

Belmont School Committee Work Session Minutes
Finance Subcommittee Meeting
January 23, 2018
Conference Room of the School Administration Building

Present: Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox
Mr. Murat Bicer
Ms. Kate Bowen
Mr. Thomas Caputo
Ms. Andrea Prestwich
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent
Ms. Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 AM.

2. Special Education Budget Planning

Time did not allow for discussion of this topic.

3. FY19 Budget Update

Time did not allow for discussion of this topic.

4. Three-Year Financial Plan FY19-FY21

Time did not allow for discussion of this topic.

5. Belmont High School Building Committee (BHS-BC) Discussion

Superintendent Phelan presented a draft of his presentation for the upcoming joint meeting with the BHS-BC. The group had an extensive discussion on the presentation which included an overview of the work of the administration, BHS-BC and School Committee related to the high school building project and grade configurations. The group had an extensive discussion on the issues related to changes in grade configurations, including concerns expressed by citizens and staff as well as the apprehensions of SC members. The group agreed that the recommendation of a 7-12 or 8-12 configuration option would be a big change for the district.

Discussions also involved possible alternatives for the district such as building a new elementary school. During that discussion it was noted that there were limitations on actual land available for such a project, a change in land use has legal obstacles and at this time there is no funding source for such a project. The MSBA will not approve funding for another school project until the completion of the current high school project.

6. Approval of Minutes

Time did not allow for the review or approval of minutes.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted by



Susan Burgess-Cox