

Belmont School Committee Minutes
Finance Subcommittee
August 1, 2012
Conference Room of the School Administration Building

Present: Mr. Kevin Cunningham
Ms. Laurie Slap
Ms. Anne Lougée
Mr. Thomas Kingston, Interim Superintendent
Ms. Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent

Ms. Patricia Brusch, Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee
Mr. Raffi Manjikian, Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee
Ms. Noreen Millane, Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee
Mr. Robert Sarno, Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 a.m.

2. Review of 2012 Warrant Committee Recommendations

Ms. Slap and Mr. Cunningham opened the discussion by noting that the two subcommittees had not yet come together to go through the recommendations put forth in the 2012 Warrant Committee Report and this was the opportunity to discuss in fuller detail many of the proposals and determine what might be next steps.

The group discussed the request from the Warrant Committee Ed Subcommittee (WCESC) for more detailed budget data for out-of-district tuitions. All fully understand the need to protect student confidentiality but Ed Subcommittee members explained how they would like to see more subcategories broken out, such as basic tuition, physical therapy, personal care attendants, etc. Dr. Kingston said he would work with Ken Kramer, Director of Student Services, to explore what categories they already track and could break out relatively easily in the budget.

Donna Pini from the Business Office briefly joined the discussion to describe what categories of data are included on invoices processed in her office.

The group also discussed exploring whether participation as a member of LABBB is still cost effective. Dr. Kingston suggested bringing in a consultant to work on this project.

3. Plans for joint projects of Finance Subcommittee & WC Education Subcommittee during FY13

Mr. Cunningham described the framework that he is developing to analyze budget trends over the last 3 years and efforts to project School Department expenses for the next 3 years.

The group also discussed the need to re-examine the 2004 Master Plan and Feasibility Study for Renovations to Belmont High School and potentially assemble a Superintendent's advisory committee to help update this work, now that the Wellington building project is nearing completion.

4. Upcoming Meetings

The group agreed to hold their next joint meeting in mid-September.

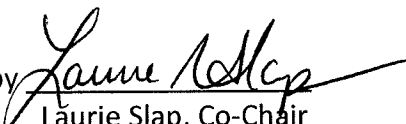
5. Approve Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by


Laurie Slap, Co-Chair