

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM  
MARCH 1, 2011**

Present: Ms. Ann Rittenburg, Chair  
Ms. Laurie Graham  
Ms. Becky Vose  
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

Also in attendance were members of the Leadership Council

**1. OPENING BUSINESS**

**1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call**

At 6:15 p.m., on a motion offered by Laurie Graham and seconded by Becky Vose it was

VOTED unanimously (6-0) on a roll call vote to enter Executive Session. For the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining 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 at the conclusion of Executive Session.

**1. OPENING BUSINESS (Continued upon completion of Executive Session)**

**1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Rittenburg led the Pledge of Allegiance

**1.3 Adjustment to the Agenda**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

**1.4 Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent invited Mr. Dan Richards, Assistant Principal at Belmont High School to join them at the table. Mr. Richards was congratulated on receiving the Massachusetts Assistant Principal of the Year award. Mr. Richards thanked the Committee and expressed his appreciation for the staff and students at Belmont High School.

- 1.5 Chairman's Report  
There was no Chairman's report

- 1.6 Citizen's Concerns  
There were no citizen's concerns.

3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 3.1 There was no unfinished business.

4. **MAJOR BUSINESS**

- 4.1 Special Report-out from the State House on status of various financial and legislative matters (Mike Widmer and Will Brownsberger)

State Representative Will Brownsberger updated the School Committee on the State budget process.

Mr. Widmer, President of Massachusetts Taxpayer's Foundation and Belmont Town Moderator, reported on the impact of health care legislation and other issues with budgetary impact.

- 4.2 Budget work update (L.C. Report-out)

Dr. Entwistle explained the key areas of budgetary focus for the leadership team and then introduced the Leadership Council members who updated the Committee on the budget refinement work and possible operationalization of available funds budget.

- 4.3 Discussion of plan for upcoming SC report-outs on status of various efforts relating to alternative models of service delivery and alternative sources of revenue. The School Committee chose to address these at a later date.

- 4.4 FY11 Budget Report-out (#2) – Anthony DiCologero – Exhibit A

Mr. DiCologero updated the School Committee on the current budget deficits and balances. He stated he will be sending the report to the Warrant Committee Education Sub-committee and requesting a reserve fund transfer of \$200,000.

5. **REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES/LIAISONS**

- 5.1 Wellington Building Committee

Laurie Graham updated the Committee on the progress of the new Wellington school. The opening is on schedule for first day of school September 7, 2011.

- 5.2 Communications and Community Outreach

There were no report-outs from members of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee.

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

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Consent Agenda

The following items were presented for the School Committee's information.

6.2 Personnel Items -- Informational

- ❖ Instructional Assignments -- Exhibit B
- ❖ Maternity/Extended Leave -- Exhibit C
- ❖ Family Illness -- Exhibit D

6.3 Approval of Minutes

- ❖ December 7, 2010
- ❖ December 14, 2010
- ❖ December 17, 2010
- ❖ January 4, 2011
- ❖ January 18, 2011
- ❖ January 26, 2011
- ❖ February 11, 2011
- ❖ February 18, 2011

On a motion offered by Ms. Vose and seconded by Mr. Scharfman , it was  
VOTED unanimously (6-0) to approve the following minutes: December 7, December  
14, December 17, January 18 and February 18.

On a motion offered by Ms. Slap and seconded by Mr Scharfman , it was  
VOTED (5-0, 1 abstention) to approve the following minutes: January 4

On a motion offered by Ms Graham and seconded by Mr Scharfman, it was  
Voted (5-0, 1 abstention, to approve the following minutes: February 11

7. FUTURE BUSINESS

7.1 Next Meeting Dates:

March 5, 2011  
Workshop -- 8:30 a.m. -- 3:30 p.m.  
Homer Building Gallery

March 15, 2011  
Workshop -- 7:30 p.m.  
CMS Community Room

April 5, 2011  
Organizational Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  
CMS Community Room

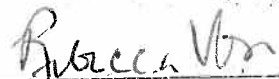
8. ENCLOSURES

March 5, 2011 Budget Workshop Agenda  
Article from February 14, 2011 Marshall Memo

At 10:00 p.m., on a motion offered by and seconded by, it was

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

Respectfully submitted

  
Rebecca Vose  
Secretary