

Belmont School Committee Minutes
Finance Subcommittee
January 19, 2016
Conference Room of the School Administration Building

Present: Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox
Mr. Thomas Caputo
Ms. Laurie Slap
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to review.

3. FY17 Capital List - Draft

The group reviewed the draft capital list prepared by Gerry Boyle and the Central Office team. Superintendent Phelan and Mr. DiCologero explained that this preliminary list will be reviewed again and prioritized and melded into the full list of Town needs before final presentation to the Capital Budget Committee.

4. Review of Fees/Revolving Account History

Mr. DiCologero presented a report showing revolving account balances on June 30 back to 2010. The spreadsheet includes a column with School Committee recommended balances that were developed approximately 5 years ago. The group reviewed the data, and agreed to re-examine these recommendations later in the spring, when the bulk of the work to build the FY17 budget is complete.

5. FY17 Additional Needs

Superintendent Phelan outlined how online registration for kindergarten will begin this spring, and reiterated how centralizing registration and student assignment would be more efficient and effective – especially given the current practice of assigning students outside their local elementary school when needed to keep class sizes even across the district. He also noted that having a single person handle all facility rentals would be more efficient and effective, but it is unclear whether these improvements will be feasible in the FY17 budget.

6. FY17 Budget Timeline

Superintendent Phelan and Mr. DiCologero confirmed that the first FY17 budget presentation to the full School Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 22nd. The FY17 school budget then will be presented to the Board of Selectmen and Warrant Committee at a joint meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd. Preliminary drafts should

be ready for discussion at the Finance Subcommittee meetings during the first two weeks of February.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Slap", written over a horizontal line.

Laurie Slap