math series being used in the BPS is 18 years old and the plan is to introduce a new math series in the near future. Mr. Cunningham requested that a presentation be made to School Committee at some point explaining what math programs are being considered.

Committee members discussed and suggested slight changes to the budget assumptions.

Ms. Graham told the Committee that Mr. Michael Smith, co-chair of the Historic District Commission will be presenting a suggestion to the Board of Selectmen to have the Clarke house moved to a parcel of land next to White Field House and across from the Belmont Public Library. This would be a temporary move until a permanent location is found and voted on by Town Meeting. Mr. Smith would like to meet with the School Committee at some point to discuss this proposal. The Committee decided on January 13th as the date to meet with Mr. Smith.

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by


Rebecca Vose, Secretary