

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
December 14, 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

1. Joint Meeting of the School Committee and the Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee

1.1 Call to Order

The joint meeting of the School Committee and the Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee was called to order by Ms. Rittenburg at 6:10 p.m. in the Large Community Room of the Chenery Middle School.

1.2 FY11 School Budget Update

Mr. DiCologero shared an update of the FY11 Budget as of November 22, 2010. He reviewed the major categories of the budget.

1.3 Discussion of SC/WC Budget Review Responsibilities and Processes

The School Committee agreed to notify the Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee that a request for a potential reserve fund transfer might be necessary. The protocol for making that request was discussed.

At the January 11, 2011 School Budget presentation, two budgets will be presented: level service and available revenue. Mr. DiCologero will also provide a snapshot of expenditures so far (a report from MUNIS).

1.4 Adjourn

At 6:55 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Vose and seconded by Ms. Graham, it was

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

2. WORKSHOP

2.1 NEASC Report/Update

Dr. Michael Harvey, Belmont High School Principal, provided the School Committee with an update on the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) high school accreditation process. He explained the work of the Standards Committees (consisting of faculty, parents, students, administration) in collecting data as part of the Self-Study. Each committee will prepare a report to present prior to the 4-day Site Visit in March 2012.

2.2 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Task Team Update

Dr. Michael Harvey, a member of the YRBS Task Team of the Health Safety & Security Advisory Team, presented an update to the School Committee on the plan for communicating the results of the survey to the community. The survey was conducted in April 2010. The survey results will be shared with the Board of Selectmen on January 10, 2011, the School Committee on January 18, and subsequently the PTAs and PTOs, and through the middle and high school list serves.

2.3 Update of the FY12 Budget Development

Dr. Entwistle updated the School Committee on the development of the FY12 level service and available revenue budgets by the Leadership Council. The work began on November 18, continued on December 9, and will be completed on December 16. The budgets will be presented to the School Committee on January 11, 2011.

The Communications Subcommittee discussed plans for rolling out the information to the community once the budget is presented.

3. BUSINESS MEETING

3.1 Citizen Comments regarding BPS Anti-Bullying Plan

Several citizens shared comments on the BPS Anti-Bullying Plan.

Dr. Entwistle provided input from the Policy Subcommittee and comments that were sent to the Superintendent by email. The Policy Subcommittee recommended not enumerating specific groups in the Plan.

- 3.2 Motion to Adopt the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan for the Belmont Public Schools. On a motion offered by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Ms. Vose, it was moved to adopt the Belmont Public Schools Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan, Exhibit A in the packet, as amended. It was

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to adopt the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan for the Belmont Public Schools.

3.3 Approval of Proposed Revisions to Policy 5013, Bullying and Hazing

On a motion offered by Ms. Vose and seconded by Ms. Slap, it was moved to approve revisions to Policy 5013, Bullying and Hazing, Exhibit B in the packet, as amended. It was

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to approve the revisions to Policy 5013, Bullying and Hazing.

3.4 Green Repair Program Update

Mr. DiCologero updated the School Committee on the collection of data regarding maintenance and completion of forms that will need to be signed by the Chair of the School Committee and the Town Administrator to move forward in the repair of the Butler School boiler through the Green Repair Program.

Mr. DiCologero also updated the committee on MSBA requirements to refresh the Statement of Interest for the Belmont High School project.

3.5 Chair's Report-Out on Superintendent's Evaluation Process

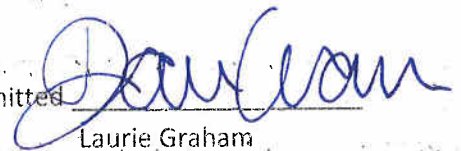
Ms. Rittenburg reviewed the summary statement of the annual evaluation of the Superintendent. The summary document will be shared with the public.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:04 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Vose and seconded by Ms. Parmett, it was

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

Respectfully submitted



Laurie Graham
Secretary