

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM
March 23, 2012**

Present: Ms. Laurie Graham, Chair
Ms. Laurie Slap
Mr. Dan Scharfman
Mr. Kevin Cunningham
Ms. Anne Lougée
Mr. Anthony DiColgero, Director of Business, Finance, and Operations

1. OPEN SESSION

1.1 Ms. Graham announced that the Committee was now in Open Session.

1.2 Budget Update

Ms. Slap updated the Committee on the Finance Committee's recent meeting with the Education Subcommittee of the Warrant Committee. She stated that the meeting was productive and enabled everyone to understand better how the budget process worked and what is included in Special Education out-of-district tuition and how to track it.

Ms. Slap stated that Ken Kramer, Director of Student Services attended the meeting to explain the need to keep \$200,000 in the Special Education budget. The money will provide services for some students who were recently identified as having the need for a higher level of services.

Ms. Slap suggested doing some analysis to look at the cost effectiveness of LABBB. Mr. Scharfman suggested checking with other members of the LABBB Collaborative to see if an analysis has already been done.

Ms. Slap discussed what information may be needed for the meeting with the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Scharfman suggested the possibility of creating a stabilization fund and Ms. Graham suggested that should be a Town/School Department conversation.

Mr. Cunningham proposed that the Finance Subcommittee create an agenda item inviting someone from the Warrant Committee to discuss Special Education funding.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:38 a.m. on a motion offered by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Mr. Cunningham, it was

VOTED unanimously (5-0) with one member absent to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by _____


Rebecca Vose, Secretary