

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
CHENERY MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM
APRIL 11, 2017**

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

Absent: Ms. Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance, Business and Operations

1. **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

A. **REQUIRED MATTERS**

1.1 Call to order

Dr. Fiore called the Organization Meeting to order at 7:05.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Fiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Nomination/Election of Chair

Dr. Fiore explained this portion of the meeting was the Organizational Meeting where a new Chair and Secretary are elected. She asked for a motion to vote on the election of School Committee Chair.

On a motion offered by Ms. Burgess-Cox and seconded by Mr. Caputo, it was

VOTED unanimously to elect Dr. Lisa Fiore as School Committee Chair.

1.3 Nomination/Election of Secretary

Dr. Fiore asked for a motion to vote on the election of School Committee Secretary.

On a motion offered by Dr. Fiore and seconded by Mr. Bicer, it was

VOTED unanimously to elect Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox as School Committee Secretary.

2. **OPENING BUSINESS**

Dr. Fiore announced that the School Committee would now hold their regular Business Meeting. She welcomed new member Kate Bowen.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Fiore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.2 Citizens' Concerns

There were no citizen's concerns.

2.3 Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

2.4 Chair's Report

Dr. Fiore updated the School Committee on the following events.

- Parent-Teacher Band Concert at Chenery
- Second annual Becca Pizzi Fun Run on April 30th. Proceeds will go to scholarships for Belmont High School students and Belmont Boosters. Dr. Fiore thanked Belmont Savings Bank for their support.
- Cityside Subaru Share the Love has partnered once again with The Foundation for Belmont Education (FBE). The FBE has received \$11,000 in donations through this partnership. Teachers and staff were offered discounts on the purchase and leasing of vehicles and \$250 of each sale was donated into the donation pool.
- Belmont received recognition again for being one of the best communities for music education. Dr. Fiore stated this honor is due to the talented staff working with the students of Belmont.
- The next School Committee meeting on April 25th will be the formal budget hearing where citizens are invited to ask questions related to the budget.

2.5 Student Representative Report

Belmont High School Senior Rachel Jansen and Junior James Kitch updated the School Committee on the upcoming trip to Rome that Latin students will be taking. The students will get to know the culture of the city. They announced that AP exams will take place after the April break and noted the upcoming annual Pops Concert and Prom in May. The students stated the spring sports season is in full swing and invited everyone to stop by any of the games or practices. They also mentioned the survey that the Student Senate is doing which will try to compare the amount of

homework students think they receive and how much teachers think they give. The survey will look at ways to decrease student stress.

2.6 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Phelan updated the School Committee on the recent Band and Strings Concert held at Belmont High School. He also discussed the two SEL Parent Forums that were held last week, noting that over 160 parents attended. Teachers also came out for both nights. Superintendent Phelan thanked Assistant Superintendent Darias and Facilitator Rachel Poliner for organizing the events and thanked the FBE for sponsoring them.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

4. MAJOR BUSINESS

4.1 Vote on School Committee Representative to EDCO

On a motion offered by Mr. Caputo and seconded by Mr. Bicer, it was

VOTED unanimously to appoint Ms. Andrea Prestwich as the School Committee representative to EDCO.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON UPDATES (as needed)

5.1 Finance Subcommittee

The Finance Subcommittee met earlier to discuss building rentals as well as the ongoing process of Town Meetings related to the Stabilization Reserve Fund.

5.2 Policy and Procedure Subcommittee

The Policy and Procedure Subcommittee will be scheduling a meeting in the near future.

5.3 Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee

There was no report from the Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee.

5.4 Capital Budget Committee

The Capital Budget Committee met on April 6th and will meet again on April 13th at 8:00 AM. The School Committee representative is unable to attend but will give comments and input prior to the meeting.

5.5 Warrant Committee

The Warrant Committee met recently and will meet again on April 26th for a discussion on proposed projects for the CPA.

5.6 Belmont High School Building Committee

The Belmont High School Building Committee met April 6th for their first evening meeting. Chair Bill Lovallo introduced the new Owner Project Manager who was officially voted in by the MSBA on Monday. Over 90 community members were in attendance. There were questions and discussion related to enrollment and grade configurations. Superintendent Phelan announced invitations for participation in two upcoming facilitation meetings with Frank Locker have been sent out. The meetings will take place on May 4th and May 5th. Superintendent Phelan acknowledged requests from parents to have more meetings during the evening or Saturdays and explained there will be time for community input in the fall.

5.8 Community Path Update

The Community Path Group will have a meeting on Thursday for Department Heads to weigh in on options for the new Community Path

5.9 Library Long Range Planning Committee

There was no report from the Library Long Range Planning Committee.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

5.1 Consent Agenda - none

5.2 Personnel Items - none

5.3 Business Items – None

5.4 Approval of Minutes

- o March 28, 2017

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

VOTED 5-0-1 to approve the March 28, 2017 School Committee minutes.

6. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

Upcoming Meetings:

April 25, 2017

Finance Subcommittee Meeting

SAB Conference Room – 7:30 a.m.

April 25, 2017
School Committee Meeting
SAB Conference Room – 7:00 p.m.

7. **ENCLOSURES**

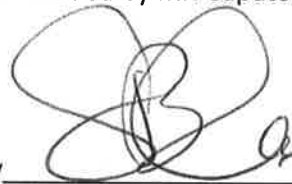
- Strategic Plan
- April 1, 2017 Enrollment
- April 1, 2017 Enrollment indicating changes.
- Memorial Day Exercises
- MASC Day on the Hill Flyer

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:26 p.m. on a motion offered by Ms. Burgess-Cox and seconded by Mr. Caputo, it was

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by



Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox, Secretary