

**Belmont School Committee Work Session Minutes**  
**Joint Meeting with the Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee**  
**February 15, 2018**  
**Conference Room of the School Administration Building**

**SC Present:** Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox  
Mr. Murat Bicer  
Mr. Tom Caputo  
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent  
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance

**WC Members Present:** Ms. Laurie Slap, Mr. Michael Libenson, Ms. Chris Doyle, Mr. Jack Weiss

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 AM.

**2. FY19 Budget Update**

The group discussed the proposed FY19 budget that included the addition of 9 FTEs necessary due to growing enrollment, a projected increase in insurance costs of 11% and an increase in special education tuitions. While the budget includes costs rolled forward, other drivers result in a 7.6% increase from the FY18 budget. The group had an extensive discussion regarding these cost drivers and impact on the budget. The group agreed that this was a draft that the administration would consider amending after further discussions with the town administrator.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

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

**4. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted by

  
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Susan Burgess-Cox