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Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2013

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

Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee Chair Bob Sarno called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

- The first order of business was to approve several sets of recent minutes: March 6, 2013, May 3, 2013, and May 8, 2013. All minutes were approved unanimously with the exception of the May 8 minutes, where Bob Sarno abstained.
- The second topic of discussion was the 2014 budget process – the positives, negatives, and opportunities for improvement. We considered the continued opacity of out-of-district placements and the challenge associated with privacy.
- Next, the group evaluated ways that the Education Subcommittee can, in the future, coordinate more effectively with the School Committee (particularly the Finance Subcommittee) as well as the School Department. One suggestion was to meet with the SC and SD to hear their reactions to the Warrant Committee report.
- There was a brief discussion of whether an override in calendar year 2014 was likely and what implications that might have.
- Going forward, there was general agreement that we needed to dig in further on salary growth, as it represents by a substantial margin the largest portion of the budget and a continued challenge. One topic of potential consideration was the current step-and-lane system and what opportunity might exist for reform.
- Finally, there was a brief discussion of new instructional models as well as changes in the evaluation system for teachers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM.

Submitted by Chair Bob Sarno
Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee Chair