

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
NOVEMBER 2, 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, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

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

2. OPENING BUSINESS

2.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Rittenburg at 8:10 p.m. in the Chenery Middle School Community Room.

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance

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

2.3 Adjustment to the Agenda

There was one adjustment to the agenda: re-order to insert a new item after 4.1 "update from library trustees."

2.4 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Entwistle updated the Committee on Race to the Top and the commitment for year 1 of the grant, which is around training and workshops offered by the State.

He explained the EdJobs Grant commitments for year 1 in the amount of \$169,000 have all been put in place with the exception of the K-12 Guidance Specialist. Selection for this 1 ½ year position will occur shortly.

The Health, Safety and Security Advisory Team met last week and commissioned two new task forces. The first is the Anti-Bullying Task Force which will be responsible for developing an Anti-

Bullying Policy and Plan. Plan and Policy will be brought to School Committee for approval and adoption and needs to be submitted to DESE prior to Jan 1, 2011.

The second task force is the Youth Risk Behavior Survey Task Force. They will complete an analysis of the YRBS results and create an action plan for communicating results to community leaders, PTAs and PTOs as well as parents and students. This action plan is expected before Thanksgiving.

The 60 plus Professional Learning Teams are making excellent progress. Facilitators are part of a graduate course being taught by Dr. Entwistle. The second class which was held on October 20th prepared the facilitators for the next 3 PLT meetings. The next class will be on January 12, 2011. Development of the FY 2012 school budget has begun by Central Office and Leadership Council; Mr. DiCologero is receiving Operating and Capital Budget request.

2.5 Chairman's Report

Ms. Rittenburg spoke about Warrant Committee meeting which will take place on November 3rd and will focus on allocation of available revenues. A subsequent meeting on Nov 10th will continue this discussion and will be attended by Dr. Entwistle and Mr. DiCologero

The MASC/MASS Conference begins this week. The schools will be holding Veterans Day exercises on November 10th and all School Committee members are encouraged to attend.

2.6 Citizen's Concerns

There were no citizen's concerns

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

4. MAJOR BUSINESS

4.1 Statement Related to Request for Consideration of Land Transfer -- final revisions and approval/adoption -- Exhibit A

The Committee discussed the revised land transfer statement.

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to adopt the Land Transfer Statement of Conditions and Concerns.

4.2 Update from the Library Trustees

Matt Lowrie, chair of the Library Board of Trustees along with Stu Roberts, architect from Johnson Roberts Associates gave a presentation showing their most recent plans for the new library location. In Option 1D, the library would be built along Concord Avenue across from the current library location. In Option 2A the library would be built on the corner of Underwood Street and Concord Avenue. The Committee had a preliminary discussion about the pros and cons of both options.

4.3 School Committee's sentiment with regards to Consolidation and Facilities Maintenance – position of the School Committee

The School Committee discussed the fact that there is a non-binding article for Town Meeting and they will need to make a statement on how they feel about consolidation. Superintendent Entwistle stated that he is in favor of consolidation if you can prove that you are saving money and improving efficiency. If asked, the Committee will share this at Town Meeting.

4.3 Motion to reappoint Myron Kassaraba to BMC Board -- Exhibit B

When the Belmont Media Center came into existence the School Committee was given the opportunity to choose a School Committee appointee to the Board. Myron Kassaraba was chosen as the appointee.

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to appoint Myron Kassaraba as School Committee appointee to the BMC for another term.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

5.1 Wellington Building Committee

5.2 Communications and Community Outreach

The School Committee is on the agenda for each of the upcoming PTO/PTA meetings. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 MASC/MASS Conference (input to Delegate)

Mr. Scharfman will be attending the MASC/MASS Conference as the School Committee Delegate.

6.2 Citizen Satisfaction Survey – Exhibit C

Ms. Rittenburg explained that the Citizen Satisfaction Survey is being conducted by the Town and includes a series of questions regarding Belmont Public Schools. The Board of Selectmen has authorized going forward with the survey and it will be sent out sometime soon.

6.3 Consent Agenda

- a. Bid Award for Translucent Panel Replacement – Exhibit D

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to approve the consent agenda.

6.4 Personnel Items – Informational

- a. Instructional Assignments – Exhibit E
- b. Change of Instructional Assignments – Exhibit F
- c. Non-Instructional Assignments – Exhibit G
- d. Maternity Extended Parenthood Leave – Exhibit H
- e. Retirement – Exhibit I
- f. Resignations – Exhibit J
- g. Extra-compensatory Assignments – Exhibit K

6.4 Approval of Minutes

September 28, 2010
October 5, 2010
October 12, 2010
October 15, 2010
October 19, 2010

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to approve the minutes of October 12, October 15 and October 19 as amended.

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to approve the minutes of October 5 as amended.

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to approve the minutes of September 28 as amended.

FUTURE BUSINESS

7.1 Next Meeting Dates:

November 16, 2010
Workshop
CMS Community Room – 7:30 p.m.

November 19, 2010
Work Session
SAB Conference Room-9:00 a.m.

8. ENCLOSURES

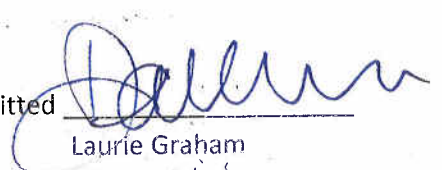
PLTs as of October 2010

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted



Laurie Graham
Secretary