

Belmont School Committee Work Session Minutes
School Committee Finance Subcommittee
April 9, 2020
Remote Meeting

SC Members Present: Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox, Chair
Ms. Andrea Prestwich, Secretary
Ms. Catherine Bowen
Ms. Amy Checkoway
Mr. Michael Crowley
Ms. Tara Donner
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance
Mr. John Phelan, School Superintendent
Mr. Michael McAllister

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM.

2. Potential Impact of COVID-19 on FY20 and FY21 Budgets

Due to circumstances related to the current pandemic causing a projected deficit in state and local funding, the town is looking at FY08 and FY09 budgets to estimate the impact of the potential change in revenue on the FY20 and FY21 budget. No figures or estimates were available for the meeting.

There are only 3 months left in FY20 so it is not likely that there will be additional hiring other than offers already made to principals for the Burbank and Winn Brook. At this time, there is no projected deficit for FY20.

The current draft budget for FY21 will need modifications due to a projected decrease in state and local revenue. The town is making adjustments to their budget based on this revenue loss. The state will not likely have funding figures until May or June. The group had an extensive discussion about FY21 and agreed to schedule future meetings to discuss adjustments to the current draft budget based on the impact of COVID-19 on state and local revenue.

The group also discussed projected changes to the district's budgetary needs as a result of a change to remote learning. The administration is in the process of developing plans for the potential closure of schools for the rest of this year as well closures in the 2002-2021 school year. These changes may also impact the FY21 budget.

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee.

3. Meeting Minutes

Time did not allow for the approval of minutes.

4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by



Andrea Prestwich, Secretary