

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
OCTOBER 6, 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, III, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Denis Fitzpatrick, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Gerry Missal, Director of Finance and Administration
Ms. Julia Silverman, Human Resources Manager

RECEPTION at 6:30 p.m.

Honored Guests: Teachers with Newly Granted Professional Status

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

2. **OPENING BUSINESS**

2.1 Call to Order

At 6:58 p.m. Ms. Rittenburg called the meeting to order in the Community Room of the Chenery Middle School. Ms. Rittenburg and Dr. Entwistle congratulated teachers with newly granted Professional Status. Members of the School Committee read brief professional biographies about each teacher. These teachers were presented with a certificate and gift from the School Department.

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance

At 7:35 pm Ms. Rittenburg led the School Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance and resumed the meeting's regular agenda.

Caroline Knoblock, BHS Student Council representative, joined the meeting.

2.3 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Entwistle asked Mr. Fitzpatrick for an overview of the upcoming October 9 Staff Development Day. Mr. Fitzpatrick provided information on the programs scheduled for teachers that day.

Mr. Fitzpatrick announced the names of five students invited to participate in the American Choral Directors Association 2010 Eastern Division High School Men's and Women's Honor Choirs at its conference in Philadelphia, PA, February 10-13, 2010. The students are Alexander Aroyan, Samuel Efthim, Emily Guthrie, Jack Lowrie, and Gary Nielsen.

Dr. Entwistle had Dr. Missal to report on the LABBB Collaborative's transportation bid and to provide an update on the state's Circuit Breaker account.

Dr. Entwistle provided an update on the October 27 Community Dialogue. He encouraged anyone who is attending to send an RSVP to his secretary, Cathy Grant.

Dr. Entwistle informed the School Committee that he and Dr. Michael Harvey, BHS principal, have been invited to participate in an educational conference in China arranged by the Ameson Foundation which is hoping to establish an exchange program with Belmont High School. Dr. Entwistle and Dr. Harvey will

meet with the members of the Ameson Foundation and report back to the members of the School Committee with more details on this potential exchange program.

2.3 Chairman's Report

Ms. Rittenburg reported that other EDCO communities are very interested in using the LABBB Collaborative's transportation bid model for their special education transportation.

Ms. Walker encouraged all interested parties to meet with House Ways and Means Chairman Charles Murphy who will be speaking in Belmont at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of Town Hall on October 13.

Ms. Rittenburg urged all members of the community to participate in the October 27 Community Dialogue at the Belmont High School Field House from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

2.4 Citizens' Concerns - NONE

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. MAJOR BUSINESS

4.1 Motion for the School Committee to adopt the Proposed Budget Development Process and Timeline (SY 2010-2011) – Exhibit A

Dr. Entwistle presented a proposed budget development process and timeline. Members of the School Committee asked questions and discussed the proposal.

On a motion offered by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Ms. Parmett, it was

VOTED: 6 – 0 to adopt the proposed budget development process and timeline for FY 11.

5. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES/LIAISONS

5.1 Wellington Building Committee

Ms. Graham presented an update on the work of the Wellington Building Committee. Dr. Missal expressed appreciation for the designer's willingness to meet with and work with so many groups on every aspect of the new building. Members of the School Committee raised a number of issues and asked questions. Dr. Entwistle spoke about some traffic issues being addressed by the School Department and other town departments. He also spoke of the importance of staff and student security and safety.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Consent Agenda

On a motion offered by Ms. Walker and seconded by Ms. Vose, it was

VOTED: 6 – 0 to approve the Consent Agenda items.

- a. Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip – Exhibit B
- b. Bargaining Team, Sub-Committee, SC Rep, Assignments – Exhibit C

6.2 Personnel Items - Informational

- a. Instructional Assignment – Exhibit D
- b. Instructional Change of Assignment - Exhibit E
- c. Non-Instructional Assignments – Exhibit F
- d. Maternity Leave – Exhibit G

6.3 Business Items - None

6.4 Approval of Minutes

Ms. Rittenburg noted the need for two changes to the minutes of September 8.

On a motion offered by Ms. Vose and seconded by Ms. Walker, it was

VOTED: 6 – 0 to approve the minutes with the recommended revisions.

1. September 8, 2009
2. September 22, 2009

7. FUTURE BUSINESS

- 7.1 Next Meeting Dates: October 13, 2009
SAB Conference Room
5:30 p.m. – Retreat and Review of Goals
- October 20, 2009
Central Boston Elder Services
7:30 p.m. - Meeting with METCO Parents
- October 27, 2009
BHS – Field House
4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – Community Dialogue
- November 3, 2009
CMS Community Room
7:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting
- November 17, 2009
CMS Community Room
7:30 p.m. – Workshop
Topics: Testing Report

8. ENCLOSURES

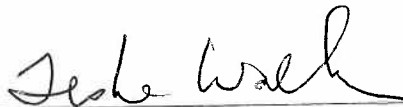
- 8.1 June 2009 MTA Article re: Ellie Palais
- 8.2 September 2009 BHS Newsletter
- 8.3 Evaluation of School Committee Meeting Results (9/22/09)
- 8.4 Evaluation of School Committee Meeting
- 8.5 October 1, 2009 Official Enrollment
- 8.6 FY10 Projected versus Actual K-4 Enrollments
- 8.7 Teachers with Professional Status Biographies

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Graham and seconded by Ms. Vose, it was

VOTED: 6 - 0 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by



Leslie Walker
Secretary