

Belmont School Committee Work Session Minutes
School Committee Finance Subcommittee
January 28, 2020
Conference Room of the School Administration Building

SC Members Present: Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox
Ms. Amy Checkoway
Mr. Michael Crowley
Ms. Andrea Prestwich
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance
Mr. John Phelan, School Superintendent

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM.

2. FY21 Budget Development

Superintendent Phelan presented a list of positions prioritized by a variety of factors including enrollment and mandated services. The administration determined that there are at least 15.8 FTEs needed in the coming years. Due to known budgetary constraints, the positions were prioritized and the administration determined that at least 6.8 FTEs will be needed for the 2020-2021 school year to address growing enrollment. The positions include: 2 FTEs to form a ½ team in the 6th grade, 2 FTEs to form a ½ team in the 7th grade, 1.0 FTE for science at the high school and positions in world language, social studies and a social worker at the high school.

Other positions include: 1.0 ELL Teacher, 2.0 SPED Chair(s), 2.0 Math Coach(es), 1.0 Nurse, 1.0 METCO Elementary Coordinator, 1.0 SPED/Math Teacher, 1.0 SPED/ELA Teacher, and 0.2 Chorus. The group agreed with the prioritization presented by the administration in moving the budget forward for the coming year.

3. Tennis/CPA Funding

Superintendent Phelan has been working with Assistant Town Administrator, Jon Marshall to consider the submission of an application for CPA funds for one or two courts at Winn Brook. Mr. Marshall presented the idea to the Recreation Commission and they agree that the Recreation Department and School Administration should work on an application for CPA funds for an upcoming budgetary cycle.


4. Meeting Minutes

After a review of minutes sent for the following meetings, upon a motion by Amy Checkoway,

seconded by Andrea Prestwich the finance subcommittee approved minutes for the following meetings: October 8, 2019; October 15, 2019; October 22, 2019; November 12, 2019; and December 17, 2019 with abstentions for meetings in which participants were not present.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted by 
Andrea Prestwich, Secretary