

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM  
APRIL 26, 2011**

Present: Ms. Laurie Graham, Chair  
Mr. Kevin Cunningham  
Ms. Karen Parmett  
Ms. Laurie Slap  
Mr. Dan Scharfman  
Ms. Rebecca Vose

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Graham at 7:35 p.m. in the Community Room of the Chenery Middle School.

2. MAJOR BUSINESS

Ms. Graham updated the Committee on exercises at various schools to mark Memorial Day and distributed a copy of a memorandum identifying Friday, June 17, 2011 as the last day of school and noting that it will be a half day for students and a full day for teachers. Ms. Graham also shared with the Committee an announcement by Dr. George H. Entwistle, III, Superintendent of Schools, to staff and the community concerning the prospect of additional revenue for the FY2012 school budget, pending the vote of Town Meeting at its Annual Meeting in May.

The Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 29 in the Board of Selectmen's Hearing Room to vote on the FY2012 school budget. The Committee will also meet in Open and Executive Sessions beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 ahead of the Warrant Discussion being held by the Warrant Committee that evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Beech Street Center.

The Committee discussed the logistics of the search process for an interim superintendent and the qualities the Committee is seeking in a successful candidate. A rubric for guiding the Committee's decision that was created by Mr. Scharfman was considered, with members making suggestions for changes. Ms. Graham reported that the Search Committee would have an orientation session facilitated by Glenn Koocher, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. It will be held on May 6, 2011 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.


Mr. Cunningham suggested placing on a future meeting agenda discussion of the creation of a task force or working group working to address long-term planning issues for the Belmont Public Schools, including collaborating with other town leaders on a review of the town's existing budget process.

3. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:17 p.m. on a motion offered by Ms. Parmett and seconded by Ms. Slap, it was

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0) to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

  
Rebecca Vose  
Secretary