

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

REMOTE MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2021

Present:

Ms. Catherine Bowen, Secretary
Ms. Amy Checkoway
Mr. Michael Crowley
Ms. Tara Donner
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

Absent:

Ms. Andrea Prestwich, Chair
Ms. Evelyn Gomez

AGENDA

1. Opening Business

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m., after a quorum of the School Committee was reached.

2. FY22 Budget Update

An update was given on the FY22 budget which covered the joint meeting of the Select Board and Financial Task Force 2 committee on January 15. That meeting resulted in a decision to request that an override of \$6.4 million be placed on the ballot. The request will be formalized in the upcoming Select Board joint meeting on Friday, January 22. Superintendent Phelan indicated the need for support positions, such as guidance counselors and math specialists, over the next 3 years. The district will struggle with a 4% staff exchange rate, but will be flexible and shift items on the requested position list if needed.

The School Committee will next focus on community budget presentations which will include specifics as to what would be lost if there is no override, and what positions are needed in the upcoming years and why. Historically the district has done more with less, but is looking forward to reduce class size to aid with new grade configurations.

It was determined the School Committee will post a public meeting for Friday in order to participate in the Select Board/FTF2 joint meeting. Superintendent Phelan made a correction to the date of the third Warrant Committee briefing, which is the January 25th not the 27th as previously indicated.

3. Approval of Minutes

- November 24, 2020 Finance Subcommittee Minutes

On a motion offered by Catherine Bowen and seconded by Mike Crowley, it was VOTED unanimously on a roll call to accept the November 24, 2020, Finance Subcommittee minutes.

- December 1, 2020 Finance Subcommittee Minutes- Minor edits were made to the minutes and updated for the group to vote on.

On a motion offered by Mike Crowley and seconded by Amy Checkoway, it was VOTED unanimously on a roll call to accept the December 1, 2020, Finance Subcommittee minutes.

- December 8, 2021 School Committee Minutes

On a motion offered by Mike Crowley and seconded by Amy Checkoway, it was VOTED unanimously on a roll call to accept the December 8, 2020, School Committee minutes.

4. Surplus Equipment List January 2020 (vote)

Superintendent Phelan presented a list of surplus items that cannot be used from the Technology department. The district will work with vendors to trade in or dispose of these items. The Belmont Middle and High School Building Committee will also be identifying items of surplus after selecting items to keep for the new building or move to another school or Town department. The Committee would like to revisit the goal of reusing or recycling such items during this process in concert with Climate Goals and general stewardship with respect to children.

On a motion offered by Amy Checkoway and seconded by Mike Crowley, it was VOTED unanimously on a roll call to approve the Surplus Equipment Disposal List.

5. Adjourn

On a motion offered by Kate Bowen and seconded by Tara Donner, it was VOTED unanimously on a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Catherine Bowen, Secretary