

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
June 14, 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Graham at 6:35 p.m. in the Large Community Room at Chenery Middle School.

1.2 Executive Session

At 6:40 p.m. on a motion offered by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Ms. Slap, it was

VOTED unanimously (6-0) on a roll call vote to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining and in preparation for labor contract negotiations with union and non-union personnel given that a discussion in Open Session may have a detrimental impact on the School Committee's bargaining position.

The Committee announced that they would return to Open Session in the Community Room at the conclusion of the Executive Session and moved to the Small Community Room for the Executive Session.

2. OPENING BUSINESS

2.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order before the Executive Session, at 6:35 p.m.

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Graham led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.3 Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

2.4 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Entwistle noted that the slides from last week's presentation about the 18 month Improvement Strategy were included in the School Committee packets. These slides are also available on the Belmont Public Schools web site.

2.5 Chairman's Report

Ms. Graham shared information on the November 2011 MASC/MASS Conference. Anyone interested should contact Cathy Grant and we will coordinate the registrations.

2.6 Citizen's Concerns

There were no citizen's concerns.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

4. MAJOR BUSINESS

4.1 Consideration of a request for a "Mr. S" plaque for the new Wellington Elementary School

Brianna Normile, a junior at Belmont High School, spoke in support of the having a plaque at the Wellington gymnasium to honor Mr. Richard Samaria, physical education teacher who is retiring at the end of this school year. She shared ideas for a plaque to explain what he has done and what he has meant to the youth of Belmont. She offered to coordinate an event in the fall to honor Mr. Samaria, and to fundraise to raise the money for the event. Members of the School Committee thanked her for the work she has done and shared their support of her idea. The Wellington PTO will also work on this effort. There was discussion as to whether or not the School Committee would consider naming the gymnasium after Mr. Samaria. The School Committee agreed to consider the request.

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

VOTED (6-0) to allow Ms. Brianna Normile to raise private funds to create a plaque to honor Mr. Richard Samaria to be affixed at the Wellington School.

4.2 Second Reading of 5000 Series – Students – Amendments – Exhibit A

On a motion offered by Mr. Scharfman seconded by Mr. Cunningham it was

VOTED (6-0) to approve the Belmont Public Schools Policy 5000 Series: Students [Exhibit A, 6-14-11].

4.3 2011-2012 School Calendar – second reading and adoption – Exhibit B Revised

Ms. Darias presented the School Calendar and Meeting Schedule for the 2011-2012 school year, noting in particular the increase in instructional time due to the reduction of 3-hour early release days and the increase in the school day (10 minutes longer on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays) at the elementary and middle schools. All Wednesdays that are not early release days will dismiss one hour earlier than the current dismissal time in order to embed the professional development meeting time for staff during the school day. By having the meetings during the school day, it highlights the value that they add to the work that all staff do with students.

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

VOTED (6-0) to approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar, with the corrected dismissal times [Exhibit B Revised, 6-14-11].

4.4 Motion to hire Interim Superintendent to serve for the 20 11-2012 school year

Ms. Graham explained the process: all School Committee members will make a statement and then vote on a motion to appoint. Each School Committee member spoke about both candidates in relation to the rubric the School Committee has used to guide the Interim Superintendent search.

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

VOTED (6-0) to enter into contract negotiations with Dr. Thomas Kingston for the Interim position for the Superintendent position beginning July 1, 2011.

5. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES/LIAISONS

5.1 Communications and Community Outreach

There was no report on this subcommittee.

5.2 Wellington Building Committee

The project is on schedule for the opening of school for the first day of school, September 7, 2011. The crates for packing/moving will hopefully be delivered on Friday, June 17, 2011.

5.3 Other reports

Mr. Cunningham is drafting language for a task force for long-range financial planning. It will be included in the packet for the June 21, 2011 School Committee meeting.

Mr. Scharfman is contacting people for the Task Force on Extracurricular Activities.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Consent Agenda – None

6.2 Personnel Items – Informational

Non-Instructional Assignments – Exhibit C

Extended Parenthood Leave – Exhibit D

Maternity/Extended Leave – Exhibit E

Career Leave – Exhibit F

Resignations – Exhibit G

Retirement – Exhibit H

Instructional Assignments – Summer Session – Exhibit I

6.3 Business Items – None

6.4 Approval of Minutes

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

VOTED (6-0) to approve the minutes of April 26, 2011.

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

VOTED (5-0-1) to approve the minutes of May 2, 2011.

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

VOTED (6-0) to approve the minutes of May 6, 2011.

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

VOTED (6-0) to approve the minutes of May 10, 2011.

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

VOTED (6-0) to approve the minutes of May 11, 2011.

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

VOTED (6-0) to approve the minutes of May 13, 2011.

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

VOTED (5-0-1) to approve the minutes of May 24, 2011, as amended.

7. FUTURE BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings:

June 21, 2011 – Business Meeting/Workshop

CMS Community Room

7:30 p.m.

8. ENCLOSURES

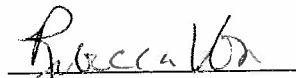
BPS Long Term Goals and Improvement Targets for June 2011-October 2012

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 p.m. on a motion offered by Ms. Slap and seconded by Mr. Scharfman, it was

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted



Rebecca Vose

Secretary