

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE WITH WARRANT
COMMITTEE EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**REMOTE MEETING
MAY 17, 2022**

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DATE: June 8, 2022
TIME: 3:25 PM

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

1. Opening Business

The meeting was called to order at 4 PM by Mike Crowley

2. Review of FY22 Q3 Report

Tony DiCologero provided a Q3 Memo and report prior to the meeting and gave an overview of that report which reflects YTD expenditures as of the end of March.

Of note the administrative salaries show a deficit due in part to a non-union employee retiree using his/her vacation buyback. Tony noted that more male teachers are taking parental leave than before.

The district support expenditures include charges for tents that were not funded with ARPA. The tents that are rented this spring are smaller and less expensive. There is no budget for tents in the proposed FY23 budget.

SPED salary expenses are predicted to end in a deficit due to the greater number of students in IEPs in the district this past year. Contractual services are used to provide services beyond what the district is capable of providing to students.

As of the Q3 report, the district plans to turn back \$858,267 in free cash to the Town. Settling with EDCO and contract negotiations may influence this number.

Anne Helgen suggested using the funds in the food services revolving account for other expenses if possible including capital or custodial time for cleaning kitchens.

Building rentals and busing continued to see less usage/fees due to pandemic times but are expected to bounce back next year.

Athletic and club accounts are carrying a higher balance. Jack Weiss flagged these lines and noted that the fee structure may need to be reconsidered

Tony noted that there is nothing out of the ordinary in terms of Grants. There was a delay in the DESE online payment system in April/March but it was resolved. The IDEA grant will be spent down this year. The ESSR II was completely spent. The ESSR III has about \$200K remaining and the \$1M ARPA to be allocated from the Town will allow the district to replicate the ESSR II and ESSR III positions for one more year. Academic support including summer support and tutoring will not be funded.

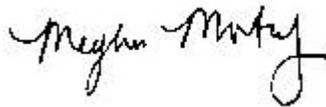
Anne Helgen noted the 17% increase from FY20-22 in the number of students with disabilities in the district compared to other towns, which have seen decreases.

Public Comment:

Bill Anderson asked about the teacher pay schedule and suggested adding a column with the heading "available balance" for teacher salary to make it clear that teacher salaries are back ended.

Meeting adjourned at 5 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

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