Name of Committee: Override Study Committee – School Programs Task Force

Meeting Date: May 23, 2014    Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location: Town Hall, Room 111

Members Present:

X   Beth Jackson Stram    X   Lisa Serafin Sheehan (left at 9:00)
X   Jim Stergios       X   Timothy Sullivan

Other OSC Members: Dick Benka (arrived at 8:35) and Susan Wolf Ditkoff (arrived at 8:40, left at 9:30)

Beth outlined the purpose of the meeting to go over the comments from the OSC meeting and to review the program and catch up costs and technology drafts and to how to move forward to completion.

A discussion about how to frame the report took place and it was generally agreed that framing the context for the various decisions would be most beneficial.

The discussion turned to the program enhancement and catch-up. Beth noted some changes from the original numbers she had put into the model as a result of her conversations with Peter Rowe.

There was a discussion about the number of nurse FTEs in the budget and about whether social worked numbers are included in the guidance counselor numbers. It was also agreed that SWS and Metco guidance counselors should be clarified as it related to the numbers used to benchmark.

Dick discussed his analysis of BCBA and Administrative versus Wellesley, Lexington and Newton. There was some discussion about whether these were relevant benchmarks and that much of the BCBA new spending request was really an enhancement, as opposed to a catch-up, and mostly for regular, as opposed to special education.

The meeting adjourned.