

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
June 1, 2010**

Present: Ms. Ann Rittenburg, Chair
Ms. Laurie Graham
Ms. Becky Vose
Ms. Karen Parmett
Ms. Laurie Slap
Mr. Dan Scharfman
Dr. George H. Entwistle 3rd, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Janice Darias, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Gerry Missal, Director of Finance, Administration and Capital Planning
Ms. Julie Silverman, Human Resources Manager

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Rittenburg at 6:08 p.m. in the Chenery Middle School Community Room.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1.1 For purposes of discussing strategy for collective bargaining

At 6:08 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Vose and seconded by Ms. Parmett, it was

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining. The Committee announced its intention to return to open session in the Chenery Middle School Large Community Room following the executive session.

A reception was held for faculty members who are retiring at the end of this year. Following the reception the School Committee recognized each member with a resolution and gift.

At 7:30 p.m. the Committee moved to the Chenery Middle School auditorium where a recognition ceremony was held for the BHS seniors who were receiving the President's Volunteer Service Awards. This award is given to students who have completed 100 hours or more community service.

2. OPENING BUSINESS

2.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting resumed in the Community Room following the President's Volunteer Service Awards.

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance

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

2.3 Adjustments to the Agenda

There was one adjustment to the agenda:

4.1 A motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for hiring Anthony DiCologero as Director of Finance, Business and Operations beginning July 1, 2010.

2.4 Superintendent's Report

a. Introduction of new Director of Business, Finance and Operations

Dr. Entwistle introduced Anthony DiCologero to the School Committee. Mr. DiCologero was in attendance for the meeting.

b. Foundation Grants – report out

Dr. Entwistle explained the Professional Development and Special Initiative Grants funded by the Foundation for Belmont Education. The total amount of grants funded is \$42,850 – we are very grateful for their support in order to meet critical needs of the school system.

c. Update on Human Resources search

There have been preliminary interviews; final interviews will take place on Friday, June 4.

d. Bullying

Dr. Entwistle explained that he has formed an Anti-Bullying Task Force and Resource Team consisting of members of the Health Advisory Team. It will be responsible for the policy development consistent with the new legislation, and will also serve in a consultative role for the schools.

2.5 Chairman's Report

Town Meeting adopted the FY11 budgets last week. The citizens will decide on June 14 which budget will be implemented. Three schools honored veterans during the Memorial Day exercises last Friday: High School, Winn Brook School and Wellington School. (The other schools have ceremonies for Veteran's Day). This week is Senior Week at Belmont High School, culminating with Graduation on June 6.

2.6 Citizens Concerns

There were not citizens' concerns.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 There was no unfinished business.

4. **MAJOR BUSINESS**

4.1 Motion to approve the appointment of the Director of Finance, Business and Operations

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to approve the appointment of Anthony DiCologero as Director of Finance, Business and Operations beginning July 1, 2010.

4.2 Final Year-end Report-Out from Student Advisory Council

Four students from the Student Advisory Council reported on the work completed this year. Five students who will be the members of the Student Advisory Council next year introduced themselves to the School Committee.

4.3 3rd Quarter Financial Update – Exhibit A

Dr. Missal presented an update to the 3rd Quarter Financial Report. There is a projected deficit of potentially \$67,000. He suggested notifying the Warrant Committee to request that they encumber the amount.

On a motion offered by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Ms. Slap, it was

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to notify the Warrant Committee and the Board of Selectmen of a potential school budget deficit of \$67,000 and request that they encumber that amount. Dr. Missal will notify the Warrant Committee tomorrow.

4.4 Report-out progress on 18-Month Improvement Strategy and Endorsement of the School Committee of the School Improvement Plans for 2010-2011. – Exhibit B

The Leadership Council shared updates on the 18-Month Improvement Strategy now that they have completed 6 months of work on the initiatives under the six goals of the Belmont Public Schools long term goals. The School Committee endorses the work of the 18 Month Improvement Strategy.

5. **REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

5.1 Communications and Community Outreach

Ms. Graham shared an update of the Communications and Community Outreach subcommittee including work with One Belmont and participation in Belmont Town Day.

5.2 Wellington Building Committee

Ms. Graham reminded everyone of the Groundbreaking Ceremony on June 8 at 1:00 p.m.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Consent Agenda - None

6.2 Personnel Items – Informational

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

- Resolutions – Exhibit C
- Resignations – Exhibit D
- Instructional Assignments – Exhibit E
- Instructional Assignments (Sped Summer Program) – Exhibit F
- Instructional Change of Assignments – Exhibit G
- Extended Parenthood Leave – Exhibit H

6.3 Business Items – None

6.4 Approval of Minutes

- April 13, 2010
- April 14, 2010
- May 4, 2010
- May 11, 2010
- May 20, 2010

The approval of the minutes is delayed until June 23.

7. FUTURE BUSINESS

7.1 Next Meeting Dates: June 22, 2010 – Workshop
CMS Community Room
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

8. ENCLOSURES

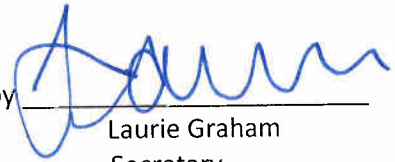
Resume (Director of Business, Finance and Operations
M.A.S.S./M.A.S.C. Joint Conference (2010) Registration Forms
President's Volunteer Service Awards List

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:40 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Graham and seconded by Ms. Slap it was

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by



Laurie Graham
Secretary