

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
August 10, 2011

Present: Ms. Laurie Graham, Chair
Mr. Kevin Cunningham
Ms. Karen Parmett [absent]
Ms. Laurie Slap
Mr. Dan Scharfman
Ms. Rebecca Vose
Dr. Thomas Kingston, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Janice Darias, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Graham at 6:10 p.m. in the Large Community Room at Chenery Middle School.

1.2 Chairman's Report

Ms. Graham notified the committee of Karen Parmett's resignation from the School Committee, effective today (August 10, 2011). The resignation was submitted to the Town Clerk, with copies to the Chair of the School Committee and the Superintendent. According to School Committee Policy and Town By-Law, a quorum of the remaining School Committee members and the Board of Selectmen will appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the Town Elections in April 2012.

Ms. Graham announced that an official notice seeking interested candidates will be sent via school and district listservs and the newspaper. Interested candidates must be a Belmont citizen, 18 years or older. The notice will include the deadline for submitting letter of interest (probably mid-September) and the date that candidates will be interviewed by the School Committee and Board of Selectmen (probably September 20).

2. MAJOR BUSINESS

2.1 Wellington School

Members of the Wellington Building Committee (Mark Haley, Chair, Patricia Brusch, Vice-Chair, and Mary McHugh) came to the School Committee to update the members on the vote taken by the WBC on August 9 to recommend opening school in the new building on September 7, 2011. They updated the School Committee on the project, explained the reasons for their recommendation, and answered the School Committee members' questions. Representatives from Skanska, Dan Lanneville and Bill Endicott, were also present to give an update and answer questions. School Committee members asked many questions about the project and the plan to complete any work that is not done by September 7. The WBC member and Skanska representatives noted that all work to obtain the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy will be completed before school opens. Any remaining items, such as punch list, will

be completed outside of school hours (nights, weekends), and arranged in advance with the school department.

Dr. Kingston recommended opening school in the new building on September contingent upon obtaining the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. He noted that there is a plan B, in the event that the certificate is not granted, which would move the students to the new school in October.

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

VOTED (5-0) to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to open the Wellington School on 121 Orchard Street on September 7, 2011, contingent upon receipt of the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy.

Dr. Kingston and Ms. Graham will communicate the information to the public. Ms. Graham also noted that the principals will be communicating information about the 2011-2012 school schedules.

2.2 Salary Rates for Non-contractual Positions

Ms. Graham shared a handout listing the non-contractual positions. She explained that the School Committee needed to take a vote to ratify the 2011-2012 salary recommendations that Dr. Entwistle set in June, empower Dr. Kingston to implement them, and authorize Dr. Kingston to bring them a recommendation for the remaining non-contractual positions of lunch aides, occupational therapists, and physical therapists. The members of the School Committee asked questions and discussed the information in the handout.

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

VOTED (5-0) to approve the recommendations made by Dr. Entwistle, and to empower Dr. Kingston to implement them with respect to the rates of pay for non-contractual positions as listed in the handout of 8/10/11, with the exception of items 32-41.

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

VOTED (4-0-1) to approve the recommendations made by Dr. Entwistle, and to empower Dr. Kingston to implement them with respect to the rates of pay for non-contractual positions numbers 32-41 as listed in the handout of 8/10/11.

2.3 Appointments

Dr. Kingston announced that he had appointed Janice Darias as Assistant Superintendent, and Colleen Foley, as Director of Foreign Languages, effective today.

3. FUTURE BUSINESS

3.1 Next Meeting Dates: August 12, 2011
Work Session -- 8:45 a.m.
SAB Conference Room

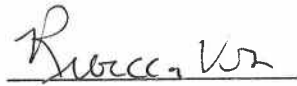
August 15, 2011
Joint Meeting of the Ad Hoc Town Meeting Communications and the School
Committee -- 7:30 p.m.
SAB Conference Room

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:28 p.m. on a motion offered by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Ms. Vose, it was

VOTED unanimously (5-0) to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted


Rebecca Vose
Secretary