

## **BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**March 14, 2023**

**Meeting location:**

**Telecast remotely via ZOOM**

### **1. Call to Order**

At 7:03 PM, Mr. Morrison called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Scoville, Mr. Brosgol, Mr. Morrison, Ms. Mehta-Green, and Sarah McGinley

### **2. Public Comment**

No comment

### **3. Bedford METCO History**

METCO Director, Akil Mondesir shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Bedford/METCO relationship that is approaching its 50<sup>th</sup> year of collaboration. The presentation showed the Bedford/METCO connection through news clippings, music and testimonials from past alumni. Some of whom returned to Bedford to teach or support the district in many ways. Mr. Mondesir spoke about his own experiences with the METCO program as a student, then as an employee and now as a parent. The presentation showed the many changes that have taken place since 1974 and it lead to a conversation about what is happening now and what the program/partnership might look like in the coming years.

### **4. Residency Policy-2<sup>nd</sup> Read & Vote**

Mr. Conrad took a few moments to review the proposed changes to the Residency Policy as it was previously discussed at the last School Committee Meeting. The proposed changes and updates are to ensure the district complies with state and local law.

Ms. McGinley made the following motion: **The school committee votes to approve the proposed changes to the Bedford Public Schools Residency policy**

**MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brosgol**

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

<b>Ms. McGinley</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Scoville</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Brosgol</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Morrison</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms.Mehta-Green</b>	<b>Yes</b>

### **5. LABB-Review of collective agreement-1<sup>st</sup> Read**

Mr. Conrad presented to the School Committee the proposed changes to the LABBB agreement that are legally necessary to allow Waltham Public Schools to join. Mr. Conrad explained that with the addition of Waltham Public School the vocational component that is not currently available to our

students would become available with this addition. Mr. Conrad also stated that new disillusion language was added to this new agreement as to not have a repeat of what happened a year ago when Acton Public School withdrew from the collaborative group. All districts in the agreement must be within close proximity to one another. It took five months to get to this new agreement and it will go into effect on July 1, 2023. A vote by School Committee members will be needed at a future meeting to accept the proposed changes presented this evening.

## **6. Superintendent Report**

Mr. Conrad shared the following during his Superintendent's report to the School Committee. As everyone is aware today was a snow day. Tomorrow we will resume our regular school schedule. Mr. Conrad wanted to remind the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students that today was Pi day. Just like in the book, they had read with him. Chicago-Teen edition will be performing this week at BHS. Stem Night will be held on Thursday night at Davis. JGMS will hold its Tenacity Challenge this weekend. Student art show will be happening until April 1, 2023 at Lexart. Destination Imagination was held last weekend. We had 28 DECA representatives this year and from that we had 7 state winners and 3 finalist.

## **7. Election of Vice Chair of the School Committee**

Mr. Morrison congratulated both Sarah McGinley on her appointment to School Committee and Sarah Scoville's win at re-election to School Committee. Due the vacancy of Ms. Guay, Mr. Morrison asked for nominations from the board to elect a member to the Vice Chair position. Ms. Mehta-Green nominated Mr. Brosgol. Mr. Morrison also stated that both the MECTO and Hanscom representative positions would need to be filled. Anyone interested should submit a letter of interest to Mr. Conrad by March 25, 2023 and a vote would take place on March 28, 2023

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: **The school committee votes to elect Mr. Dan Brosgol as the new Vice Chair.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. McGinley**

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

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

## **8. Minutes**

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: **The school committee votes to approve the minutes with noted edits for February 28, 2023**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville**

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

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

**9. Adjournment**

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **8:33 PM to adjourn into Executive Session for the Purpose to Conduct Strategy Sessions in Preparation for Negotiations with Nonunion Personnel, Superintendent Candidate, not to reopen to the public.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green**

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

<b>Ms. McGinley</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Scoville</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Brosgol</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Morrison</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Mehta-Green</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Exhibits/Documents**

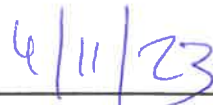
**METCO Presentation**

**Residency Policy**

**LABBB agreement**

**Draft Minutes**

  
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**School Committee Secretary**

  
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