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Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2013

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

Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee Chair Bob Sarno called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

- As the first order of business, we scheduled our next meeting for February 27 at 6:00pm, at which time the subcommittee would review the proposed FY2013 Education Budget and develop a list of questions for submission to the School Department.
- The subcommittee next discussed the draft Special Education Stabilization Fund procedures being developed by the School Administration. We noted that, among other issues, we are still looking to come to an agreement with the Department regarding the scope of programs or activities to be covered by the Fund – whether the entire Special Education program or only out-of-district placements – and agreed that, if the scope is to be wider than OOD placement costs, there still need to be absolute boundaries and clear definitions for what services could be covered.
- We discussed the Special Education Out-of-District Costs Analysis. The initial results provided by Student Services staff are not satisfactory, as they do not provide the kinds of detail necessary to understand the major cost drivers in the approximately \$5M program. We noted an upcoming with the schools on March 1, and deferred further discussion until after that meeting.
- Lastly, Chair Sarno distributed for subcommittee review a spreadsheet breaking down the FY13 Q2 School Department expenditures to date, as well as an analysis of expenditures vs. budgeted amounts for the fiscal years 2010-2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Submitted by Chair Bob Sarno
Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee Chair