

**BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WORKING SESSION MINUTES
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
JULY 6, 2017**

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

Absent: Mr. Murat Bicer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Fiore called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. STAFFING

Superintendent Phelan reported that the District has hired a new Pre-School Program Director and is continuing to hire staff at all levels including staff at the Chenery Middle School.

3. STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PROCESS

Superintendent Phelan noted that the student assignment process is going well with the on-line system and very few families have raised concerns regarding the process.

4. LEADERSHIP COUNCIL UPDATE

Superintendent Phelan reported that the Leadership Council had several productive meetings at the end of the school year. The Leadership Council has established plans for moving forward with both the SEL and Achievement Gap initiatives in the upcoming school year.

5. BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (BHS-BC) UPDATE

The BHS-BC continues to work with the MSBA in hiring an architect. The BHS-BC has discussed the options for grade configuration for the new High School in relation to plans for the entire district. The Major Capital Project Committee is in the process of developing a plan for all major capital projects in the town. It was noted that plans for the School District may be related to this group's work as at least two of the possible grade configurations for the new high school will not resolve districtwide space and enrollment issues. Space and enrollment issues may require one more major capital project.

6. **2017-2018 CONTENT CALENDAR**

Superintendent Phelan recommended that Committee meetings for the upcoming school year focus on students and organizations serving the schools rather than the administration or individual schools. The group agreed that it would be great to have representatives from PTAs/PTOs, SEPAC, Belmont Friends, the Foundation for Belmont Education and other groups come and inform the School Committee and community about their goals and accomplishments as the Belmont Public Schools benefit from their work.

7. **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.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:05 p.m. a roll call vote was taken and the School Committee agreed to enter Executive Session with no intention of returning to Open Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining with union personnel given that a discussion in Open Session may have a detrimental impact on the School Committee's bargaining position.

Respectfully submitted by 
Susan Burgess-Cox, Secretary