

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
REMOTE MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Present: Ms. Andrea Prestwich, Chair
Ms. Amy Checkoway
Mr. Michael Crowley
Ms. Tara Donner
Ms. Evelyn Gomez
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent
Ms. Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance, Business and Operations
Mr. Michael McAllister, Director of Human Capital

Andrea Prestwich left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

1. Opening Business

1.1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. FY22 Budget Discussion: Contingent and Non-contingent Scenarios

The School Committee reviewed budget shifts made at the previous meeting. A flexible budget needs to be prepared by November 23. Positions requested for FY22 in the contingent scenario may include:

One FTE Technology Integration Specialist.

Two FTE Special Education Elementary Team Chairs.

District Equity Position.

Four Middle School Teachers for grade 7 and 8 to create additional team to support enrollment.

Two teachers at the high school for enrollment purposes.

.6 FTE place holder for communication positions, in accordance with vision work.

These positions would total approximately \$189,000.

The School Committee discussed which positions might be a priority. They discussed the need for flexibility in order to allow the community to provide input in early 2021. There was discussion on the possibility of combining the Equity and Communication positions, with the hope of expanding each role in FY23.

In answer to a question from a School Committee member, Superintendent Phelan explained a Special Education Chair position was piloted using a Special Education teacher outside of teaching time. It became evident it was an overwhelming process. Superintendent Phelan

explained it is harder to support students on IEPs in hybrid so it may be necessary to add more FTEs at the elementary level.

If the override does not pass, 5 million dollars and 77 positions would need to be cut. This would need to include some programs. Superintendent Phelan emphasized the importance of focusing on three budgets while focusing on trying to stabilize teaching and learning pieces to focus on the budget pieces. December, January and February will need to include heavy budget discussion meetings.

3. Adjourn

*On a motion offered by Tara Donner and seconded by Amy Checkoway, the School Committee **VOTED** unanimously on a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.*

Respectfully Submitted by 
Catherine Bowen, Secretary