

**Belmont School Committee Work Session Minutes**  
**Finance Subcommittee Meeting**  
**May 29, 2018**  
**Conference Room of the School Administration Building**

**Present:** Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox  
Ms. Kate Bowen  
Ms. Jill Norton  
Ms. Andrea Prestwich  
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent  
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 AM.

**2. Review of Out of District (OOD) Tuition Funding**

Mr. DiCologero provided an overview of special education funding and spending including the district's current methodology for the use of various funding sources. The total cost for OOD tuitions for FY17 was approximately \$6.8 million. The district utilizes multiple funding sources to cover these tuitions including: a grant provided under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), state Circuit Breaker funds, LABBB credits, a Special Education Stabilization Fund and a Special Education Reserve Fund.

Mr. DiCologero noted that the regulations and guidance of Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) encourages districts to build a carry-over balance of at least one year of Circuit Breaker reimbursement to guard districts from the inherent volatility associated with OOD tuition costs.

**3. 2018-2019 Meeting Schedule**

The group discussed meeting on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 AM on weeks where the regular School Committee meetings will not be held.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

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

**5. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted by

  
Susan Burgess-Cox