

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
REMOTE MEETING
May 4, 2021

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

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order

Committee Chair Amy Checkoway called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. MAJOR BUSINESS

2.1 FY22 Budget Community Forum

Superintendent Phelan began the public forum on the school budget with a presentation (Document: FY22 Draft3 Budget Reduction Recommendations Presentation 5.4.21) and with the goal of listening to and reflecting on the public's response to inform a School Committee vote of the budget on May 11, 2021. The school administration will be required to reduce their budget in the amount of \$2.07M. The following is a summary of proposed reductions to the budget:

Reduction Summary

New Positions	9.6 FTE	\$789,000
Existing Positions	6.5 FTE	\$398,740
Other Salary		\$350,000
Co-curricular/Extra-curricular/Stipends		\$ 99,536
One time use of additional revolving funds		\$270,000
Texts/Materials, supplies/Expenses, travel		\$162,724

Reduction categories were then presented in detail with specific teaching positions, extra-curriculars, and school-based supplies figures. School administrators read questions from the community, which ranged from Kindergarten reductions, to enrollment projections to the Director of Equity position. Answers were provided by Superintendent Phelan, Assistant Superintendent Darias and Director of Finance DiCologero.

Chair Checkoway also took live questions and comments from community members. Several individuals voiced their support for the Director of Equity position and the need for elementary special education chairs. Others thanked the administration for retaining many of the extra-curricular clubs and activities. Clarifying details were asked on the topics of the Community Service Coordinator and Librarian FTE repurposing, technology

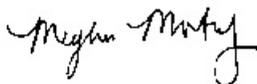
needs, substitute reductions, and differences in the salary figures of retained verses reduced staff. Community members inquired as to the possibility of eliminating busing for athletics as a cost cutting measure.

The FY22 school budget will be voted at the upcoming School Committee meeting on May 11, 2021.

3. ADJOURNED

On a motion offered by Mike Crowley and seconded by Andrea Prestwich, it was VOTED unanimously on a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meghan Moriarty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meghan Moriarty, Secretary