

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM #1  
December 20, 2010**

Present: Ms. Ann Rittenburg, Chair

Ms. Laurie Graham

Ms. Karen Parmett (absent)

Ms. Laurie Slap

Mr. Dan Scharfman

Ms. Rebecca Vose

Dr. George H. Entwistle 3<sup>rd</sup>, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Janice Darias, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Business, Finance and Operations

Ms. Mary Pederson, Human Resources Manager

Also in attendance was Mr. Philip Boyle, School Committee Legal Counsel from the law firm of Morgan, Brown, and Joy.

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The School Committee meeting was called to order by Ms. Rittenburg at 7:07 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room #1.

At 7:08 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Slap and seconded by Mr. Scharfman, it was

VOTED: unanimously (5-0, 1 member absent) on a roll call vote to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining, given that a discussion in open meeting may have a detrimental impact on our bargaining position. The School Committee noted that it would return to Open Session.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee engaged in a discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining in consultation with Legal Counsel.

At 8:10 p.m., Mr. Scharfman moved to return to open session in a joint Session with the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graham. It was

VOTED: unanimously (5-0, 1 member absent) to return to open session.

3. OPEN SESSION

3.1

The Committee joined the Board of Selectmen's meeting, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of Town Hall, which was already in session.

At 8:24 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Vose and seconded by Ms. Slap, it was

VOTED: unanimously on a roll call vote to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining, given that a discussion in open meeting may have a detrimental impact on our bargaining position, and for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to security. The School Committee noted its intent to resume Open Session following the Executive Session.

The Committee engaged in a discussion together with the Board of Selectmen about strategy with respect to security and then strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining.

At 9:40 p.m., Mr. Scharfman moved to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Slap.

VOTED: unanimously (5-0, 1 member absent) to return to open session.

(The Committee returned to Conf Room 1 of Town Hall for the Open Session).

#### 4. MAJOR BUSINESS

##### 4.1 Statement of Interest to the MSBA

Mr. DiCologero explained the process for refreshing the statement of interest for the renovation of Belmont High School. This keeps the statement of interest active with the MSBA.

On a motion by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Ms. Vose it was

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on Monday, December 20, 2010 the School Committee of Town of Belmont, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated December 20, 2010 for Belmont High School located at 221 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which Town of Belmont, Massachusetts may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future,

Priority categories:

3. Prevention of the loss of accreditation;

5. Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility;

7. Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. It was

VOTED unanimously (5-0, 1 member absent) to approve the submission to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated December 20, 2010 for Belmont High School.

4.2 Security Compliance Committee

On a motion by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Ms. Vose it was moved to appoint Steve Mazzola (Director of IT) and Anthony DiCologero (Director of Business, Finance, and Operations) to the Security Compliance Committee. It was

VOTED unanimously (5-0, 1 member absent) to appoint Mr. Mazzola and Mr. DiCologero to the Security Compliance Committee as School Department representatives.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Slap and seconded by Ms. Vose, it was

VOTED: unanimously 5-0 (1 member absent) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by



Laurie Graham  
Secretary