

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM  
JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN HALL SELECTMENS ROOM  
DECEMBER 16, 2013**

Present: Ms. Laurie Graham, Chair  
Ms. Anne Lougée, Secretary  
Mr. Kevin Cunningham  
Ms. Lisa Fiore  
Ms. Elyse Shuster  
Ms. Laurie Slap  
Dr. Thomas Kingston, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. Tony DiCologero, Director of Business, Finance and Operations

Mr. Mark Paolillo, Chair, Board of Selectmen  
Mr. Andres Rojas, Vice Chair  
Mr. Ralph Jones, Selectman  
Mr. David Kale, Town Administrator

1. **OPENING BUSINESS**

1.1 Call to order

Ms. Graham called the School Committee meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. **MAJOR BUSINESS**

2.1 Unit B Memorandum of Agreement regarding Administrative Evaluation Handbook

Dr. Kingston explained that the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Belmont Education Association (BEA) and the Belmont Public Schools (BPS) removes from the current Unit B contract the language about the old educator appraisal system and inserts the new Administrative Evaluation Handbook. This change reflects the new educator appraisal system. Dr. Kingston noted that the Unit B handbook mirrors that of Unit A but was modified for necessary changes to the timeline. The BEA Unit B membership ratified the new handbook and MOA on December 9, 2013.

Board of Selectmen Chair Mark Paolillo voted his support of the MOA. Thereafter on a motion offered by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Slap it was

VOTED 6-0-0 to amend the Unit B contract of the BEA to include the new Administrative Evaluation Handbook and MOA

2.2 Discussion of FY15 Budget preparation timeline

Mr. Kale stated that the town and school departments are to submit their draft FY15 budgets by February 10<sup>th</sup>. He noted that there will be updates as new revenue and expense information is received after that date. Dr. Kingston reported that the BPS Finance Subcommittee will again be working with

the Education Subcommittee of the Warrant Committee as the BPS budget is prepared. The first meeting of the two groups is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

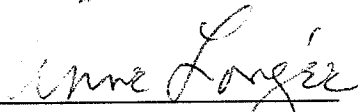
There was additional discussion about the cost drivers for both the school and town departments. It was agreed that the Selectmen and the School Committee should plan to meet again in mid-January to continue to discuss the development of the FY15 budgets.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:55 p.m. on a motion offered by Ms. Lougée and seconded by Ms. Shuster, it was

**VOTED** unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by

  
Anne Lougée, Secretary