

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
SHELBURNE COMMUNITY CENTER
2730 WASHINGTON STREET, ROXBURY, MA
OCTOBER 25, 2016**

Present: Dr. Lisa Fiore, Chair
Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox, Secretary
Mr. Murat Bicer
Mr. Thomas Caputo
Ms. Andrea Prestwich
Ms. Elyse Shuster
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent
Ms. Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

1. **OPENING BUSINESS**

1.1 Call to order

Dr. Fiore called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1.2 Introductions

Members of the Administration, School Committee and meeting attendees introduced themselves and their connection to the Belmont Public Schools.

1.3 Chair's Report

Dr. Fiore thanked those attending for their participation in the METCO program and for coming out to meet with members of the School Committee.

1.4 Presentation of Donation from BAR

Kathryn Bonfiglio and Carol Sabia presented a donation of \$500 to enable Belmont educators to attend the 2016 METCO Director's Conference in December.

1.5 Boston/Belmont Friends Committee

Laura Hill and Paula Josephs provided an overview of the Boston/Belmont Friends Committee in the Belmont Public Schools. The Committee is hosting several events in Boston and Belmont to provide opportunities for families to meet and connect with one another.

1.6 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Phelan provided an overview of the Belmont Public School's strategic plan. Focus areas for 2016-2017 include addressing the student achievement gap and continuing district-wide implementation of the Social Emotional Learning framework.

Superintendent Phelan discussed the space challenges facing the Belmont Public Schools and how the administration is addressing these issues using existing modular units at Belmont High School and the installation of modular units at the Chenery Middle School.

Superintendent Phelan provided an update on the Belmont High School Building Project. The Belmont High School Building Committee (BHS-BC) was given the opportunity to explore the following grade configurations for a new school: 9-12, 8-12 and 7-12. The next meeting for the BHS-BC is October 27, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

1.7 METCO Update – Diane Wiltshire – Exhibit B

Ms. Wiltshire gave a comprehensive presentation on the history of the METCO program noting that Belmont became a member in 1970. The METCO program will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a jazz brunch on December 11, 2016 as well as other events throughout the 2016-2017 school year.

1.8 EDCO Articles of Agreement Vote – Exhibit A

Superintendent Phelan provided a copy of the Amended EDCO Articles of Agreement. The School Committee reviewed and discussed these articles and amendments at a School Committee meeting on October 11, 2016. There were no questions or comments on the amended articles.

On a motion offered by Ms. Shuster and seconded by Ms. Prestwich, it was

VOTED unanimously to recommend approval of the Amended EDCO Articles of Agreement.

2. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

Upcoming Meetings:

October 31, 2016

Executive Session

SAB Conference Room – 7:30 a.m.

November 15, 2016

Finance Subcommittee

SAB Conference Room – 7:30 a.m.

November 15, 2016

School Committee

CMS Large Community Room – 7:00 p.m.

3. **ENCLOSURES**

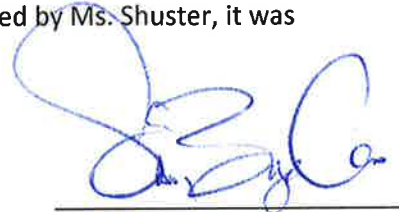
Directions to Shelburne Community Center

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:34 p.m. on a motion offered by Mr. Caputo and seconded by Ms. Shuster, it was

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by



Susan Burgess-Cox, Secretary