

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
DECEMBER 7, 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. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Chenery Middle School Large Community Room.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

2.1 At 7:04 p.m. on a motion offered by Ms. Vose and seconded by Ms. Slap, it was

VOTED unanimously (6-0) on a roll call vote to enter Executive Session for the purposes of considering the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the School Committee. The Chair announced the Committee's intention to return to open session .

1. OPENING BUSINESS (Continued).

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:46 p.m. in the Chenery Middle School Large Community Room.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Rittenburg led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

1.4 Superintendent's Report

Ms. Darias invited Ms. Rinder (Director of English Language Arts and Reading) and Ms. Soliozy (Director of Mathematics) to update the School Committee on the work they have been doing related to the Federal Education Jobs Grant.

Ms. Darias announced that Amanda Rei, Belmont High School Guidance Counselor has been selected to fill the 18 month Guidance Specialist position to be funded through our Federal EduJobs Grant. Ms Rei will be focused on developing a comprehensive K-12 Guidance / Student Services curriculum beginning on January 12th. At the end of the grant period, Ms. Rei will return to her guidance counselor position.

Dr. Entwistle updated the Committee on the new electronic forms that are being used throughout the district; including making note of the fact that since September 1, 2010, 1609 electronic forms have been processed.

Dr. Entwistle reported that Ms. St. George (Chenery Middle School Principal) recently welcomed representatives from Minuteman Career and Technical High School, who introduced all Chenery 8th graders and staff to the Minuteman program. Subsequently, about 50 students from the Chenery visited Minuteman. Dr. Entwistle and Ms. St. George will be touring Minuteman with Jack Weis, Minuteman School Committee member next week.

On December 2nd the Leadership Council and School Committee met with Jane Feinberg for a training session on about the science of communication.

Dr. Entwistle reported that 53 students from Belmont High School were accepted to perform at the MMEA Northeastern Division Festival.

Mr. DiCologero reported on the MA School Building Authority's Green Repair Program which allows the district to submit a statement of interest to upgrade boilers at the Butler School. Belmont has been invited to take the next steps in the process, one of which will be assurance from the BOS of local funding.

1.5 Chairman's Report

Ms. Rittenburg updated the Committee on her meeting with the Belmont Media Center and Mark Paolillo. They discussed the possibility of a new program called Update Belmont. It will feature the Chairs of Committees giving a high level summary about what is happening in Belmont

1.6 Citizen's Concerns

There were no citizen's concerns.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

4. MAJOR BUSINESS

4.1 1st Quarter 2010-2011 Budget Update – Exhibit A

Mr. DiCologero explained the first quarter budget report as outlined in Exhibit A. Mr. DiCologero proposed freezing the supply accounts and charging additional amounts, above what was originally budgeted to be charged to various revolving accounts, in order to cover projected deficits and bring the FY11 budget back to a projected balance. Ms. Rittenburg explained the need to inform the Warrant Committee and Education Sub-committee of the steps taken so far and the possible need to discuss fund transfers.

4.2 Development of the 2011-2012 School Department Budget – Updated

Dr. Entwistle provided an update on the development of the 2011-2012 budget, including a report of the work done by the Leadership Council during their November 18th session.

4.3 Anti-Bullying - Exhibit B

Dr. Entwistle reported that the Health, Safety and Security Advisory Committee completed the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). A task team has been charged with looking at the results and sharing them with the School Committee, Belmont High School and Chenery Middle School, families and the town.

Dr. Entwistle introduced Sarah Horn, an MSW candidate at Smith College doing an internship in the Superintendent's office. She will continue to work with the Health, Safety and Security Advisory Committee. A sub-committee has created a final draft of the Anti-bullying Plan and reporting form and presented it to the School Committee for comment. The plan will be put on the website for public comment and then brought back to the School Committee at the December 14th Workshop for adoption.

5. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

5.1 Wellington Building Committee

Ms. Graham reported that the new Wellington School expected completion date is July 14th. Work on the roof and windows will begin next week. The Security sub-committee of the Wellington Building Committee has been reviewing the placement of security cameras. The Fixtures, Furnishings and Equipment sub-committee is in the process of touring other elementary schools to get an idea of the different types of furniture that are available, as they prepare to select furniture for the new Wellington.

5.2 Communications and Community Outreach

Ms. Graham reported that presentations have been made to all elementary schools.

5.3 Other report outs (as needed)

Mr. Scharfinan is the newly appointed School Committee representative to the group formed by Will Brownsberger on on-line learning; he reported that the group had their first meeting and have begun collecting information about on-line learning.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

6.1 Consent Agenda

Proposal for the Belmont Model United Nations Trip to New York City – Exhibit C

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

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

6.2 Personnel Items – Informational

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

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

6.3 Approval of Minutes

October 28, 2010

November 2, 2010

November 16, 2010

November 19, 2010

December 2, 2010

December 3, 2010

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to approve the minutes of October 28, 2010, November 2, 2010, November 16, 2010, November 19, 2010 and December 3, 2010, as amended.

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

VOTED (5-1 with Ms. Vose abstaining) to approve the minutes of December 2, 2010.

7. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

7.1 Next Meeting Dates:

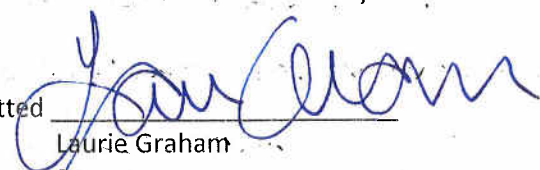
December 14, 2010 -- Workshop
CMS Community Room
7:30 p.m.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) on a roll call vote to re-enter Executive Session for the purposes of considering the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property as an Open Meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the School Committee. The Committee announced that it would not be returning to open session.

Respectfully Submitted



Laurie Graham
Secretary.