

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM
JOINT MEETING WITH THE BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
BELMONT SENIOR CENTER
MAY 4, 2017**

SC Members Present: Dr. Lisa Fiore, Chair
 Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox, Secretary
 Mr. Thomas Caputo
 Mr. Murat Bicer
 Ms. Kate Bowen
 Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent
 Ms. Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent

BHS-BC Members Present: Chair Lovallo; Members: Adam Dash, John Phelan, Tom Caputo, Pat Bruschi,
 Phyllis Marshall, Bob McLaughlin, Joel Mooney, Diane Miller, Chris Messer,
 and Jamie Shea

Guest Speaker: Mr. Frank Locker

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to order

Dr. Fiore called the meeting of the School Committee to order at 6:11 p.m. The meeting was a joint meeting of the School Committee and Belmont High School Building Committee regarding the Belmont High School Visioning Workshops.

2. MAJOR BUSINESS

2.1 The Education Plan as it Relates to the High School Project

Superintendent Phelan introduced Mr. Frank Locker, Education Facilitator. Superintendent Phelan and Mr. Locker have met with teachers and community members regarding the Education Plan for the new high school building. These discussions will continue throughout the fall.

Mr. Locker briefly explained the process by which the community conversations occurred.

Chair Lovallo noted that an Education Plan will need to be submitted to the MSBA. Mr. Locker stated that the process involves defining broad educational concepts and transforming them into more concrete action items. The MSBA wants to see buildings that improve teaching and learning – as opposed to simply creating buildings. The Education Plan is an application of broad ideas and a plan for how these ideas will be carried out. The Education Plan will establish the “appropriateness” of the building.

Mr. Locker touched on the findings from the community meeting. The group discussed teaching and learning concepts for several different configurations.

Mr. Locker and Superintendent Phelan noted that a proposed Education Plan will be shared with the larger community and forums will likely be held in the summer and fall. The BHS-BC and SC explored several issues that impact the configuration conversation, the school organization options, and additional “Visioning Concepts”.

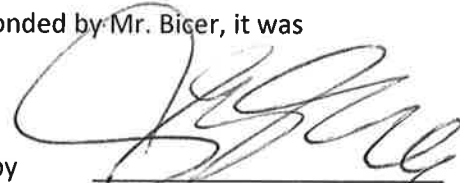
Mr. Phelan thanked Mr. Locker and Ms. Darias for all their work.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:47 p.m. on a motion offered by Mr. Caputo and seconded by Mr. Bicer, it was

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by



Susan Burgess-Cox, Secretary