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**Town of Belmont**  
Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee  
Minutes for Wednesday February 8, 2107 6:45 pm  
Chenery Middle School

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Members Attending: Jim Gammill (JG), Anne Helgen (AH), Michael Libenson (ML), Laurie Slap (LS)

Member Absent: Roy Epstein

1. JG called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
2. The minutes of January 27th were approved as amended 4-0.
3. JG updated the members on his related activities since the last subcommittee meeting, including attending two meetings of the school finance subcommittee and meeting individual with several school committee members and selectmen. He reported that he believes these individuals have a better understanding of the choices to be made about how and where to reserve funds for unexpected out of district tuitions and special education services.

With respect to the FY18 school budget, JG said he had not seen the detailed "draft 1" budget yet but that school officials have said it will include a request for \$53.1 million of General Funds. Given that, the subcommittee agreed to wait to receive the budget on February 13th before weighing in publicly about the options before the town officials and town meeting.

4. The members discussed its work plan for this spring. The likely topics include those raised in last year's report, including the three topics on the Recommendations page: explain SPED expenses, study enrollment trends and projections, and consider the impact of contract negotiations. JG will suggest some specific steps for the subcommittee after the scheduled full warrant committee meeting on February 13th.
5. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.