

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION Remote Meeting
August 11, 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, Counsel

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:

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

5:35 pm

Belmont Education Association:

The School Committee discussed the COLA and length of contract options pertaining to negotiations. Two School Committee members were assigned to each bargaining unit team, and it was noted to keep the "Opening Schools" negotiations separate from the Unit contract negotiations.

The BEA stated that as part of their bargaining preparation work the Belmont Educators of Color and Allies (BECA) will be putting together a proposal from the group.

Remote vs. Hybrid Learning Models

The subject of teach at home requests under the remote schedule was reviewed in conjunction with the hybrid teaching models and the BEA/JLM negotiation work. The consensus among the School Committee members was they were open to educators teaching from home while in the fully remote model.

The meeting adjourned.

6:30 pm