

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM # 4
May 13, 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

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Graham at 9:09 a.m. in Conference Room # 4 in the Town Hall.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:11 a.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 given that a discussion in Open Session may have a detrimental impact on our bargaining position.

The Committee announced that they would return to open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

3. OPEN SESSION

At 10:08 the Committee returned to Open Session.

The Committee heard an update on the work of the Screening Committee to select an interim superintendent and discussed the Chair's proposed calendar for the process.

Next, the Committee discussed the request of a current Belmont High School student to honor the many years of service to the children of the Wellington School by Richard Samaria, long-time physical education teacher at the school, who is retiring at the end of the current school year. Ms. Graham has asked Heidi Sawyer, Wellington parent and member of the Wellington Building Committee, to work with this student to find an appropriate way to acknowledge Mr. Samaria in the new building.

The Committee received brief reports on several initiatives from Mr. Scharfman. Plans for a School Committee Retreat in late August, perhaps with members of the Leadership Council were also discussed. Dr. Entwistle briefed the Committee on the second Community Dialog, held May 4, 2011, and the development of the next 18 Month School Improvement Plan.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:03 a.m. on a motion offered by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Mr. Cunningham, it was

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Vose", written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Vose
Secretary