

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
TOWN HALL - Select Board Room
JUNE 15, 2021

Present: Ms. Amy Checkoway, Chair
Ms. Meghan Moriarty, Secretary
Ms. Catherine Bowen
Mr. Michael Crowley
Mr. Jamal Saeh
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance, Business and Operations

1. Opening Business

Call to order

The meeting was called to order, at 8:10 a.m. by Subcommittee Chair Crowley

2. FY22 Budget Update/Out Of District Tuition 3yr plan

Superintendent Phelan presented the FY22 Federal ESSR II/III Proposal 2.0 with updates based on the suggestions made by the School Committee during the June 8, 2021 meeting. The priorities for these funds are: academic recovery; mental health and social emotional recovery; equity, access, support for under-served students; and professional development for staff. The \$0.4 million ESSR II grant proposal must be submitted by July to ensure the School Department can post positions and begin hiring for next year. The \$1.0 million ESSR III grant proposal is due in October but may be submitted beforehand. All funds must be expended by September 2023 and September 2024 respectively.

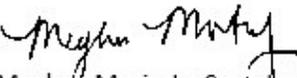
There is discussion about the need to advocate for creating a two-year plan using the ARP funds with the Town. The School Committee and School Department feel a sense of urgency to know the funding and the timeline in order to plan and address post pandemic needs of all students. The SC and SD agree to submit the ESSR II/III grant proposal for the full amount of \$1.4 million and upon approval of the funding, use it for Summer Academic Recovery programming and to hire: social workers/adjustments counselors for the middle and high school, and elementary math specialists. Additionally, some of the funds will be used to continue the McLean Hospital Mental Health professional development.

An update of the FY22 ESSR II/III Proposal will be presented at the next School Committee meeting on Tuesday June 29, 2021.

3. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Respectfully Submitted by:


Meghan Moriarty, Secretary