

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
May 10, 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 No Executive Session

2. OPENING BUSINESS

2.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Graham in the Community Room at Chenery Middle School at 7:35 p.m.

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance

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

2.3 Adjustment to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

2.4 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Entwistle invited Amanda Rei, K-12 Guidance Specialist, to update the School Committee on the work she is doing to implement the bullying prevention and intervention plan. She shared a "tutorial" on bullying that she created for the web site that is under development.

Dr. Entwistle updated the School Committee on the FY12 Budget. He noted that we are very grateful for the additional revenue that will allow us to achieve approximately phases 1-3 of the 6-phase restoration plan. However, he also noted that the budget is less than level services, and he highlighted systems, structures, and programs that will be restructured.

Dr. Entwistle updated the School Committee on Community Dialogue II that was held on May 4, 2011. There were 60 dialogues, and approximately 350 participants. The Leadership Council will begin

working with the dialogue proceedings at their meeting on May 12, 2011. The Leadership Council's work of refreshing the Long Term Goals, Targets, and 18 Month Improvement Strategy will continue on May 19. The Leadership Council will present their work to the School Committee at the workshop meeting on May 24, 2011.

Ms. Darias updated the SC on the planning of the Professional Learning Team Conference for the professional staff of the Belmont Public Schools. This is the culminating conference at which all PLTs will share their findings, either in an exhibit or a presentation. The conference will be held in two locations, Belmont High School and Chenery Middle School.

2.5 Chairman's Report

Ms. Graham updated the School Committee on the Interim Superintendent Search. Ms. Graham listed the members of the screening committee, and the timeline for the work. The screening committee attended a training session last Friday evening, May 6, 2011. Information about the search is posted on the Belmont Public School web site.

The Belmont Special Needs Advisory Council will give out its Appreciation Awards at a ceremony on May 25, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the CMS Cafeteria.

The Lillian Blacker Award and the Denis Fitzpatrick Book Award will be presented at a ceremony on May 18, 2011 in the Peter Holland Library at Belmont High School.

2.5 Citizens' Concerns

There were no Citizens' Concerns.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 None

4. MAJOR BUSINESS

4.1 Budget Update 3 – Exhibit A

Mr. DiCologero presented the third FY11 Budget Update to the School Committee. This update contains expenditures in salary line items through 4/13/11, and non-salary line items through 5/5/11. At this time, he projects a deficit of \$62,791, which is projected to be covered as needed by the Reserve Fund Transfer authorization.

4.2 First Reading of 2011-2012 Calendar – Exhibit B

Ms. Darias presented the 2011-2012 school year calendar to the School Committee. The first day of school is September 7, 2011. The last day is June 21, 2012, including five snow days.

5. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES/LIAISONS

5.1 Wellington Building Committee

Ms. Graham gave an update on the building of the Wellington School. There is a lot of work happening on the inside of the building. The furnishings are scheduled to arrive on July 25. There is also work on the sidewalks on Orchard Street. The new Wellington school is projected to be open for school in September, on time and on budget.

5.2 Communications and Community Outreach

The School Committee has been communicating in many venues.

5.3 Other report-outs (as needed)

Mr. Scharfman has been reaching out to members of the community for the Task Force on Extracurricular Programs. Dr. Entwistle has shared the information about the Task Force with the Leadership Council, so Mr. Scharfman will begin to invite members of the Leadership Council as well.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Consent Agenda

- Proposal for AP Art Trip to Paris – Exhibit C
- Bid Awards – Exhibit D
- Last Day of School Memo for 2010-2011 – Exhibit E

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to approve the consent agenda.

6.2 Personnel Items – Informational

- Instructional Assignments – Exhibit F
- Non-instructional Assignments – Exhibit G
- Change of Instructional Assignments – Exhibit H
- Maternity/Extended Leave – Exhibit I
- Extended Parenthood Leave – Exhibit J
- Family Illness Leave – Exhibit K
- Resignations – Exhibit L
- Retirements – Exhibit M
- Extra-compensatory Assignments – Exhibit N
- Leave of Absence 2010-2011 – Return from Leave – Exhibit O
- Summer Session Assignments – Exhibit P

6.3 Approval of Minutes

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

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to approve the minutes of April 12, 2011, April 15, 2011, April 29, 2011, and May 3, 2011.

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

VOTED unanimously (5-0-1) to approve the minutes of April 25, 2011, which were called to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

VOTED unanimously (5-0-1) to approve the minutes of April 25, 2011, which were called to order at 6:08 p.m., as amended.

7. FUTURE BUSINESS

7.1 Next meeting dates:

May 13, 2011

Work Session

SAB Conference Room

8:30 a.m.

May 24, 2011

Workshop

CMS Community Room

7:30 p.m.

May 31, 2011

Senior Awards Ceremony

BHS Auditorium

9:00 a.m.

June 7, 2011

Business Meeting

CMS Community Room

7:30 p.m.

June 21, 2011

Workshop

CMS Community Room

7:30 p.m.
8. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:35 p.m. on a motion offered by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Ms. Vose it was

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted 
Rebecca Vose
Secretary