



# *School Committee*

MINUTES OF THE CHELSEA SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
March 18, 2010

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The Chelsea School Committee held two Public Hearings Thursday, March 18, 2010, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea.

**Members Present:** Chairman Lisa Lineweaver, Vice-Chairman Ed Ells, Rosemarie Carlisle, Michael Caulfield, Ramona Foster, and Morrie Seigal.

**Also Present:** School Superintendent Dr. Thomas S. Kingston, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Mary M. Bourque, Executive Director of Administration and Finance Gerald McCue, Director of Personnel Tina Sullivan and School Business Manager and Clerk to the School Committee Barbara Martin.

**1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chairman Lineweaver stated the purpose of the public hearings was on the following two questions:

- a. School Choice decision for the 2010-2011 school year, and
- b. The presentation of the proposed school budget for Fiscal Year 2011

Chairman Lineweaver noted that a Spanish translator was available.

**3. School Choice for 2010-2011**

Dr. Kingston stated that each year the district is obligated under Massachusetts General Law to examine the district's enrollment and to determine whether the Chelsea Public Schools should be a school choice district. Dr. Kingston stated that based on projected enrollments, the administration does not recommend Chelsea Public Schools be a school choice district.

Chairman Lineweaver asked if any one in the audience would like to speak on the school choice issue. There being none, Chairman Carlisle stated that the hearing on School

Choice for the 2010-2011 was closed. The Chelsea School Committee will vote on School Choice at their next meeting.

#### **4. Proposed School Budget for Fiscal Year 2011**

Dr. Kingston introduced Executive Director for Administration and Finance Gerald McCue to give a presentation on the proposed FY 2011 school budget. A copy of the presentation is enclosed and forms a part of the minutes.

Questions and discussion ensued.

At this time Chairman Lineweaver asked if any one in the audience would like to speak on the proposed school budget for FY 2011.

Michelle Nadow, 60 Dudley St spoke about her surprise and disappointment on learning about the proposal to decrease the three year old program at the John Silber Early Learning Center.

Since there were no additional speakers the hearing on the proposed school budget was closed. The Chelsea School Committee will vote on the proposed budget at their next meeting.

**5. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8.00 p.m.

**Recorded by**

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