

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Joint with Select Board
EXECUTIVE SESSION Remote Meeting
January 28, 2022

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DATE: November 9, 2022
TIME: 2:27 PM

Present: Ms. Amy Checkoway Chair
Ms. Megan Moriarty, Secretary
Ms. Kate Bowen
Mr. Michael Crowley
Mr. Jamal Saeh
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent
Ms. Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance, Business and Operations
Mr. Michael McAllister, Director of Human Capital

Mr. Adam Dash, Select Board
Mr. Roy Epstein, Select Board
Mr. Mark Paolillo, Select Board
Ms. Patrice Garvin, Town Administrator

Absent: Mr. Ralph Jones

Call to order in Open Session at 2:02 PM by Chair Checkoway

Amy Checkoway motioned to convene in Executive Session for Purpose #3: to discuss contract negotiation strategy with regard to all 4 BEA bargaining units given that a discussion in Open Session may have a detrimental impact on the School Committee's bargaining position and will not return to Open Session. Seconded by Kate Bowen. Roll Call Vote approving motion: Moriarty (aye), Saeh (aye), Crowley (aye), Checkoway (aye), Bowen (aye). 5-0 Unanimous.

School Committee convened in Executive Session at 2:05 PM

Members present:

Amy Checkoway
Meg Moriarty
Kate Bowen
Mike Crowley
Jamal Saeh

All members attending remotely stated at the start of the executive session that no other person is present or able to hear discussion at the remote location.

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After the SB adjourned, the SC noted that a package proposal was presented to Unit C on January 27th.

Amy Checkoway provided an EDCO update. EDCO continues to move towards dissolution and figure out what each district owes. Lexington tried to leave EDCO last year and is currently refusing to pay for last year and the current year, which impacts other districts including Belmont. Amy hopes the settlement will be known by March 2022 and predicts Belmont owing around \$90K this year but will not know exact numbers of the full settlement until finalized. She will continue to provide updates.

The BEA emailed an invite to the SC, asking members to visit the schools to see the working conditions. Superintendent Phelan noted that SC members are always welcome in the schools and requested they email Artemis to set up any visits. Checkoway will respond to the BEA.

The nursing staff will present at the next Joint Labor Management meeting because they are concerned over the SC policy to mandate quarantine of 10 versus 5 days. Exemption (c)

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Exemption (c) The district is providing tutoring for any students in quarantine. The district has made calls to families with unvaccinated students and the Board of Health has offered to bring vaccinations to families. A SC member will attend the JLM and hear from the nurses.

Amy Checkoway motioned to close the Executive Session at 4:00 pm, Meg Moriarty seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Bowen- Yes, Crowley - Yes, Moriarty - Yes, Saeh - Yes, Checkoway – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Amy Checkoway motioned to adjourn the meeting of January 28, 2022 at 4:00 pm, Meg Moriarty seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Bowen- Yes, Crowley - Yes, Moriarty - Yes, Saeh - Yes, Checkoway – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

