

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

February 14, 2023

Meeting location:

**LGI Room
and Telecast remotely via ZOOM**

1. Call to Order

At 7:02 PM, Mr. Morrison called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Scoville, Mr. Brosgol, Ms. Guay, Mr. Morrison, Ms. Mehta-Green, Hanscom Representative Sarah McGinley and student representative Elora Syed

2. Public Comment

No comment

3. Field Trip Request

Mr. Conrad presented three different field trip request to the School Committee for consideration and approval. These field trips have taken place and gotten approval in the past from the committee.

DECA, Boston, MA – 3/9-3/11/2023 – Justine Flora

Take Flight, Kittery, ME – 5/15-5/16/2023

Nature's Classroom, Freedom, NH – 10/25-10/27/2023 – Nadine Coletta

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The school committee approves the DECA in Boston for March 9 to March 11, 2023 at no cost to the district.**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The school committee approves the field trip to Take Flight in Kittery, MA from May 15 to May 16, 2023 at no cost to the district**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The school committee approves the field trip to Nature's Classroom in Freedom, NH from October 25 to October 27. 2023 at no cost to the district.**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

4. Superintendent's Goals- 2nd Read & Vote

Mr. Conrad provided a brief statement about a requested change from the school committee had made to his goals at a previous meeting. A revote was taken by the committee to accept the amended document.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The school committee accepts the goals as amended**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

5. Residency policy 1st Read

Mr. Conrad informed the school committee that the current residency policy has not been update since 2004 and the proposed changes where necessary to remain in compliance with state law. Legal has reviewed the policy and revisions and agrees with the changes being proposed.

6. School Choice Vote- annual vote to participate or not participate in School Choice

Mr. Conrad read the current Bedford School Choice Policy. Although this is an annual vote the policy was read so a new member had all the details prior to the vote. The policy reads in a part the following:

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It is the policy of this school district to not admit non-resident students under the terms and conditions of the Interdistrict School Choice Law (M.G.L. 76:12B). This decision will be reaffirmed each school year prior to June 1st by a vote of the School Committee following a public hearing. In the event the Bedford Public School Committee votes to participate, the following local conditions would apply.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The school committee votes to not participate in school choice for the 2023-2024 school year**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green

MOTION APPROVED 4-1-0

Ms. Guay	abstain
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

7. FY24 Budget

Mr. Conrad gave a brief presentation to the school committee to explain revisions that were made to the FY24 Budget at the School Committee Chairs' request to revise the budget to meet the 3.5% Finance Committee guideline, revised documents were provided for review for re-approval by School Committee.

The reduction was achieved by removing the reserve teacher and the \$150,000 for out-of-district tuition from the budget. These needs will be met via a reserve fund transfer request to the Finance Committee anticipated in June 2024, based on final expenditures. The remaining approximately \$20K in savings was achieved by increasing the amount of Circuit Breaker offset used in the budget. The revised budget will be re-presented to the town Finance Committee on Thursday, February 16, 2023.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The school committee approves the revised FY24 budget to meet the 3.5% guideline of the Finance Committee.**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

8. Superintendent Report

Mr. Conrad shared the following details during his Superintendent report to the School Committee. School Counselor Week is February 6-February 10. Congratulations to BHS student Natalie Lewis, class of 2017 on winning the Houston Grand Opera. Vertical Concert is tomorrow night, BSU event happening on Thursday, BEF White and Black Birthday event is happening on Saturday March 4th. School committee members save the dates for 3/14 METCO meeting in Boston, and May 9 meeting at Hanscom. Mr. Conrad thanked BHS administrators and teachers for the quick response to the graffiti incident that took place last week to ensure the incident was dealt with swiftly and those responsible were identified.

9. Superintendent Search Update

Mr. Morrison gave a brief status check as to what was happening and where we are in the Superintendent search process. School committee is working to get to know each candidate. Forums for teachers/administration/community are being planned and held as we speak. Anyone interested in getting more information about the candidates or viewing meeting that have been held via ZOOM can go to the Superintendent Search website for answers. Comments from the public need to be made by close of business tomorrow. The committee will review all comments. School committee will be checking references for all candidates for a review and vote on next steps that need to take place.

10. Minutes

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The school committee votes to approve the minutes with noted edits for January 17, 2023**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

Ms. Guay made the following motion: **The school committee votes to approve the minutes with noted edits for January 24, 2023**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: **The school committee votes to approve the minutes with noted edits for February 2, 2023**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

11. Adjournment

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **8:00 PM to adjourn into Executive Session for Purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining not to reopen to the public.**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

Exhibits/Documents

Residency Policy

Field trips- DECA, Take Flight, Nature's Classroom

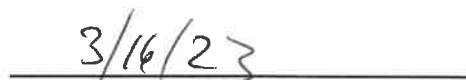
Minutes

Superintendents Goals

School Choice



School Committee Secretary



Date

