

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

March 28, 2023

Meeting location:

LGI Room and 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, Ms. Mehta-Green, and Sarah McGinley

2. Public Comment

Susan Digani

19 Robinson Drive

Ms. Digani thanked everyone for all they do for Bedford students and then spoke about the recent job description for a Guidance Counselor. Ms. Digani asked if the person could be assigned to BHS to assist students with their post-secondary needs. Ms. Digani also asked if BHS could get back to announcing college fairs and hosting college fairs, support students going into the workforce. Ms. Digani mentioned that more of these supports were in place prior to COVID-19 and she feels all students at BHS would benefit from more support in this area.

Holly Munsie

3 Lexington Circle

Ms. Munsie asked for more post-secondary support for students at BHS. Ms. Munsie stated that surrounding towns are doing more to support students in this area. Ms. Munsie stated that BHS students might have missed opportunities to participate in area college fairs had the information been shared with students and families. Ms. Munsie shared that in doing her own research college fairs are a way for students to connect with college recruiter and admissions staff, which could in turn help in the admissions process.

3. PR Report

Appointments:

Madeline Berman	Per Diem Substitute	District
Alejandro Mango	LTS Spanish Teacher	BHS
Stephanie Santiago-Torres	AAC Teach Assistant	BHS

Resignations:

Deborah Osborn	LTS Counselor	JGMS
Kelly McNamara	School Psychologist	JGMS
Doug Ward	METO EA	Lane

Retirements:

Donna Naugler	Admin Assistant	Central
Maryellen Schissler	Preschool Spec Ed Teacher	Davis

4. Field Trip: DECA International Completion-Orlando, FL , April 22-26, 2023

Mr. Conrad and Ms. Flora spoke with School Committee about the process the students have gone through to be successful to attend the DECA National Competition in Florida. Ms. Flora spoke highly of the program and all the students that have participated this year in the competition. Ms. Flora explained that students signed up to participate and that local and regional competitions were held and 28 BHS student's advances to the state competition. Seven students won and three were finalist. M. Flora mentioned that 800 students from Massachusetts will be going to Nationals and seven of those students will represent BHS.

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: **The school committee votes to approve the field trip to DECA International Completion in Orlando, Florida from April 22-April 26, 2023 at no cost to the district.**

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

5. Job Description: Administrative Assistant SPED- 1st Read

Mr. Conrad presented to the School Committee the proposed changes to the Administrative Assistant job description due to the pending retirement of the current Administrative Assistant. Mr. Conrad explained also that this position is not in a contracted unit. Mr. Conrad stated a vote would need to be taken on the changes at the next meeting.

6. LABBB: Review of Collective Agreement-2nd Read

Mr. Conrad asked School Committee members if they had any further questions about the proposed LABBB agreement that had been presented to them at the last meeting. Any member made no further questions or suggestions and a vote was taken.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The school committee votes to approve the proposed changes to the LABBB Collaborative agreement as presented.**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

7. BHS Program of Studies Changes

Ms. Galante, Mr. Hudder and Mr. Casey presented to the School Committee details of the proposed changes to the BHS Course of studies for the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Galante stated that no substantial changes were being made to the course of studies but she stated that a lot of texted was updated to better correlate with the actual offering of courses, as they exist currently. A few course were combined and a few new offerings were added after taking into consideration student requests and suggestions for course offerings. At the end of the presentation School Committee members felt they could take a vote to approve the changes as they were presented.

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: **The school committee votes to accept proposed changed to the BHS course of studies as presented.**

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. Superintendent Report

Mr. Conrad presented the following to the School Committee during his superintendent's report. Mr. Conrad began by sharing a news on the historic Eleazer Davis document. Mr. Conrad shared a picture of the document believed to be from 1759. The document will be replicated and displayed in the Superintendent's office and the original will be archived and kept at the Town Hall. Mr. Conrad reminded parents that in light of yesterday's events that the safety study is ongoing with a report forth coming and updates would begin on July 1st. Mr. Conrad announced that in Town news Sarah Stanton was leaving and wanted to personally thank her for her partnership with the district during her tenure. Our 1st ever talent and variety show will be held at BHS. April is military child month; wear purple on April 14, Passover is also fast approaching. Happy Passover to all that celebrate. April is also Autism awareness month. JGMS is presenting Frozen Jr and tickets are still available. On Saturday 40 local schools will participate in the women and science competition. Spring paving will be happening soon on South Road. The impact to the schools should be minimal as it is slated to start during the break. New sign at Lane. Last weekend was the middle school tenacity challenge and it was a huge success for the 17 teams that participated.

9. Minutes

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The school committee votes to approve the minutes with noted edits for March 14, 2023**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. McGinley	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes

Ms.Mehta-Green Yes

10. Adjournment

Ms. McGinley made the following motion: **8:37 PM to adjourn into Executive Session for the Purpose to Conduct Strategy Sessions in Preparation for Negotiations with Non-union Personnel, Superintendent Candidate, not to reopen to the public.**

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brosgol

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. McGinley Yes

Ms. Scoville Yes

Mr. Brosgol Yes

Mr. Morrison Yes

Ms.Mehta-Green Yes

Exhibits/Documents

Field Trip: DECA International Completion

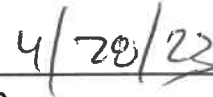
LABBB agreement

PR Report

Draft Minutes

BHS Course of Studies Changes


School Committee Secretary


Date