

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
BEECH STREET CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM  
May 3, 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 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

At 6:35 p.m. on a motion offered by Mr. Scharfman and seconded by Ms. Slap, it was

**VOTED** unanimously 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.

2. OPENING BUSINESS

2.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in open session in the Conference Room at the Beech Street Center at 6:45 p.m.

2.2 Adjustment to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

2.3 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Entwistle updated the School Committee on the Revised Available Revenue FY12 School Budget, noting in particular that the revised amount, while much appreciated, does not bring the schools to level services. He discussed the efficiencies and savings in the form of changes to systems, structures, and programs.

#### 2.4 Chairman's Report

Ms. Graham updated the School Committee on the Interim Superintendent Search. The names of the screening committee members will be released on May 4, and they will participate in training led by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees on May 6. The information about the screening committee will be posted on the BPS web site.

#### 2.5 Citizen's Concern

Mr. Steinberg shared his concern about the reduction of science teachers.

### 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 3.1 None

### 4. MAJOR BUSINESS

#### 4.1 Motion to charter new Task Force on Extracurricular Programs

Mr. Scharfman shared the work that he and Ms. Parmett prepared in advance of the meeting.

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

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0) to charter the Task Force on Extracurricular Programs to research and report to the School Committee on possible financial and operational models to sustain activities currently operating as extracurricular programs in the Belmont Public Schools, including but not limited to athletics, performing arts, and clubs. The report should include research with examples from other districts, input from existing and potential community partners, with recommendations on the models most likely to succeed in Belmont. The report should be presented to the School Committee no later than October 2011.

The School Committee members discussed plans to recruit members for the task force before the end of May, so that work can commence during the summer.

### 5. OPEN SESSION

5.1 The School Committee remained in session and joined the Warrant Committee briefing in the main room of the Beech Street Center.

6. FUTURE BUSINESS

6.1 Next meeting dates:

May 4, 2011

Community Dialogue

BHS Field House

5:00 p.m.

May 10, 2011

Business Meeting

CMS Community Room

7:30 p.m.

May 24, 2011

Workshop

CMS Community Room

7:30 p.m.

7. 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