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Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2012

Members Present: Raffi Manjikian, Pat Brusch, Michael Libenson, Noreen Millane
Members Absent: Bob Sarno

Acting Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee Chair Raffi Manjikian called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM.

- This meeting was a joint meeting with the Finance Subcommittee of the School Committee. Superintendent Thomas Kingston and Anthony DiCologero were also present.
- We started the meeting discussing the FY2014 budget process and current status. There was some discussion of the budget approach regarding Available Revenue vs. Level Services. It was expected that cuts would be required and these would of course be identified.
- There was some discussion about student population growth and recent analysis that was done. Dr. Kingston indicated that he could share further information with us electronically.
- We indicated that we were still in the early stages of gathering the Subcommittee's list of questions to be shared with the School Committee. We expected that it would be several more weeks in order to complete this process.
- The group reviewed the draft comments on the Special Education Stabilization Fund procedures. We agreed that there remains work to be done to finalize and indicated that we would email our draft comments to the School Department for further consideration.
- Our discussion of out-of-district placement costs focused on the challenges associated with sharing data, given confidentiality requirements. We reviewed the Subcommittee's overarching objectives and considered ways to achieve these goals while complying appropriately with the law.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM.

Submitted by Chair Bob Sarno
Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee Chair