

Belmont School Committee Work Session Minutes
Finance Subcommittee
March 17, 2015
Conference Room of the School Administration Building

Present: Mr. Tom Caputo
Ms. Anne Lougée
Ms. Laurie Slap, Chair
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance

Absent: Dr. Lisa Fiore
Ms. Laurie Graham
Ms. Elyse Shuster

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 29, February 4, February 6, February 24, and March 10 were unanimously approved.

3. FY16 Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK)

Superintendent Phelan distributed a draft letter to families of incoming Kindergarten students. The letter explains that the funding for the FDK program has been eliminated in Governor Baker's FY16 budget and it is unknown whether the Legislature will respond by restoring all or a portion of this funding. The loss to Belmont is approximately \$160,000. The point of the letter is to inform families that the FDK fee could be set between \$3,300 and \$3,600, but that the exact amount is unknown at this time. It was suggested that the letter be revised to include information regarding the fee waiver process.

3. FY16 Fee/Rental Discussion

Superintendent Phelan reported that he will be meeting this week with Athletics & Extracurricular Director Jim Davis and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Fred Domenici this week to generate a comprehensive list of all users of School Department facilities. He also stated that Mr. DiCologero will be sending letters to current lessees to confirm either new or existing rates for FY16. With the goal of setting fees at market rates for non-Belmont users, it is possible that higher rates could be phased in over 1-2 years. New fees, and amendments to existing policy, will be presented to the School Committee at an upcoming meeting and, like all policy review by the Committee, voted on at a subsequent meeting.

4. FY16 Budget Discussion

The Committee reviewed materials and discussed general issues around the FY16 budget. It hopes to review the remainder of the budget categories at its next meeting.

5. Naming Rights

Due to time constraints, this topic was not discussed.

6. Solar Panels

Due to time constraints, this topic was not discussed.

7. Capital List

Due to time constraints, this topic was not discussed.

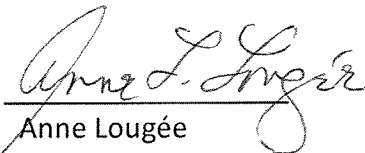
8. Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Finance Subcommittee/School Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th at 7:30 a.m. in the SAB conference room.

9. Adjournment

On a motion offered by Ms. Slap and seconded by Mr. Caputo the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by


Anne Lougee