

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE SESSION Remote Meeting  
October 6, 2020  
Revised and voted May 18, 2021

Present: Ms. Andrea Prestwich, Chair  
Ms. Kate Bowen, Secretary  
Ms. Amy Checkoway  
Mr. Michael Crowley  
Ms. Tara Donner  
Ms. Evelyn Gomez  
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent  
Ms. Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance, Business and Operations  
Mr. James Pender

CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

5:30 pm

Vote to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations given that a discussion in Open Session may have a detrimental impact on the School Committee's bargaining position.

Vote:

5:35 pm

Andrea Prestwich, Chair - Y  
Kate Bowen, Secretary - Y  
Amy Checkoway - Y  
Michael Crowley - Y  
Tara Donner - Y  
Evelyn Gomez - Y

Unit A 1-Year contract

Negotiations vote (6-0) for a one year contract with a 1% COLA and a flat stipend for summer work.

Kate Bowen – y  
Michael Crowley – y  
Amy Checkoway – y  
Tara Donner - y  
Evelyn Gomez - y  
Andrea Prestwich –y

Virtual Participation (Live Streaming)

Discussion surrounded remote only learning and interruptions with electricity and internet connectivity. The Chenery and High School staff have real concerns about these work conditions and will seek to impact bargain in JLM. The BEA contended this learning tool (live streaming) was not the best option for students or staff. The School Committee acknowledged this was not the best strategy under normal

circumstances but under the conditions of a pandemic, they believe it is the best option to meet the needs of students.

#### BALA Report Discussion

Chenery Middle School Main Office numbers on air exchanged were discussed. BALA Inc. is the engineering company hired by the Town (Facilities Department) to conduct this work. The BALA report was reviewed and discussed to demonstrate the air exchange rate in those spaces met the 4-6 ACH rate agreed upon by the BEA and School Committee. The 4-6 ACH metric is a recommendation of the Harvard Chan School of Health guidance published in June 2021 and update in September 2021.

The BEA Health Team are seeking to negotiate all “health” terms in the MOA and the BALA report on air exchange is relevant to these negotiations. The School Committee reserved the right to use guidance from the CDC, Mass. Dept. of Public Health, and local Belmont Department of Health. It was agreed that the BEA Health Team would meet with the district administration to ask questions and discuss all health matters.

The meeting adjourned.

6:30 pm