

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

April 27, 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 7:02 pm, Ms. Scoville called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Guay, Mr. Morrison, Ms. Santiago, and student representative Ryan Doucette. Mr. Brosgol was absent

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.

Brenda Kenahan

Caribou Street

Ms. Canahan spoke regarding offerings the Bedford Counseling Department seminars and encouraged all parents to join these seminars. Ms. Canahan mentioned that a seminar was taking place tomorrow night.

Shirley Chan

Davis Rd

Ms. Chan spoke in support of Indigenous People's Day being included on the school calendar in place of Columbus Day. Ms. Chan encouraged school committee members to vote in support of this change on the educational value it would have for all students in Bedford.

Erin McCormick

Independence Rd

Ms. McCormick spoke in support of Indigenous People's Day. Ms. McCormick said that changing the name was the right thing to do. Ms. McCormick also spoke about her children's learning experience in Bedford and stated that their success in art we linked to the education about inclusivity and encouragement to accept all cultures. Ms. McCormick encouraged the school to vote in favor of this change.

3. PR Report

Transfers:

Bette Jervinis

1.0 COVID TA

Davis

Jeffrey Green

5 Day COVID Building Sub

Davis

Alyssa Leto	5 Day COVID Building Sub	Davis
Diana White	5 Day COVID Building Sub	Davis
Cynthia Lentros	5 Day COVID Building Sub	Davis
Shyanne Pires	0.2 COVID SPED TA	Lane
Kimberly Parmentier	0.8 EA	Lane
Nicole Pariseau	1.0 SPED Liaison	JGMS
Sarah Barnes	1.0 Adjustment Counselor for LOA	JGMS
<u>Appointments:</u>		
Alexandra Haggarty-Rhan	1.0 SPED TA	Lane
Daniel Taddeo	1.0 Night Custodian	Lane
Ryan Zannoni	1.0 Adjustment Counselor	District
<u>Resignations:</u>		
Christina Avis	1.0 Reading Specialist	Davis
Meghan Barnes	1.0 World Language Teacher	Lane
Andrew Goetschius	1.0 SPED Liaison	JGMS
Meredith Cormier	Building Sub	JGMS
<u>Substitutes:</u>		
Sunkwon Kim	5 Day Building Sub	Lane
Julianne Schochet	Per Diem Sub	District
Lourdes Engel	Per Diem Sub	District
<u>Coaches:</u>		
Benjamin Guth	Varsity Girls Tennis Coach	BHS

4. Field Trip-Camp Cody Outdoor Education- Freedom, NH (October 2021)

Mr. Conrad presented to the school committee members an overview of the field trip request for all sixth grade students to attend Camp Cody Outdoor Education in Freedom, NH in October 2021. This would be the ninth time this field trip has been offered. This an educational and bonding experience for students. Optional activities will be provided for students that do not attend. Scholarships are also available to students. Any and all COVID protocols in place at the time of the trip will be adhered to.

Mr. Morrison made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve the field trip to Camp Cody Outdoor Education, Freedom, NH- October 2021

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

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

5. Indigenous People's Day Vote

School committee members spoke in support of changing Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day to model behavior that is taught to students in the Bedford Public School District.

Ms. Santiago moved that the Bedford Public School Committee support Indigenous People's Day

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

Ms. Santiago Yes

Ms. Guay Yes

Ms. Scoville Yes

Mr. Morrison Yes

6. Spring Sports Update

Mr. Mangan presented school committee members with an update on Spring sports. Mr. Mangan stated that all spring sports will be offered with some modifications such as wrestling to ensure student athletes are spaced out properly and that everyone has an opportunity to practice safely. Students are wearing masks, practicing social distancing as they have been all year. Mr. Mangan thanked the students for adhering to all the guidelines so that everyone could enjoy sports.

7. Special Education Parents Advisory Council (SEPAC)

SEPAC Board members presented the school committee with an update on SEPAC. The explained that the Bedford Special Education Parents Council (SEPAC) serves as a valuable resource for parents, guardians, caretakers and educators of children with disabilities and/or learning challenges as a networking hub to connect with others to share information and offer mutual support. They also explained that all school districts must have a SEPAC group. The board requested the following:

- Collaborative Meeting with the literacy team to provide parent perspective on the district literacy planning headed by Dr. Tricia Clifford.
- Documentation of the process for consistent transparency and delivery of student screening and test scores to parents/caregivers and working on a process to have truant/tardy notices be copied to the special education liaison (in process)
- A presentation to the SEPAC on Bedford's special education process for evaluations (in process)
- Meet with principals, assistant principals, special education administration to establish social inclusion options at each school for students in special education
- Potential development of an American Sign Language class at Bedford High School for 2022-2023 year

8. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Conrad presented to the school committee the following during his Superintendent's Report. Mr. Conrad stated that the commissioner had just released more guidelines in which it was stated that all students need to return to in-person learning by May 17, 2021. Bedford as already returned its students to in-person learning ahead of the date. DESE stated that the class of 2022 will not be required to take MCAS and the certificate of attainment will be transferred after March 20, 2020. Mr. Conrad also mentioned that play could now be used as part of learning and that the principals at Davis and Lane are going over the new guidelines and data for

the best practice for reinstatement. New information from DESE about close contacts. Close contacts within three to six feet will be notified but will not need to quarantine if they were masked and for those people vaccinated this does not apply as long as they followed all other safety protocols. Mr. Conrad congratulated Kevin Tracy on accepting a position as a new principal in the Reading Public School. A search committee will be formed for hiring his replacement. Lane School is in the process of finalizing using Middlesex Community College lot for drop-off and pick-up. Mr. Conrad mentioned color run taking place June 3rd, virtual bingo night, the diversity book club meeting and Lynn Lyons counseling seminars coming up. Per DESE free lunch will continue through the entire school year next year. Students aged 16 -18 can be vaccinated.

9. Minutes

Mr. Morrison made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve minutes from March 23, 2021.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

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

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve minutes from March 30, 2021

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

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

10. Adjournment

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to adjourn at 9:08 p.m., not to reopen.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

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

Exhibits/Documents

SEPAC Presentation

Field Trip- Camp Cody Outdoor Education, Freedom, NH

PR Report

Minutes



School Committee Secretary



Date

