

**EXHIBIT A**  
**6-6-17**

**RESOLUTIONS**  
**2016-2017**

1. Rhonda Cherry – Special Education Teacher – Chenery Middle School
2. Diane E. Lints – Math Teacher – Belmont High School
3. Selina Moeller – Grade 1 Teacher – Burbank Elementary School

## RESOLUTION ON THE RETIREMENT OF RHONDA CHERRY



The Belmont School Committee hereby records the retirement, in June 2017, of Rhonda Cherry, Special Education teacher for Belmont Public Schools at the Chenery Middle School.

Ms. Cherry has served the Chenery Middle School since September 1989, for 29 of her 37 years as a special education teacher. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of New Hampshire, and a Masters Degree in Special Education from the University of Massachusetts Boston. Ms. Cherry began her career in the Belmont Public Schools after having taught at approved private special education schools including The Castle School in Cambridge, The Edna Stein Academy in Brookline, and the Bay Cove High School in Boston. Throughout her career she has worked in the capacity of a Psycho-Educational Teacher/Leader, a Special Education Teacher for At-risk and Emotionally Challenged Students, An Educational Director, a Math Teacher, a Learning Center Teacher, and as a Resource Room Teacher. While at Chenery, Ms. Cherry served on the School Advisory Council, the Chenery Cares Committee, and The METCO Mentor Program. During her years in Belmont Ms. Cherry has been a continuous learner. She has completed numerous graduate level courses including the Wilson Language Training Levels One and Two, the Empowering Multicultural Initiative, the Summer Mathematics Institute, Fulfilling the Promise of a Differentiated Classroom, and Landmark's summer Institutes on instructing students with learning disabilities, In addition to her Special Education Licensure Ms. Cherry most recently earned her DESE certification as a Math Specialist.

Ms. Cherry has consistently functioned at the highest level of competence. Her hard work, compassion and sensitivity in meeting all the needs of her students go without mention. Her learning environment has been built on warmth and mutual respect. She is a tireless advocate for students who need support. Ms. Cherry's colleagues respect her knowledge, and appreciate her dedication to the field of Special Education. Taken from a nomination for an **Excellence in Teaching Award**, a previous supervisor commented that "Ms. Cherry is extremely creative and engaging with her students. Her classroom is highly motivating with its colorful displays that aid in stimulating student curiosity, achievement, involvement and pride."

Ms. Cherry is an outstanding teacher, and a supportive colleague. Her incredible work ethic and the impact she has had on our entire Belmont School District community will be greatly missed.

The Belmont School Committee, along with friends and colleagues, expresses its appreciation to Rhonda Cherry for her long and faithful service. The Belmont School Committee also extends best wishes to Rhonda for many years of continued happiness and health in her retirement.

**RESOLUTION ON THE RETIREMENT OF  
DIANE E. LINTS**



The Belmont School Committee hereby records the retirement June 6, 2017 of Diane E. Lints, math teacher at Belmont High School.

Ms. Lints earned her undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She continued her studies in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Davis. Ms. Lints completed a program in Landscape Design at Radcliffe College and earned the equivalent of a Masters of Education. She began her career in the field of environmental consulting and migrated to hi-tech marketing, working for such notable firms as Arthur D. Little, Inc. and Prime Computer. After a significant period of managing her own landscape design business, Ms. Lints transitioned into teaching and has been at Belmont since September 2002.

Ms. Lints has brought the knowledge and experience gained from this diverse career into both her approach to teaching and the lessons themselves. Working both in industry and the private sector has given Ms. Lints an understanding of the applications of mathematics and how logical problem solving takes place in the real world. She has always encouraged her students to produce clear, well constructed, complete and terse problem solutions, based on the philosophy that your work represents you when you are not there. The fundamental principle that communication via symbols is essential in mathematics and shapes one's ability to think with clarity has always been stressed in her classes.

Ms. Lints has served on the Scholarship and Mathematics Curriculum Committees and served as an adviser to the Engineering Design and Middle East Culture Clubs. When her son attended BHS, she was Decorations Co-Chair for the All Night Party –and holds dear the transformation of Belmont High School into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for one memorable night.

The Belmont School Committee expresses its appreciation to Diane E. Lints for her long and faithful service and extends best wishes for many years of continued happiness and health in her retirement.

## **RESOLUTION ON THE RETIREMENT OF SELINA MOELLER**



The Belmont School Committee hereby records the retirement, in June 2017, of Selina Moeller, first grade teacher at the Burbank School.

Mrs. Moeller earned her Bachelor of Science at Bridgewater State College, and her Master of Arts at Lesley College. She began her career teaching in Brockton, in various grades K-6, in 1977. After teaching in Brockton Mrs. Moeller taught special education in Randolph. After leaving Randolph she taught Kindergarten in Acton, and then started her career in Belmont. Mrs. Moeller taught fifth grade when Burbank had a fifth grade, fourth grade and during the past six years she has taught first grade at the Burbank School. Her career as an educator has spanned 31 years.

From the minute you step into Mrs. Moeller's classroom it is very clear what type of teacher she is-caring, supportive and positive. She treats each and every student with respect, and she conveys a sense that they can do anything they put their minds to-she believes in them as people and as students.

Mrs. Moeller is an expert teacher. She has been a mentor and a model for beginning teachers. She understands every aspect of teaching, how to create units and lessons, how to connect with every single child in the classroom, and how to make parents feel at ease. Mrs. Moeller has always enjoyed learning new curriculum, and has always been excited about new technology tools, or instructional approaches that will improve her students' experiences. Ms. Moeller has always been extremely effective in working with ELL students-she understands their needs and is able to quickly provide the assistance and instruction they need to be successful. Mrs. Moeller's experience as a teacher is extensive-she's taught many different grades and has always been able to use her experience and knowledge to address the various needs of students. When she moved from fourth grade to first grade, she very quickly became familiar with the developmental needs of first graders, and became a model to others with her use of reading workshop strategies.

The Belmont School Committee, along with friends and colleagues, expresses its appreciation to Selina Moeller for her long and faithful thirty-one years of service, and extends best wishes for many years of continued happiness and health in her retirement.