

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
November 10, 2009

Present: Ms. Ann Rittenburg, Chair
Ms. Leslie Walker, Secretary
Ms. Laurie Graham
Ms. Becky Vose
Ms. Karen Parmett
Mr. Paul Roberts.
Dr. George H. Entwistle 3rd, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Gerry Missal, Director of Finance, Administration and Capital Planning
Ms. Julie Silverman, Human Resource Manager

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1.1 An Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing strategy related to upcoming labor contract discussions with the BEA.

2. OPENING BUSINESS

2.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and Mrs. Rittenburg completed a roll-call.

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance

2.3 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Entwistle provided the School Committee with an update on the H1N1 flu and the proactive steps being taken by the district to control the spread of H1N1. The Superintendent also updated the School Committee on his recent trip to China and the follow-up work from the Community Dialogue. Dr. Entwistle was saddened to have to report-out briefly on the recent loss of a BHS student.

2.4 Chairman's Report

Ms. Rittenburg began by acknowledging the notable work Dr. Entwistle had done of late to lead the system forward with a new vision (Community Dialogue and visit to China) and to manage the system through a difficult tragedy (death of a BHS student). The chair also brought a number of recent and upcoming events to the attention of the Committee: the dedication ceremony held by the Foundation for Belmont Education for the new language lab at BHS; the Veteran's Day exercises held in the various schools; the upcoming week's Town Meeting; and a School Committee mini-retreat, still to be scheduled.

2.5 Recognition of Kristen Ripley

Kristen Ripley was presented a Certificate of Recognition/Appreciation from the School Committee recognizing her recent award of Middle School Massachusetts Art Educator of the Year.

2.5 Citizens Concerns

There were no citizens concerns presented.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 Security of Student Data (Steve Mazzola)

Steve Mazzola provided a follow-up briefing to the School Committee with regard to an earlier School Committee discussion that related to security in place to protect confidential student data.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 DESE Growth Model Powerpoint Presentation – Exhibit A

Dr. Entwistle provided an overview/introduction to the School Committee of the Department's Growth Model and he provided an explanation of this new model of assessing student academic growth.

5. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES/LIAISONS

5.1 Wellington Update – Exhibits B and B1

Dr. Missal provided an overview (consistent with his November 6th 2009 memo – Exhibit B) of the projected status of Wellington School bus ridership, post-move to the BHS campus.

5.2 First Quarter Budget Report – Exhibit C

Dr. Missal presented the 1st Quarter Report for the current 2009-2010 budget. This report is always a very preliminary review of the major accounts. For now, the FY10 budget appears to be in balance.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Consent Agenda - None

6.2 Personnel Items – Informational

The following items were presented for the School Committee's information:

- a. Instructional Assignments – Exhibit D
- b. Maternity Leave – Exhibit E
- c. Extended Parenthood Leave – Exhibit F
- d. Extra-compensatory Assignments – Exhibit G
- e. Change of Instructional Assignments – Exhibit H

6.3 Business Items - None

6.4 Approval of Minutes

A unanimous vote was taken to approve the following minutes:

- a. September 22, 2009
- b. October 6, 2009
- c. October 13, 2009
- d. October 20, 2009

6.5 Election of MASC Conference Delegate – Exhibit I

There was a consensus for Ms. Graham to attend the MASC Conference as the Belmont School Committee delegate.

At 9:36 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Vose and seconded by Ms. Parmett, it was

VOTED: unanimously 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leslie Walker", written over a horizontal line.

Leslie Walker
Secretary