

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**May 2, 2013**

Present: Ms. Laurie Graham, Chair  
Ms. Anne Lougée, Secretary  
Mr. Kevin Cunningham  
Ms. Elyse Shuster  
Ms. Laurie Slap  
Dr. Thomas Kingston, Interim Superintendent

Absent: Ms. Pascha Griffiths

1. **OPENING BUSINESS**

1.1 Call to order

Ms. Graham called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

1.2 Chairman's Update

Ms. Graham stated the purpose of this meeting was two-fold: to discuss the final Guiding Principals of Facilities Change document prior to the School Committee meeting to vote on the library land transfer and the upcoming search for a permanent superintendent.

Ms. Graham explained that Town Counsel is preparing a draft motion for the School Committee regarding the proposed transfer of school department land to the town for the purpose of building a new library. Ms. Graham informed committee members that the Library Board of Trustees will make a presentation to the School Committee at its May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, after which the School Committee members will be able to ask questions. Following that, the meeting will be open to members of the audience so that they may ask questions and make statements about the proposed land transfer.

The group then revised a draft document prepared by Mr. Cunningham that set forth guiding principles to assist School Committee members whenever a significant proposed change of facilities controlled by the Belmont School Department arises.

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

**VOTED** 5-0 to approve the document titled "Belmont Public Schools Facility Change Guiding Principles (Version 1, 5/2/2013 -- Document A

Ms. Graham and Dr. Kingston next discussed inviting Glenn Koucher, Executive Director of the MA Association of School Committees, to a School Committee work session in early June so that he can

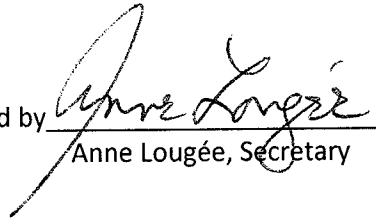
assist in creating a profile for the superintendent candidates we hope to attract. Ms. Graham will provide committee members with materials from the past two superintendent searches.

2. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:07 a.m. on a motion offered by Ms. Shuster and seconded by Ms. Slap, it was

**VOTED** unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by

  
Anne Lougée, Secretary