

Belmont School Committee Work Session Minutes
Finance Subcommittee
January 15, 2019
Conference Room of the School Administration Building

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

Guests: Mr. Glen Clancy & Mr. Jeffrey Wheeler
Mr. Jim Gammill

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM.

2. Ice Rink RFP Review

Mr. Glen Clancy and Mr. Jeffrey Wheeler from the Department of Community Development presented information on a Request for Proposal (RFP) process that could involve a public/private partnership for a new ice rink. The School Committee and Board of Selectmen have a joint meeting scheduled for January 22, 2019 to discuss the RFP process and hear from the public on a possible proposal for a new ice rink. At the joint meeting, representatives from the Department of Community Development and the Department of Public Works will provide information on the current status of the rink, programs that utilize the rink, and the potential for moving forward with public/private partnership in building a new facility.

Mr. Clancy noted that an RFP needs to include a specific location and proposed use for the site. The upcoming public forum is one way for the town to determine if such a project will move forward. Mr. Clancy and Mr. Wheeler noted the timeline for putting together such a proposal, receiving bids and signing agreements can take a number of months making it difficult to determine if such a project can be presented to town meeting in May or June 2019.

3. Report from Minuteman School Committee

Mr. Jim Gammill, Belmont's representative to the Minuteman School Committee, reported that the Minuteman School Committee did not agree with the proposal for a new type of tuition agreement to offer an enhanced non-member status. The Minuteman School Committee will discuss increasing tuition for non-member towns to try and close the financial

gap between member and non-member towns. The Minuteman School Committee will be discussion tuitions for the upcoming year at their meeting on February 5, 2019.

Those present at the meeting agreed that it would be beneficial for Mr. Gammill to come to a joint meeting of the School Committee Finance Subcommittee with members of the Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee and a representative from the Board of Selectmen to discuss the next steps for Belmont regarding its membership status in the Minuteman District.

4. FY20 Budget Discussions

Superintendent Phelan noted that the administration is still engaging in zero-based budgeting meetings with school principals and department administrators. Meetings will likely end in the coming weeks as the administration works to advance the FY20 budget.

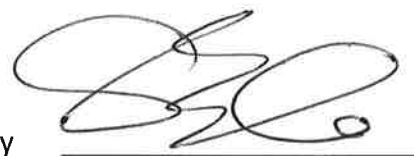
5. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to review.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted by



Susan Burgess-Cox