

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 25, 2022

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 7:04 PM, Ms. Scoville called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Guay, Ms. Santiago, Mr. Brosgol, Mr. Morrison, and Student Representative Prakhhar Gupta, Hanscom Representative Sarah McGinley, METCO Representative Madeline Sanabria

2. Public Comment

No comments

3. PR Report

Resignations:

Liana Perl	Finance Admin. Assist/Accounts Payable	District
Jacqueline Johnson	TA/BT Sail	Lane
Alexandra Luciano	TA	Lane
Sandra Turner	Building Administrative Assistant	BHS
Celia Dill	SPED Teacher	BHS

Appointments:

Gillian Chartier	Human Resources Coordinator	District
Jennifer Gonzalez	5 Day Building Sub	Davis
Helen Pulizzi	LTS – Grade 5 Teacher	Lane
Rachel Nazzaro	SPED TA/BT	JGMS
Jonathan Shoemaker	Computer Technician	BHS

Internal Transfers:

Amber Loveless-Patterson	Building Administrative Assistant	BHS
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Substitutes:

Joe Greaney	Per Diem Sub
Emmett O'Brien	Per Diem Sub
Tyler Wilson	Per Diem Sub
Naomi Alperin	Per Diem Sub
Alex Oleksinski	Per Diem Sub
Alia Kalai	Per Diem Sub
Justin McAfee	Per Diem Sub

4. FY23 Open Budget Hearing

Mr. Conrad went through the Budget presentation for the public before the presentation would be made again at the FINCOM meeting on January 27, 2022. At the end of this segment, public comment will be open to the public to ask specific questions about the budget. Some of the highlights from the presentation are:

FY23 Additional Budget Needs

- Additional staff requests limited to mandated special education positions and partial FTEs introduced with a targeted grant
- Non-salary additions include:
 - Continuation of math curriculum adoption at Lane
 - Review and piloting of K-5 SEL curriculum
 - Expenses for the Gymnastics cooperative team
 - Continued access to online curriculum and tools added during the pandemic
 - ASPEN online registration mode

COVID-19 Contingency Planning

- Active and ongoing planning in cooperation with Town government and leadership
- No COVID related costs are included in the FY23 Budget Proposal

FY23 Budget MOE- Operating Expenses

- Departmental budgets are mostly level funded
- Principal's budgets are mostly restored to pre-pandemic levels
- IT contracted services increased- full review of all instructional and administrative tools was conducted
- Facilities contracted services and supplies have above average increases due to supply and demand related issues
- Overall MOE increase in operating expense is 5.8% over FY22

FY23 Total Budget Request

FY22	FY23 Maintenance of Effort			Additional Needs		FY23 Total Budget Request		
Adjusted Budget	FY23 MOE	\$ Change	% Change	FY23 Additional	% Change	FY23 Total	\$ Change	% Change
\$43,630,038	\$45,006,057	\$ 1,376,019	3.2%	\$ 151,033	0.3%	\$45,157,090	\$1,527,051	3.5%

5. FY23 Budget Vote

Public comment was available during this segment of the meeting. No public comments were made or recorded and a vote was then taken by school committee to approve the budget.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept the FY23 budget of \$45,157,090 as presented.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

6. BPS Improvement Plans- 2nd Read

Mr. Conrad asked that the school committee vote to accept all of the school improvement plans that were presented to them at the January 11, 2022 meeting. No vote was taken at that meeting and the committee requires a vote on this matter.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept the Davis Elementary School 21-24 school improvement plan as presented at the January 11, 2022 school committee meeting

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept the Lane Elementary School 21-24 school improvement plan as presented at the January 11, 2022 school committee meeting

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept the JGMS 21-24 school improvement plan as presented at the January 11, 2022 school committee meeting

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept the BHS 21-24 school improvement plan as presented at the January 11, 2022 school committee meeting

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

7. HAFB & METCO School Committee Policies and SC Reps Final read & Vote

Mr. Morrison made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept and approve the revised BB2 policy for the Hanscom Representative appointment to school committee

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brosgol

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept the appointment of Sarah McGinley as the Hanscom Representative to the school committee

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept and approve the revised BB3 policy for the METCO Representative appointment to school committee

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

Mr. Morrison made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept the appointment of Ms. Madeline Sanabria as the METCO Representative to the school committee

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brosgol

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

8. SY23 District Calendar- 2nd Read & Vote

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept the SY23 calendar for an after Labor Day start, which would have school officially start on September 6, 2022.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

9. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Conrad presented the following as part of his Superintendent's Report to the school committee. EDCCO Board held its last meeting, which addressed the settlement of the lease and

approval of moving \$750 K into a sweep account. A sweep account is utilized when a significant overage occurs in a bank account. Funds may be used to offset member costs to the lease settlement. Some towns are in litigation over financial obligations due to EDCCO closing. Bedford Charter sent a letter asking for their contract to be approved early to aid in retention of staff. On January 24, 2022, the district enrolled in the new COVID testing program in conjunction with DESE and the department of health. In the new testing, will be a home kit feature. The goal is to have people testing twice a week. Once during pool testing and once at home. Full details will be shared with families and staff on Friday in Mr. Conrad's weekly letter to families. Pool testing will remain in place as will symptomatic testing. No more, test and stay option. This new testing program will be available until April 28, 2022 and then DESE will reassess. The Parent Diversity Group is sponsoring one more MLK event. Chief Bongiorno announced his retirement. Mr. Conrad would like to invite the chief to a meeting prior to his retirement to thank him for his service.

10. Draft Minutes: Review & Vote

Mr. Morrison made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept the minutes from the January 11, 2022 school committee meeting.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brosgol

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

11. Adjournment

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion at 8:34 PM to adjourn not to re-open in Open Session.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0


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

Exhibits/Documents

Hanscom & METCO School Committee Reps

SY23 District Calendar

FY23 Budget


School Committee Secretary


Date