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Town of Belmont
Warrant Committee
Education Subcommittee

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Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2013

Members Present: Bob Sarno, Raffi Manjikian, and Jim Gammill
Members Absent: Pat Bruschi and Elizabeth Grob

Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee Chair Bob Sarno called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The meeting began with a discussion about preparing for next week's joint meeting with the School Committee's Finance Subcommittee. The subcommittee discussed what are good topics to raise at that meeting, and the resulting discussion identified the following items:

- 1) regarding the financial reports from FY13 and FY14-Q1, we will have the opportunity to ask for clarification about several line items and about the end of FY13 revolving fund balances.
- 2) we examined the FTE and enrollment reports. With respect to the FTE report, we identified some possible questions, such as further insight about the split between regular and special ed aides, the potential impact of current vacancies, and some areas of increases.
- 3) we will continue seeking additional information about special education costs and projections.
- 4) we will ask for bigger picture perspectives about expectations for 2014 and beyond, including: trends in enrollment; current budget flexibility; projects for stabilization fund requests; an expected date for Q2 financial reports; plans for the structure of the FY15 budget submission, particularly any substantive changes in account structure or format; and the timeline for the bargaining process.

The committee approved subcommittee minutes for June 13, 2013 (2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain), July 11, 2013 (2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain), and November 16, 2013 (3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.