

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 26, 2021

Live Virtual Online Meeting using ZOOM Audio/Video Conference Software

**** Due to the COVID-19 Crisis, this meeting was live-streamed over the internet using ZOOM video/audio conferencing software in order to adhere with social distancing measures put in place by Governor Baker. This meeting was open to the public for live chat during Public Comment.**

1. Call to Order

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Brosgol called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Guay, Mr. Morrison, Ms. Santiago, Ms. Scoville and student representative Ryan Doucette.

2. Comments from Public

Public comment is available through the webinar feature of Zoom™.

Participants are instructed to use the "raise hand" function in the software and add their name using the "chat" function. Mr. Conrad will invite the panelist into the webinar and each person is allowed three minutes to comment.

No public comment

3. PR Report

Resignations:

None

Transfers:

Samantha Plumley	COVID One Year Kindergarten Teacher	Davis
Ayesha Thomas	COVID One Year Kindergarten Teacher	Davis
Daniel Daley	COVID One Year Kindergarten Teacher	Davis

Appointments:

Meredith Cormier	COVID Teaching Assistant	JGMS
Jahzeel Edey	COVID Teaching Assistant	JGMS
Barbara Ferri	0.8 Chemistry LOA Coverage	BHS

Substitutes:

Barbara Brys	Per Diem Substitute	District
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4. Bridge Math Grade 3-5 Presentation

Ms. Anne Pumphrey, K-5 Math Coordinator presented the school committee with a presentation about Bridges Math for approval to start utilizing the program as a replacement to EnVision at the Lane School. Ms. Pumphrey stated that currently students at Lane are utilizing Envision (2012 edition) in grades 3-5 and Bridges and Number Corner (2017 edition) are currently being used by students at Davis. During the presentation the following areas were pointed out as reasons for recommending using Bridges Math:

- 2012 version of EnVision is not aligned to MA Frameworks
- Students transitioning between Math programs 2nd to 3rd and again 5th to 6th is not ideal
- Need to align and streamline mathematics language, instructional practices and approach for K-5 students
- Bridges offers strong focus on conceptual understanding
- Aligned intervention component supports all learners
- Supports skills necessary for MCAS success
- Games & Workshop Opportunities built into program
 - Supports building love of math
 - Provides opportunity for critical thinking, problem solving and communication
- Staggered implementation of the Bridges program over the next 3 years allows
 - Minimal disruption/transition for students
 - Support for Teachers and students will be maximized by one grade level shifting to new product each year.

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve to support Bridges implementation at Lane at the cost of 15K

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Santiago	Yes
Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes

5. FY22 Budget Update

Mr. Conrad and Ms. Kirrane presents the following Budget update to school committee. No significant changes have been made since last week's presentation to the school committee in part due to presentation planned for next week. Scenario 1- Maintenance of Effort ("MOE") with an additional \$1.5 million in spending, Scenario 2, with a 1.4 million increase. Still many unknown factor to consider for all budget scenarios such as will additional state or Federal aid be coming, will the virus be better under control as a result of the vaccine, enrollment, transportation, remote learning model option will it be the same or different and how do we plan for it? Will Bedford opt for the LMS services, purchase another state option or create/continue current remote model. Some of these options will need to be negotiated with the BEA?

6. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Conrad presented the School Committee with the following information as part of his Superintendent's Report. Congratulations to Colin O'Toole on the making the all east jazz band. Pool testing data being collected for DESE for potential participation. One school will be the pilot school then the program would be rolled out to all other schools and permission slips will be sent home to all students as a requirement for participation in the pool testing program. Pool testing pilot program would run through March 28th then district would need to pick up the cost to continue the program for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Conrad commented that it was extremely helpful to speak with Watertown Public Schools about the district's experience with pool testing to determine protocols for the collected data, who gets it and how that information gets shared with parents and the general public. In vaccine news it was just reported that teachers will not move up on the Commonwealth's Vaccine Prioritization list to get vaccinated sooner. They will remain in Phase II /Group 3 which means teacher aren't like to be eligible for a vaccine until April which is disappointing. Superintendents' across the state have collectively written a letter to Governor Baker in support of teachers asking that they be moved to the top of the list. Mr. Conrad also presented the following with regards to re-opening:

- Staffing that would be required to bring back mores students in grades 2-5
 - Cost would be \$150K
 - We would need 7-8 teachers
 - Is this an affordable option?

Survey has gone out to families to gather preliminary data on preferences regarding return to school scenarios for students.

7. Minutes

Ms. Scoville made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve minutes from December 22, 2020

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Santiago	Yes
Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes

Mr. Morrison made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve minutes from January 5, 2021

MOTION SECONDED by Ms.Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Santiago	Yes
Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve minutes from January 12, 2021

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Santiago	Yes
Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes

8. Adjournment

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to adjourn at 9:21 p.m., not to reopen.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Santiago	Yes
Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes

Exhibits/Documents

- Bridge Math 3-5 Presentation
- Draft Minutes for December 22, 2020
- Draft Minutes for January 5, 2021
- Draft Minutes for January 12, 2021



School Committee Secretary



Date