

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF:

March 30, 2010

1. Call to Order

Mr. Pierce called the meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:41 am. Members present were Mr. Pierce, Ms. Bickford, Mr. Hafer, Ms. O’Gara, and Ms. Seibert. Also attending was Dr. LaCroix, superintendent of Schools.

2. Administration Reorganization

Dr. LaCroix presented a proposal to create new Assistant Superintendent and Assistant Director of Special Education positions, resulting from a need to reconfigure administrative positions due to financial constraints. The Assistant Superintendent would have specific responsibilities for special education and regular education leadership, and the position would require expertise across the continuum of education. Such a position would help to integrate educational specialties in the regular curriculum.

The job description was reviewed with minor edits.

Moved: to approve the job description of Assistant Superintendent of Schools as edited (Ms. Bickford).

Motion seconded (Ms. O’Gara)

Motion approved: 5-0

Dr. LaCroix presented the new job descriptions for Assistant Director of Special Education, in-district, Behavior Specialist, and Mathematics Coach. The Assistant Director of Special Education would report to the Assistant Superintendent and have responsibility for coordinating the in-district special education services. The Behavior Specialist would be for Davis and Lane Schools. The Mathematics Coach would be at Lane School. Both would support regular and special education. The School Committee will review the descriptions for vote at the next regular meeting.

Personnel Report

Dr. LaCroix presented a request for the JROTC program to attend the JROTC National Academic Challenge in Washington DC, Bedford’s team having earned the next level of competition.

Moved: to approve a field trip request for 5 sophomore and junior students to attend the JROTC National Academic Challenge in Washington, DC, April 23 – 26, at no cost to the school.

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Dr. LaCroix presented a proposal for redistribution of Occupational Education courses to other departments for administrative responsibility, following the elimination of the Occupational Education Program Administrator's position due to budget constraints. Dr. LaCroix explained that the Occupational Educational program will remain at the middle and high schools, but Occupational Education courses will be administered within other departments, rather than in a separately designated department. Course and personnel assignments will be finalized after negotiation of terms with the Bedford Education Association. .

5. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:45 am (Ms. O'Gara).

Motion seconded (Mr. Hafer)

Motion approved: 5-0

Role call vote:

Ms. Bickford	yes
Mr. Hafer	yes
Ms. O'Gara	yes
Mr. Pierce	yes
Ms. Seibert	yes

School Committee Secretary

Date

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