

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
October 12, 2010**

Present: Ms. Ann Rittenburg, Chair

Ms. Laurie Graham

Ms. Becky Vose

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

Absent: Ms. Parrett

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Rittenburg at 7:33 p.m. in the Chenery Middle School Community Room.

2. BUSINESS

2.1 Position Statement with regard to transfer of School Department land

Ms. Rittenburg read the statement drafted by Dr. Entwistle following discussion at the October 5, 2010 School Committee meeting. Several School Committee members shared feedback about the draft statement, and they discussed them.

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

VOTED unanimously (5-0 with 1 member absent) to endorse the conceptual framework of the conditions and concerns as articulated in Ms. Rittenburg's document with the understanding that the School Committee will collaborate with the petitioning body to address as many of the conditions and concerns as possible on a timeline that allows them to move forward.

2.2 Approval of School Committee Minutes of September 28, 2010

Suggestions were made to correct the minutes from the September 28 meeting. They will be incorporated into the minutes, and the committee will approve them at a later meeting date.

3. WORKSHOP

3.1 Budget Information Session

Mr. DiCologero gave an overview of the MUNIS Accounting System used by the town, and the chart of accounts and budget coding used with it. He explained how the account number segments and organization and object numbers are used to code and track expenses.

3.2 Communications Update

Dr. Entwistle gave an update on the progress made in the task of selecting members of a Communications Task Force. As a preliminary step, he met with Scott Ferson, Greg Stone, and Jane Feinberg, professionals in the field of communication, who generously volunteered their time. Based on the conversations with these people, Dr. Entwistle feels that the need is to mobilize the Leadership Council to tell the story of the work happening through the 18 Month Strategy and the Professional Learning Teams in the schools rather than to create a task force. Jane Feinberg has offered to conduct a workshop on the "frameworks" of communicating a story. School Committee members can also attend. The date reserved for this is December 2. The subcommittee on communications can continue to do the work that they are doing. The School Committee members agree that they should attend the workshop on December 2.

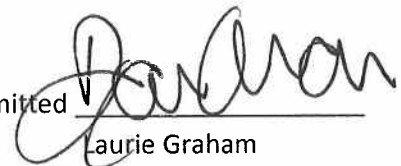
Ms. Graham shared a presentation created by the communications subcommittee to take to PTO/PTA meetings at all the schools. Ms. Slap also created a piece for the newspaper about the technology update that Mr. Mazzola presented to the School Committee on September 28. The subcommittee will continue to write stories using the templates provided by the editor of the Belmont Citizen Herald. Ms. Graham asked for suggestions for stories from the Leadership Council. The School Committee endorses the idea of taking the presentation to the PTO and PTA meetings as soon as possible. Ms. Graham will make the arrangements.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:13 p.m., on a motion offered by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Ms. Vose, it was

VOTED unanimously (5-0 with one member absent) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted


Laurie Graham
Secretary