

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM
JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL SELECTMENS ROOM
FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

Present: Ms. Laurie Graham, Chair
Ms. Anne Lougée, Secretary
Mr. Kevin Cunningham
Ms. Lisa Fiore
Ms. Elyse Shuster
Ms. Laurie Slap
Dr. Thomas Kingston, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Tony DiCologero, Director of Business, Finance and Operations

Mr. Mark Paolillo, Chair, Board of Selectmen
Mr. Andres Rojas, Vice Chair
Mr. Ralph Jones, Selectman
Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator
Ms. Phyllis Marshall, Assistant Town Administrator

1. **OPENING BUSINESS**

1.1 Call to order

Mr. Paolillo and Ms. Graham called the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and the School Committee (SC) meetings, respectively, to order at 6:11 p.m.

2. **QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS**

2.1 There were none.

3. **ACTION BY APPOINTMENT**

3.1 Budget Update

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Kale reviewed Belmont's initial FY'15 budget. The entire budget, at \$94.869 million, is approximately \$3 million (3.4%) more than the current fiscal year. The budget allocates \$1.245 million to the Capital Budget, with \$200 thousand earmarked for sidewalk improvements and snow removal equipment. The budget also incorporates the use of \$2 million from the cash reserves.

Following Mr. Kale's report, Dr. Kingston presented the School Department's initial FY'15 budget. The total budget, for all funding sources, is \$52.482 million which is a 3.5% increase over the current fiscal year. Of that total, \$46.156 million represents the General Fund – revenues comprised of the Town's allocation of taxes and other sources, as well as funds from MA Chapter 70. Included in the General Fund are additional revenues from two sources: approximately \$550 thousand in added Chapter 70 revenue and \$145 thousand from a reduction to Belmont's Minuteman Regional High School assessment. In total, the General Fund shows an increase of \$1,807 million (4.1%).

Dr. Kingston cited increasing enrollment and salary obligations as the primary cost drivers of the budget. In the current year the school population has experienced a net increase of 169 students, with many requiring supplemental services. Since September the schools have added 18 FTE's to provide those services. These positions are carried forward into the FY'15 budget.

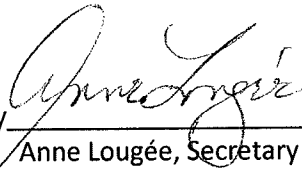
The Board of Selectmen and the School Committee agreed to reconvene as more budgetary information becomes available from both state and town sources prior to the final vote at Town Meeting.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:58 p.m. on a motion immediately offered by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Shuster it was

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Lougée", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

Anne Lougée, Secretary