

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

December 19, 2023

Meeting location:

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

1. Call to Order

At 7:02 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, Hanscom Representative Ms. Howell, and Student Representative Shreyes Shivappa

2. Student Presentation: Music Performing Arts

Ms. O’Toole, K-12 PD Performing Arts made a video presentation to the school committee showcasing several student musical performances that had taken place throughout the year.

3. Public Comment

No comments

4. Minutes

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: The School Committee votes to approve the draft minutes with suggested edits on November 20, 2023

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

5. Personnel Report (will be provided every other month)

Appointments:

Samantha Bates	TA/BT 11/28/2023	Davis
Rosemarie DaSilva	TA/BT 12/01/2023	Davis
Mary Mwaura	TA/BT 12/11/2023	Davis
Laura McGinness	LTS Spec Ed Liaison 12/08/2023	Lane
Lydia Ortiz	LTS TA/BT 12/08/2023	Lane
Heather Coopriдер	AAC TA 12/04/2023	BHS
Seneque Pascal	ELL TA 12/18/2023	BHS
Abby Morrisey	PD Sub 12/01/2023	District
Korina Vallerand	Admin Asst - Facilities 12/18/2023	District

Nina Tate	PD Sub 12/11/2023	District
Anabella Blando	PD Sub 12/11/2023	District
Sophia Morrissey	PD Sub 12/11/2023	District
Matthew Mulligan	PD Sub 12/11/2023	District
Chloe Melvin	PD Sub 12/11/2023	District
Sophia Seldon	PD Sub 12/11/2023	District
Kimberly Santos	PD Sub Food Services 12/11/2023	District
Alexandria Zorn	PD Sub 12/18/2023	District
Sabrina Harris	PD Sub 12/18/2023	District
<u>Resignations:</u>		
Kenneth Luongo	LTS Spec Ed Teacher 12/1/2023	BHS
<u>Retirements:</u>		
Melissa Hegarty	Teacher 6/14/2024	Davis
Lawrence Sheinfeld	Teacher 6/14/2024	BHS

6. Gifts & Grants-Vote

Superintendent Chuang presented the School Committee with a list of the gifts, donations and grants that have been receive thus far and thanked all who have so generously given to the district.

Grants, gifts, donations made

- Bedford Rotary Club-\$3,000
- Bedford Stop & Shop-Pumpkins
- Bedford Education Foundation-Eight grants to teachers-\$8,629.69
- FY24 State Grant FY24 Award Amount-Student Cell Phone Pilot Program- \$25,000
- Special Ed IDEA-B Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Program Federal Grant-\$23,040

Ms. McGinley made the following motion: That the School Committee accept the grants, gifts and donations as presented.

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

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

7. SY25 Draft District Calendar- 1st read & vote

Superintendent Chuang and the committee discussed the proposed FY25 calendar. No major objections or concerns were raised. Mr. Chuang did bring to the committees attention that due when the holidays fall next year it was necessary to extend the usual break by a few days. A few minor edits were suggested. No vote taken.

FY25 Budget Presentation

Superintendent Chuang presented his proposed FY25 Budget to the School Committee. Mr. Chuang highlighted some of the following areas during his presentation. A more in depth line by line presentation will be presented at the next School Committee meeting.

- Uphold the high standard of excellence and inclusive access to educational opportunities
- Position the district to attract and retain a high quality educator workforce
- The proposed FY25 budget is \$49.5M and includes a \$2.8M increase, which is a 6% increase from FY24.
- The creation of a Special Education Stabilization Fund of \$950K for multi-year use
- A one-time reserve fund transfer of ~\$210K for one-time costs related to the new literacy program
- FY25 Budget Enrollment Planning
- Lower elementary enrollment projected again in FY25 (an estimated decrease of 18 students)
- To meet SC class size guidelines, Davis will require 24 classrooms (an increase of 1 class) and Lane will need 23 classes (a decrease of 2 classes)
- Secondary enrollment increases by an estimated 11 students
- School Committee established class size guidelines are maintained

8. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Chuang spoke about the recent hate/violence that took place at JGMS. Mr. Chuang stated that all events such as this one are taken very seriously, investigated and used as teachable moments for both students and staff. Events such as these are very disappointing. More information will be shared in his Friday letter.

9. Chair's Remarks

School Committee Chairperson, Mr. Brosgol informed the other members of the School Committee and the public at large, that he would recuse himself from all negotiations involving bargaining units A and B moving forward as a member of his family was part of the current negotiations. Mr. Brosgol also stated that he would not be running to maintain his seat on the School Committee so he may pursue a position as a Select Board Member.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: **To adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Unit A and Unit B Contract Negotiations with the Bedford Education Association. Not to reopen to the public.**

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

Exhibits/Documents

Draft Minutes-December 19, 2023

FY25 District Calendar-Draft

Gifts & Grants

Budget Presentation

School Committee Approved

Date: January 9, 2024