

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
August 24, 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 7:06 p.m., Ms. Scoville called to order the reopening of the Bedford School Committee meeting. Other members present included Mr. Brosgol, Ms. Guay and Mr. Morrison; each member stated their name in a roll call attendance. Ms. Santiago joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Conrad started by saying that Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley asked for authority from the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education that all public school staff and students aged 5 and above wear masks in the school buildings until October 1, 2021. The Board of Health also voted that all inside spaces, public and private schools must wear face coverings. Masking was mandated by both the BOH and DESE.

2. Comments from Public

Michaela McCormack
Evergreen Avenue

Ms. McCormack believes that safety should be prioritized along with education. She suggested that Bedford proceeds with caution with the Delta variant and urged the School Committee to review distancing in the school buildings. She agrees with continued testing, ventilation and symptom checks.

Veneta Greenway
METCO parent, Boston

Ms. Greenway wondered how far in advance of the October 1, 2021 deadline will parents be notified about an extension of the mask mandate. She asked if there were any plans in place for possible worst case scenario situations and stated that she would like to see testing continue.

Jeremy Kaznocha
Dunster Road

Mr. Kaznocha asked the School Committee if there were details about the reopening plan. He hoped that Bedford would take the same precautions as they had the prior year and also hoped there would be proper distancing during lunch and snack time. He would like to see lunches served in the classroom for the upcoming school year.

3. PR Report

Transfers:

Katherine Lindheim
Stephanie Barounis

1.0 Preschool Teacher
1.0 SPED TA

Davis
Davis

Jessica Hoey	1.0 Literacy Specialist	Davis
Karen Poli	Administrative Assistant	Davis
Elizabeth Brosgol	0.9 SPED TA/BA	Davis
Liping Chen	1.0 Grade 2 ESL Teacher	Davis
Michael Fahey	1.0 Grade 4 Teacher	Lane
Lillian Younger	1.0 SPED TA/BT	Lane
Kristina Irvine-Santos	Food Service Worker	Lane
Samantha Redmond	1.0 Grade 5 Teacher (1 year)	Lane
Elizabeth McCarthy	0.5 Adjustment Counselor	JGMS
Serena Danielson	Building Admin. Assist.	JGMS
Yvonne Cormier	Principal's Secretary	JGMS
Hayley Katkowski	1.0 SPED TA	JGMS
Kailey Sparks	1.0 SPED TA	JGMS
Amber Loveless-Patterson	0.6 Building Secretary/0.4 Building Coverage (TA)	BHS

Retirements:

Paula Rochefort	Financial Supervisor	Central
Anthony Ruscito	Technology Teacher	JGMS
Amy Budka	Orchestra/Music Teacher	JGMS
Donna Higson	Building Secretary	BHS
Roseann Ham	Phys Ed Teacher	BHS
David Foster	TA	BHS
Nancy D'Andragora	Food Services	BHS
Sherm Primmerman	Lead Custodian	BHS
Will McColl	Data Compliance Specialist/Webmaster	BHS

Resignations:

Carrie Capell	Speech Teacher Preschool	Davis
Laila Alamni	TA	Davis
Stacy Vallely	Elementary Teacher	Davis
Elizabeth Hoyt	OT	Davis
Lisa Bourgeois	ELL Teacher	Davis
Brooke Anderson	TA	Lane
Vanessa Ferreira	SLPA	Lane
Katie Briggs	Elementary Teacher	Lane
Indigo Fox Tree-McGrath	Field Hockey Coach	JGMS
Kailey Sparks	JV Field Hockey Coach	BHS
Ashley Keppa	Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	BH

Rosemary Hernon	TA	Lane
Jennie Weaver	TA	Lane
Bobbie Anderson	TA	JGMS
Taylor Hawkins	TA	JGMS
Paige MacNeil	TA	JGMS
Nicole Pariseau	SPED Teacher	JGMS
Lauren Matachun	SPLA	JGMS/BHS
Alicia Linsey	Director of Guidance PreK-12	BHS
Stephen Van Arnam	Skill Center Teacher	BHS
Kristin Ferrari	Guidance Admin. Assist.	BHS
Tara McKenna	Latin Teacher	BHS
Anya Kennedy	English Teacher	BHS

Appointments:

Mirella Ruggiero	1.0 TA/BT	Davis
Emma Heslop	Grade 1 Teacher	Davis
Michele Jachowicz	Grade 1 Teacher	Davis
Kayla Smith	0.9 SPED TA/BT	Davis
Ashley Utrup	1.0 Speech Language Therapist Preschool	Davis
Marisa LoCoco	0.9 SPED TA/BT	Davis
Malinda Healey	1.0 SPED TA/BT	Davis
Victoria Norton	0.9 SPED TA/BT	Davis
Danielle Freire	1.0 EA	Davis
Chrissi Oliver	1.0 EA	Davis
Michelle Mogauro	1.0 ESL Teacher K-5	Davis/Lane
Micaela Cunningham	1.0 SPED Teacher	Lane
Amy Rosten	Grade 4 Teacher	Lane
Hannah Bullard	Grade 5 Teacher (COVID 1 year)	Lane
Grace Pyon	1.0 SPED TA (COVID 1 year)	Lane
Alexa Napoli	Grade 4 Teacher (1 yr Assignment)	Lane
Lauren Hart	1.0 Orchestra/General Music Teacher	JGMS
Anders Helgason	Science Teacher	JGMS
Ben Kiline	1.0 SPED TA	JGMS
Dawn Davies	1.0 SPED Liaison	JGMS
Taylor Scoppa	1.0 SPED Liaison	JGMS
Jonathan Hartunian	Principal	JGMS
Kim Doherty	1.0 SPED Liaison	BHS
Lester Eggleston	Director of Guidance PreK-12	BHS
Alan Chang	1.0 School Counselor	BHS
Madison Begin	Athletic Trainer	BHS
Steven Modloch	1.0 Latin Teacher	BHS
Chauncey Williams	1.0 TA/Campus Aide/Supervisor of Students	BHS
Jennifer Valleau	School Adj. Counselor (BRIDGE)	BHS

Substitutes:

Rakhi Naik	5 Day Building Sub	JGMS
Timothy Moore	5 Day Building Sub	JGMS

Coaches:

Elizabeth Cowles	Girls Soccer Coach	JGMS
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4. Fall Reopening Plan 2021-2022

Mr. Conrad said that there is no formal written plan as there was the prior year. He said that protocols will continue and that with the two new mandates from DESE and the Bedford Board of Health, school staff and students will wear masks. Mr. Conrad said that school lunches will be held outside and then in the cafeteria with the exception of the Lane School, where lunch will be eaten in the classroom. Co-mingling will be discouraged and again this year, tents will be set up outside at JGMS. All buildings and additional spaces are in the process of being reviewed if needed as space for lunch. Student health and safety is being prioritized. Social distancing space will look different this year but building principals will be reviewing their buildings for additional options for spacing. Bedford will follow the DOE testing protocols to include pool and diagnostic testing. DESE is an opt-in program for testing and active/passive consent is a voluntary program. Active/passive consent is not an option if we choose the DESE program. On August 20th, an informational seminar was given to help students' access classroom learning from home if they find that they have to quarantine. There will be no remote learning allowed at this point in time.

5. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Conrad started by giving kudos to the METCO students who researched and planned a historical site visit to Nubian Square. He was excited and expressed his congratulations to the students. Mr. Conrad met with the command staff at Hanscom Air Force Base to discuss students of Bedford and Lincoln, he appreciated the opportunity to meet with the Commander, Colonel Katrina Stephens and her staff. He also mentioned that MIAA has a new executive director, Dr. Robert Baldwin saying that Dr. Baldwin has a vast knowledge base and brings a wealth of knowledge to the position.

6. Minutes

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED That the School Committee approve the minutes from the June 22, 2021 School Committee meeting as amended.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Mr. Brosgol Yes

Ms. Guay Yes

Ms. Santiago Yes

Mr. Morrison Yes

Ms. Scoville Yes

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED That the School Committee approve the minutes from the June 30, 2021 School Committee meeting as amended.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Mr. Brosgol Yes

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

7. Adjournment

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the Purpose of Contract Negotiations at 8:42 p.m. not to reopen.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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


 School Committee Secretary


 Date

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