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DATE: April 23, 2021  
TIME: 9:21 AM

**Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee  
April 8, 2021 7:30 PM  
Remote Meeting via Zoom**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Members in Attendance**

Liz Goss, Anne Helgen, Geoff Lubien, Paul Rickter, Jack Weis

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

### **Discussion of FY 22 School Department Budget and Warrant Committee Report**

The group began with a brief discussion of the failed override vote. We also briefly recapped that morning's School Committee Finance Subcommittee meeting, which many of us listened in on even though it was not a joint meeting, and the general timeframe discussed at that meeting for finalizing the School Department FY 22 budget.

The bulk of the Ed Subcommittee meeting focused on individual members' thoughts and suggestions regarding the topics that merit inclusion in our subcommittee's chapter on the School Department budget for the Warrant Committee report to Town Meeting members. The group agreed that the sentiment from the discussion at the most recent full Warrant Committee was that, in light of the COVID pandemic that dominated the year, the report should include some sort of recap of FY 21. The group also agreed that this year's report does not need to be as pared down as the FY 21 report was, so, like in prior years' reports, we should cover various special topics that the subcommittee feels Town Meeting members should be aware of. At the same time, there are certain sections that were added to each of the chapters in last year's Warrant Committee report that the subcommittee (and the full Warrant Committee) felt were worth retaining. The individual topics that the group ultimately agreed were worth including in our chapter, and which member will be responsible for taking the lead on initially drafting, were as follows:

- Summary of the FY 22 Budget – Jack
- Ed Subcommittee Recommendations on Enhancements to the School Department Budget Book – Anne
- Special Ed Costs and Funding Sources – Anne
- Human/Programmatic Impact of FY 22 Budget Decisions – Jack
- FY 21 Recap / COVID Expenditures – Liz
- Risks in the FY 22 Budget (including remote learning, COVID, Chapter 70 state aid) – Jack
- Enrollment (by age cohort and subgroup populations like special ed and ELL, both backward-looking and forward-looking) – Paul
- Full-Day Kindergarten – Geoff
- Vocational Education – Jack and Liz

Jack will propose an order for the foregoing topics. Individual subcommittee members will send Jack a first draft of their sections by Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Jack will then compile the individual sections into a single draft report that he will distribute to the full subcommittee and to Laurie Slap. To minimize the formatting required to compile the sections into a single draft report,

everyone will use the report format from the FY 21 Warrant Committee report. The group will meet again on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to collectively discuss the initial draft of the report.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.