

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM  
JANUARY 4, 2011**

Present: Ms. Ann Rittenburg, Chair  
Ms. Laurie Graham  
Ms. Becky Vose (absent)  
Ms. Karen Parmett  
Ms. Laurie Slap  
Mr. Dan Scharfman  
Dr. George H. Entwistle 3<sup>rd</sup>, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Janice Darias, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Business, Finance and Operations

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1.1 No Executive Session

2. **OPENING BUSINESS**

2.1 The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Ms. Rittenburg.

2.2 Ms. Rittenburg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.3 Adjustment to the Agenda

Item 6.1 -- Tuition rates for F-1 VISA students was removed from the consent agenda and added to the regular agenda.

2.4 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Entwistle updated the Committee on the FBE Learning Excellence Grants. There were 16 grants awarded to teachers. A letter from Lynne Doblin advised the School Department that since 1993 there have been 450 grants awarded totaling almost \$2,000,000.

The third Professional Learning Team (PLT) facilitator class will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Participants will earn two graduate credits at the completion of the course.

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey Task Team will be sharing the results of the survey completed in April of 2010 with key stake holders starting with the Board of Selectmen on January 10<sup>th</sup> and the School Committee on January 18<sup>th</sup>. A presentation will also be made to the BHS PTO and faculty. The full report has been forwarded to the Board of Selectmen prior to the meeting on Monday. Dr. Harvey and Ms. St. George will share the YRBS results with families via their school list-servs and newsletters. An article will also be submitted to the Belmont Citizen Herald by the task team.

Ms. Darias told the Committee that Ms. Soliozy submitted a letter with highlights from the American Mathematics Competitions, which took place at Chenery Middle School on November 18<sup>th</sup>. 151 students in grades 5 – 8 participated.

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place at BHS on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Entwistle and Ms. Darias will both be attending.

Mr. DiCologero updated the Committee on the Statement of Interest for the BHS renovation project. The MSBA is requiring all districts to refresh their Statement of Interest. In addition, a committee will be formed to look at designers and architects for the Green Repair Project at Butler.

## 2.5 Chairman's Report

Ms. Rittenburg informed the Committee that she, Mr. Antonellis, BEA President, and Dr. Entwistle have received an invitation to attend a conference in Denver on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The conference will focus on advancing student achievement through labor management collaboration. The conference and all expenses are being funded by the Ford Foundation.

## 2.6 Citizen's Concerns

# 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 3.1 There was no unfinished business.

# 4. MAJOR BUSINESS

## 4.1 Superintendent's Update on FY12 Budget Development

Dr. Entwistle provided a Power Point presentation on the budget work that has been done by the Leadership Council. The presentation included the budget planning calendar and summarized the December Leadership Council Work Sessions on the FY12 budget.

# 5. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES/LIAISONS

## 5.1 Wellington Building Committee

Ms. Graham updated the Committee on the Wellington School project. All School Committee members have had an opportunity to tour the building. The Security Committee is meeting next week to finalize budget package. The Fixtures, Furniture and Equipment Sub-committee has chosen a consultant.

## 5.2 Communications and Community Outreach

Ms. Graham updated the Committee on the ongoing communications and community outreach work. The PTO/PTAs and the community will be invited to attend School Committee Q&A sessions on the FY12 Budget. Ms. Rittenburg suggested February 8<sup>th</sup> for an evening presentation and February 10<sup>th</sup>

for a morning presentation. The possibility of providing child care during evening meetings was discussed.

5.3 Other report-outs – there were no additional report outs

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

6.1 Consent Agenda

Tuition Rates for F-1 VISA Students – Exhibit A

Dr. Entwistle explained that the tuition for F-1 VISA students coming to Belmont has not been increased for 10 years and he feels that the current rate of \$7,800 needs to be adjusted. Dr. Entwistle will update the Committee on the decision regarding the tuition amount after requesting legal clarification regarding VISA tuition rate levels.

6.2 Personnel Items – Informational

- a. Instructional Assignments – Exhibit B
- b. Change of Instructional Assignments – Exhibit C
- c. Maternity/Extended Parenthood Leave – Exhibit D
- d. Resignations – Exhibit E

6.3 Approval of Minutes

December 20, 2010

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

VOTED (5-0) (1 abstaining) to approve the minutes of December 20, 2010 as amended.

7. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

7.1 Next Meeting Dates:

January 11, 2011  
Budget Presentation – 7:30 p.m.  
CMS Community Room

January 14, 2011  
Work Session – 8:30 a.m.  
SAB Conference Room

January 18, 2011  
Workshop – Budget Update  
CMS Community Room

8. ENCLOSURES

Memo from Lynne Doblin re: Learning Excellence Grant Awards – Cycle 1  
American Mathematics Competition Results

At 9:00 p.m., on a motion offered by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Ms. Parmett, it was

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

Respectfully submitted



Laurie Graham  
Secretary