

Belmont School Committee Work Session Minutes
School Committee Finance Subcommittee
October 8, 2019
Conference Room of the School Administration Building

SC Members Present: Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox
Mr. Michael Crowley
Ms. Andrea Prestwich (until 9:15 AM)
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance
Mr. John Phelan, School Superintendent

WC Members Present: Ms. Laurie Slap, Mr. Robert McLaughlin, Mr. Jack Weiss,
Mr. Geoffrey Lubien, Ms. Christine Doyle

Other Guests: Mr. Jim Gammill, Minuteman SC Rep

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

2. Financial Task Force 2 Update

Time did not allow for a discussion on this topic.

3. FY20 Budget Update

Time did not allow for a discussion on this topic.

4. Minuteman Update

Mr. Jim Gammill presented tables and graphs outlining historic and projected class-size, current building capacity, the possibility of students being shut out as a nonmember district and the difference between member and non-member student costs. The group had a number of questions for Mr. Gammill regarding the figures presented, the potential risks noted in the tables and the costs associated with rescinding the withdrawal for membership such as the possibility of paying a lump-sum capital cost for the new building.

Superintendent Phelan provided an estimate of additional costs related to withdrawing as a member district including: the salary for a Career Vocational and Technical Education (CVTE) Manager, a stipend for a CVTE Placement Coordinator, legal costs and transportation. Superintendent Phelan projected a total of approximately

\$120,000 each year to cover these services.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Burgess-Cox', written over a horizontal line.

Susan Burgess-Cox