

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE JOINT
MEETING WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
REMOTE MEETING
October 26, 2021**

Present: Mr. Michael Crowley, FSC Chair
Ms. Meghan Moriarty, Secretary
Mr. Jamal Saeh
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance, Business and Operations

1. Call to Order 8:02 am by Mike Crowley, FSC Chair
2. Approval of Minutes

Mike Crowley moved to approve the following minutes:

- September 14, 2021 Finance Subcommittee minutes
- October 12, 20201 Finance Subcommittee minutes

Second by Meg Moriarty. Vote (3-0-0)

3. HS Pool Rental Fees

Representatives from the Belmont Aquatics Team (BAT) have inquired about pool usage. Tony provided the prioritization that has been used to rent the HS pool. HS teams get first priority in regards to practice time, Belmont-only groups including recreation and Belmont Aquatic Teams (BATs) get second priority. After that, there is not much capacity for others. Previously the fee structure was \$45/hour on weekdays including the custodian fee and \$60/hour on weekends. The School Administration has been in communication with the Athletic Office, the Town Facilities Department, the Town Recreation Department and the Town Health Department to coordinate BAT's potential access and use of the pool.

Tony offered a spreadsheet with information obtained from surveying commercial swimming pools in the area for their respective rental fees and suggested that Belmont continue to charge \$50/hour to BATs. In response to a question from the SC, Tony acknowledged that staff time is required to manage these relationships and rental agreements/contracts.

The SC requested a list of all rental fees across the district and the basis for prioritizing groups. Mike Crowley would like to have a future discussion with the SD about the cost of administrative overhead with input from Facilities and Recreation.

Anne Helgren - Asked about the operating cost of running a pool, suggesting it is around \$250K per year, and suggested that the cost of operating the pool be factored into the fee structure.

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At this time, there is no change to the rental fee for BATs.

4. FY22 Finance Updates

Tony is working with Glenn Castro to get the \$700,000 charged to ESSR funds and \$700,000 charged to ARPA grants from the 1st half of the year. The plan is to do the same next year.

Tony notified the SC that the LABBB credits total \$166,000 which must be used by June 30th per DESE. This frees up \$166,000 from what we assumed from other sources.

5. FY22 1st Quarter Update

Tony provided the first quarter financial update highlighting the bottom line is projecting a positive year-end balance of \$797,000, which is higher than typical. Tony attributed this to salaries, people left during the summer and staffing assignments were changed after the budget had been set. For example a teacher may have been moved into a Director position because that person left during July/August. There were 8 turnovers at the end of the school year but no net change in FTE's at the Chenery at this time.

Jamal asked that the SD generate financial tables that were suggested by the Ed Subcommittee of the Warrant Committee. He also asked whether there are limits to implementing this request (time constraints, data disaggregation) and suggested the SD identify costs that may be needed to implement his request or a more pragmatic halfway mark that can achieve the goal of greater visibility in key areas including staffing and SPED. The goal is to have a more robust and easy way to generate the data in order to enable easier oversight by the SC and better strategic planning.

Jamal Saeh left the meeting at 8:52 am

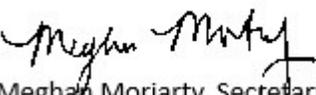
Tony appreciated the request and explained that MUNIS poses some challenges at this point. MUNIS is the system most schools use for financials, payroll, and revenue. Tony will provide an update at the next finance meeting.

The SC asked questions about EDCO liability, frontloading athletic fees and new grants including Homelessness that we need to know more about. Specific to revolving funds, the Kindergarten, Adult Education, and Butler Playground line items were questioned.

Bill Anderson - Asked whether the \$450K of MS savings was a year end projection.

5. Adjourned at 9:30 am

Respectfully Submitted by:


Meghan Moriarty, Secretary