

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
AUGUST 30, 2017**

Present: Dr. Lisa Fiore, Chair
Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox, Secretary
Mr. Thomas Caputo
Mr. Murat Bicer
Ms. Kate Bowen
Ms. Andrea Prestwich
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order

Dr. Fiore called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Committee took a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting strategy with respect to contract negotiations given that a discussion in Open Session may have a detrimental impact on the School Committee's bargaining position.

3. WORKING SESSION

3.1 Report Out on Superintendent's Contract

Upon returning to open session at 7:45 p.m. Dr. Fiore reported that the School Committee voted unanimously to approve the terms of a 3-year contract with the Superintendent.

3.2 Update on 2017-2018 Opening of School

Superintendent Phelan reported that the Belmont High School Building Committee (BHS-BC) has been working over the summer with the architectural firm, Perkins and Will, to move the project forward. Perkins and Will provided a milestone schedule for the project that includes the schedule for modules, community meetings and submissions to the MSBA.

Superintendent Phelan noted that enrollment continues to grow. The enrollment and placement of all students was still in progress as of the meeting time. The final enrollment numbers will not be complete until October 2017.

Superintendent Phelan provided an overview of the work of the Leadership Council in moving forward with the District's Strategic Plan Initiatives for the 2017-2018 school year. These initiatives include closing the African-American/Black Achievement Gap work as well as continuing to implement Social and Emotional Learning.

Superintendent Phelan sent letters to welcome staff and families to the 2017-2018 school year. All staff will report to work on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 8:00 AM for the Opening of School Meeting held at the Belmont High School. All students will report to school on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

4. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

Upcoming Meetings:

September 12, 2017
Finance Subcommittee Meeting
SAB Conference Room – 7:30 a.m.

September 12, 2017
School Committee Meeting
CMS Large Community Room – 7:00 p.m.


5. **ENCLOSURES**

Strategic Plan
Opening of School Documents
SEL/Achievement Gap Professional Development Materials

6. **ADJOURN**

At 8:35 p.m. on a motion offered by Mr. Bicer and seconded by Ms. Bowen, it was

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by 
Susan Burgess-Cox, Secretary