

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

Present: Ms. Ann Rittenburg, Chair
Ms. Leslie Walker, Secretary
Ms. Laurie Graham
Ms. Becky Vose
Mr. Paul Roberts
Ms. Karen Parmett
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. Julie Silverman, Human Resource Manager

Amy Wagner, principal of the Roger Wellington School, also attended the meeting.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

2. OPENING BUSINESS

2.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Rittenburg at 7:30 p.m. in the Chenery Middle School Community Room. All members were in attendance.

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Rittenburg led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.3 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Entwistle reported on the increase in enrollment within the district to a total of 4081 students. He reported that increases were at the elementary schools and at the middle school.

Dr. Entwistle announced that the Community Dialogue will be held on Tuesday, October 27, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Belmont High School Field House. Dr. Entwistle invited staff as well as parents and community members to this event. The event is designed to develop an 18-month set of goals for the school system.

Dr. Entwistle reported that he has posted a letter to parents regarding the H1N1 flu on the district website

2.4 Chairman's Report

Ms. Rittenburg welcomed Dr. Entwistle and all members of the School Committee to the 2009-2010 school year.

Ms. Rittenburg reported that the School Committee's primary focus will be on goal setting for the future of the Belmont Public Schools. She emphasized that the scheduled Community Dialogue will be a big part of that goal setting effort. Ms. Rittenburg reported that the committee's summer retreat focused on identifying the School Committee's own goals for this school year.

2.5 Citizens' Concerns - None

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

4. MAJOR BUSINESS

4.1 Motion to adopt 2009-2010 Schedule of Regular and Workshop Meetings for the School Committee - Exhibit A

Ms. Rittenburg and Dr. Entwistle suggested some modification to Exhibit A to accommodate the Community Dialogue and the presentation of the subsequent 18-Month Plan.

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

VOTED: 6 - 0 to adopt a meeting schedule incorporating changes suggested by Dr. Entwistle and Ms. Rittenburg.

4.2 Motion to adopt the Evaluation of School Committee Form – Exhibit B

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

VOTED: 6 - 0 to adopt the Evaluation of School Committee form.

4.3 Motion to adopt School Committee Goals for 2009-2010 – Exhibit C

Prior to the vote, Dr. Entwistle asked Ms. Rittenburg to review the five School Committee goals.

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

VOTED: 6 – 0 to adopt the School Committee Goals for 2009-2010.

4.4 Report on Opening of School

a. FY10 Projected versus Actual Enrollments – Exhibit D

Dr. Missal reviewed the enrollment information and answered questions from School Committee members..

b. New Staff Appointments – Exhibit E

Mr. Fitzpatrick reviewed the information on new staff appointments and answered questions from School Committee members.

c. Summer Maintenance Project Summary

Dr. Missal provided a brief summary of the important maintenance projects this summer which included moving the IT office to the BHS library mezzanine and installing the new foreign language laboratory. Dr. Missal also reported on the repaving of the BHS driveway.

d. Busing - Exhibit F

Dr. Missal reviewed the information on our busing program and answered questions from School Committee members.

4.5 End of Year Financial Report FY09 – Exhibit G

Dr. Entwistle presented the end of year financial report for FY09. Dr. Missal answered questions from School Committee members.

4.6 H1N1 Update

This information was part of the Superintendent's report earlier in the evening.

4.7 M.A.S.S./M.A.S.C. Conference – Exhibit H

After a brief discussion about this conference designed for School Committee members, Ms. Rittenburg asked members to contact her with their availability and interest in attending particular sessions at this conference. She will work out the registrations.

5. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES/LIAISONS

5.1 Wellington School Building Project – Exhibit I

Dr. Missal updated the School Committee on the Wellington Building Project. He asked for the sense of the School Committee to support the alternate site for the location of the Wellington modulars and to support the change in start and dismissal times at several schools to ensure the safety of Wellington students who will be arriving and departing on the high school property; it is important that Wellington and BHS students not be arriving and departing at similar times.

Dr. Missal and Amy Wagner, principal of the Wellington School, answered questions from the School Committee.

Ms. Rittenburg asked for and received the sense of the School Committee to support these two matters as presented by Dr. Missal.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Consent Agenda - None

6.2 Personnel Items - Informational

- a. Change of (or continued) Instructional Assignments 2009-2010 – Exhibit J
- b. Professional Aides, Classroom Assistants and Tutors 2009-2010 – Exhibit K
- c. Teachers on Leave of Absence 2009-2010 – Exhibit L
- d. Retirements 2009-2010 – Exhibit M
- e. Non-Instructional Assignments 2009-2010 – Exhibit N
- f. Resignations 2008-2009 – Exhibit O

6.3 Business Items - None

6.4 Motion to Approve Minutes

Ms. Rittenburg noted the need for changes to the minutes of June 19 and June 23 to more accurately reflect the purposes for Executive Sessions. She will provide Mr. Fitzpatrick with the exact language.

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

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

- a. June 23, 2009
- b. June 19, 2009
- c. June 2, 2009
- d. June 1, 2009

7. FUTURE BUSINESS

- 7.1 Next Meeting Dates: September 22, 2009 - Workshop
CMS Community Room
7:30 p.m. - Workshop with focus on Doug Reeves' book and reports from principals on the opening of school

October 6, 2009
CMS Community Room
6:30 p.m. - Reception for Professional Status Teachers
7:00 p.m. - Recognition of Professional Status Teachers
7:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting

October 20, 2009
Central Boston Elder Services
2315 Washington Street, Boston
(across the street from Dudley Station)
7:30 p.m. - Meeting with METCO Parents in Boston

November 3, 2009
CMS Community Room
7:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting

8. ENCLOSURES

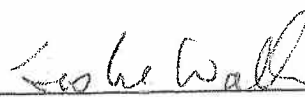
- 8.1 Fall 2009 Community Education Brochures
8.2 Summer Session Report
8.3 Latest Revisions re: FY10 IDEA ARRA stimulus grant
8.4 September 2009 Chenery PTO Newsletter
8.5 *Secrets of High Functioning School Boards*

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:37 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Roberts, it was

VOTED: 6 - 0 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by



Leslie Walker
Secretary