

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
TOWN HALL SELECTMEN'S BOARD ROOM
April 29, 2011

Present: Ms. Laurie Graham, Chair
Mr. Kevin Cunningham
Ms. Karen Parmett
Ms. Laurie Slap
Mr. Dan Scharfman
Ms. Rebecca Vose
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 by Ms. Graham at 8:34 a.m. in the Selectmen's Board Room in the Town Hall.

1.2 Adjustment to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

1.3 Citizen's Concern

There were no citizen's concern.

1.4 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Entwistle reminded the School Committee and the audience about the Community Dialogue on May 4, 2011 in the Belmont High School Field House, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

1.5 Chairman's Report

Ms. Graham reminded everyone about the showing of *Race to Nowhere* at Belmont Studio Cinema on Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m., sponsored by the Belmont PTA/PTOs.

2. MAJOR BUSINESS

2.1 Motion to vote on Belmont Public Schools FY12 Budget

Dr. Entwistle updated the School Committee on the revised budget, which includes the increase in revenue and applied cost savings in the amount of almost \$1.6 million. We are grateful for the infusion of additional dollars, however, he noted that the increase does not completely restore the systems, structures, and programs of the Belmont Public Schools, nor does it restore the schools to

"level services." Phases 1-3 represent what will be restored. He acknowledged the members of the Leadership Council and especially Tony DiCologero for their work on the FY12 Budget. He also thanked the School Committee for their unwavering support and respect for the work of the Leadership Council throughout this budget process.

Mr. DiCologero explained the documents shared at the meeting, including the FY12 Budget Adjustments, Phases 1-6 Restoration Plan, and the revised FY12 School Budget (Summary by Program). The Available Revenue budget total is \$41,575,783.

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to adopt the Belmont Public Schools amended restoration plan (Phases 1-6) as presented on April 29, 2011 to the FY12 Budget as the School Committee Restoration Plan, which does not include the health teacher at the middle school.

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to adopt the FY12 General Fund School Budget as presented on April 29, 2011.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:21 a.m. on a motion offered by Ms. Vose and seconded by Mr. Scharfman, it was

VOTED unanimously on a roll call vote to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining given that a discussion in Open Session may have a detrimental impact on our bargaining position.

The Committee moved to the School Administration Building Conference Room announced that they would return to open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

4. OPEN SESSION

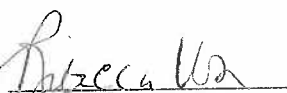
At 10:35 a.m. the Committee returned to Open Session and discussed the process to be used for selecting an interim superintendent. A rubric for assessing applicant was considered by the Committee and the composition of the screening committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:45 a.m. on a motion offered by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Ms. Parmett it was

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

Respectfully submitted



Rebecca Vose
Secretary