

**BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**November 14, 2023**

**Meeting location:**

**Select Board Room-10 Mudge Way and Telecast remotely via ZOOM**

**1. Call to Order**

At 7:01 PM, Mr. Brosgol called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Mr. Morrison, Ms. Mehta-Green, Ms. Scoville, Ms. McGinley, METCO Representative Ms. Williams, Hanscom Representative Ms. Howell, and Student Representative Shreyes Shivappa

**2. Student Presentation: Video and Drum Major Reflection on Marching Band Competition**

BHS students and drum majors, Evan Kelly and Shreyes Shivappa shared a competition video with School Committee members. At the conclusion of the video, the students stated that they had won a silver medal at this completion. The students went on to say how they have enjoyed their time participating in Marching Band and how they have created their own little community that is welcoming, encouraging and supportive. They spoke about how the program is beginning to grow and that more students from JGMS are now participating which will help the program over time. They thanked POMS for helping to raise money for new uniforms that were badly needed.

**3. Public Comment**

No comment

**4. Minutes**

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: The School Committee votes to approve the draft minutes with suggested edits on October 24, 2023

**MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison**

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

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

**5. Naming Irene Parker Foyer at Bedford High School- Vote**

School Committee members briefly discussed the request of renaming of the BHS foyer. No changes or objections were made to the item that had been presented to them at the October 24, 2023 meeting. The committee then took a vote.

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: The School Committee names the front foyer at the cafeteria entrance at Bedford High School the Irene Parker Foyer in accordance with School Committee Policy FF-Naming New Facilities.

**MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison**  
**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

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

**6. FY25 Budget Update- Enrollment Basis for FY25**

Ms. Kirrane and Mr. Chuang presented the following to School Committee during their presentation. Bedford Public Schools uses enrollment projections in the planning of the next years budget. Enrollment projections for the 2024-25 school year are the basis for the school districts maintenance of effort (MOE) / level services budget. The projection for grades K-12 in the 2024-25 school year are as follows:

With changing enrollment trends beginning in the Fall 2020, Bedford has been experiencing lower enrollments at the elementary level. Bedford is not unique to these trends that are included statewide data. The district has developed internal projections based on standard projection to predict future grade cohorts based on past averages.

Projecting enrollment for the upcoming year presents a greater challenge than usual due to the emergency homeless shelter that opened in Bedford in August 2023. The projections do incorporate the increase in enrollment but the impact on enrollment projection is still unknown. We are currently receiving additional state and federal funding to cover the emergent needs of these students and families, and these additional expenses are budgeted separately from the FY25 operating budget proposal.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Chuang presented the following items during his Superintendent's report to the School Committee. Entry plan continues to go well. Meeting with many people informally also doing informal observations, visiting with students. Engaging with community and others through participating and attending events throughout the school community and Town. Cheer Team is preparing for Regional competitions. Preliminary results from survey will be forthcoming. Emergency Shelter update- Plaza Hotel is very close to capacity. Advocating for funds at the State. A large number of the residents participated in the event to work obtain working papers.

SPED Data- MCAS update since last meeting we are doing well. Our SPED students are well with the range of other students in the State. Literacy Update- team has been meeting to address concerns. Capital Expenditure request- Phase II Security-Camera acceleration concern about acceleration-warranty language door access control- may not be able to be install cameras as discussed at the

last meeting. Use of non-Capital funds or get Town approval because of the binding language in the warranty we must comply with the law.

**7. Adjournment**

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: **To adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations. Not to reopen to the public.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. McGinley**

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

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

**Exhibits/Documents**

**Draft Minutes-October 24, 2023**

**SC Memo- Irene Parker Vote**

**SC Memo FY25 Budget Update**

**School Committee Approved**

**Date: November 28, 2023**