

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

September 26, 2023

Meeting location:

Bedford Town Hall – Reed Room (10 Mudge Way) and Telecast remotely via ZOOM

1. Call to Order

At 7:00 PM, Mr. Brosgol called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Mr. Morrison, Ms. Scoville, Ms. McGinley, Ms. Metha-Green, Hanscom Representative Kim Howell, and Student Representative Shreyes Shivappa

2. Public Comment

No comments

3. Minutes

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: The School Committee votes to approve the draft minutes with suggested edits on August 29, 2023

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: The School Committee votes to approve the draft minutes with suggested edits for September 12, 2023.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

4. Personnel Report

Appointments:

Erica Fontaine	LTS Assistant Principal	Davis
Susan Bairos	Elementary Teacher	Davis
Estephany Arreaga	Education Assistant	Davis
Roseanne Ham	LTS PE	Davis

Brittany Medeiros	Food Service Worker	Davis
Renee Georgette	SPED Liaison	JGMS
Neeti Bharatan	Behavior Technician	JGMS
Lia Pantaleo	LTS OT	JGMS
Andrew Lavoie	Per Diem Sub	JGMS
Keri Kelleher	SPED Liaison	BHS
Allison Connelly	Library Media Specialist	BHS
Louise D’Amato	Special Education PA	BHS
Cheryl Felix-Flender	LTS Spec Ed Teacher	BHS
Jennifer Scarano	ELL Teacher	District
Kathryn Sarsfield	Per Diem Sub	District
Gail Black Smith	Per Diem Sub	District
Jessica Scotti	Per Diem Sub	District
Arzu Richard	Per Diem Sub	District

Resignations:

Jennifer Gonzalez	Teaching Assistant	Davis
Katherine Rotman	Teaching Assistant	Davis
Christine Magoon	Library Media Specialist	BHS
Courtney Barrett	Spec Ed Teacher	BHS

5. School Committee Liaison Assignments

The following School Committee members confirmed their roles as liaison to the following organizations:

Mr. Brosgol—Bedford Common, Planning Board

Ms. McGinley—Bedford Youth and Family Services

Ms. Scoville—Bedford Community Partnership

6. FY24 Budget Update

Ms. Kirrane asked the School Committee to approve the transfer within the expense budgets as listed below for FY24. Budget transfers have been made in all pertinent accounts and the budget summary reflects the adjustments to-date. A brief discussion was had amongst School Committee members before a vote was taken.

Major Expense Category	FY24 Approved Budget	FY24 Adjusted Budget	Difference
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Salary	\$38,626,615	\$38,545,920	-\$80,695	\$2,964,589
Operating Expense	\$2,933,894	\$30,695	\$3,045,561	\$0
Special Ed - Out of District	\$3,045,561			\$1,377,720
Tuition (net) Regular	\$1,377,720			\$0
Transportation	\$753,798			\$803,798
Special Ed Transportation				\$50,000
Total FY24 Operating Budget	\$46,737,588	\$46,737,588 \$0		

Mr. Morrison made the following motion: **The School Committee approve the FY24 Adjusted Budget as provided.**

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brosgol
MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

- Ms. Scoville** Yes
- Mr. Morrison** Yes
- Ms. McGinley** Yes
- Mr. Brosgol** Yes
- Ms. Metha-Green** Yes

7. Safety Camera Policy-1st Read

Mr. Chuang previewed the proposed ECAF policy, which clearly stated that the Bedford School Committee and the Bedford Public Schools are working to maintain a safe and secure environment for students, staff, and visitors. Security is in all building goes beyond locks on doors. Security means minimizing hazards, fire, keeping records and valuables in a safe place as well as protection against vandalism and burglary. This policy is meant to have everyone’s best interest at hand to all reasonable steps to protect property and people in all buildings. A lengthy discussion took place to discuss all aspects of this new policy and provide clarification to the member and the public at large prior to the policy going into effect.

Mr. Chuang did state that training would be set up for all staff and appropriate personnel once the policy goes into effect. Ms. Galante and Mr. Casey spoke briefly about the welcomed support having cameras placed in and around BHS would help solve issues that have been on the rise at BHS. An example of such incidents happened today with a fire alarm being pulled and a number of thefts being reported. Ms. Galante and Mr. Casey they cameras would help them solves these types of issue more quickly and help with tying up resources from the Police and Fire Department. The students are also in favor having cameras installed around the building.

8. FY23 Annual Town Report

Mr. Chuang presented and went over the draft submittal for the Town Report. Mr. Chuang mentioned that the Town asked that picture be submitted separately and that those pictures would

be used throughout the report in the final draft. School Committee members asked clarifying question about certain aspects of the report and asked for some minor edits to be made prior to a vote being taken at the next meeting. Mr. Chuang stated that the suggested edits would be made and the report represented to the committee for vote at the next meeting. No vote was take on the draft presented for tonight’s meeting.

9. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Chuang presented the following to School Committee during his Superintendent Report. Mr. Chuang stated he enjoyed his first Bedford Day and took part in many of the activities on the day. Mr. Chuang did his first trail walk today and had some good feedback from those that participated. Update on the families housed at Bedford Plaza- we currently have 41 students registered with more student registrations taking place tomorrow afternoon. Vaccinations and physicals are underway for children housed at the plaza. Currently we have 75 adults attending EL classes on Tuesday evenings. State has assigned more agents to ensure families are getting all their needs met in a timely manner. Teachers and staff continue to be support and are doing all they can to support all new students in the district.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Metha-Green made the following motion: **To adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm not to reopen to the public.**

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

Exhibits/Documents

- Draft Minutes**
- PR Report**
- FY24 Budget**
- Safety Camera Policy**
- FY23 Annual Town Report**

School Committee Approved: October 10, 2023