

**Town of Belmont**  
Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee  
Minutes for Thursday March 23, 2107 7:30 am  
Conference Room 1, Town Hall

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

1. JG called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.
2. The minutes from 3/9/2017 were approved 4-0 with one abstention.
3. The members discussed the 3/20 draft "SPED OOD Tuition Funding Framework", distributed before the meeting. JG said that Susan Burgess-Cox had reviewed this draft and had sent it to members of the School Committee Finance Subcommittee. The members discussed the mechanics of the proposed SPED Reserve Fund, and whether or not renewed funding of it would require separate actions by Town Meeting, or whether such funding after creation could be included and subsumed into the school general fund budget request. The members expressed support for the school committee's request to create such a SPED Reserve Fund. The members indicated continued interest in discussing the draft framework, and hearing from the school committee members and school administration about it. ML suggested that the education subcommittee investigate how other towns handle the issue of provisional funding for SPED expenses. ML and LS will call several towns to inquire about that, and AH and JG will review FY16 financial data from other towns for insights.
4. The members discussed the 3/21 draft memo from JG to Superintendent Phelan regarding requests for data and for meetings. The members offered various suggestions to clarify and to explain the requests. The members discussed the level of effort that it would take to comply. The members discussed the purpose and the wording of the requests. JG invited members to send comments to him individually and that the topic will be reviewed again at an upcoming meeting.
5. AH, LS, and JG said they are available to attend the school finance subcommittee meeting on March 28, and JG said he would post it as an official session of the subcommittee. The members also agreed to meet on Wednesday March 29 at 6:30 pm.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 am.