

**BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**March 2, 2020**  
**John Glenn Middle School Library**

**1. Call to Order**

At 5:15 p.m., Ms. Santiago called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Others in attendance included Dan Brosgol, Ann Guay, Sarah Scoville, Brad Morrison, Jon Sills, Superintendent of Schools, Julie Kirrane, Director of Finance for Schools and Sarah Stanton, Town Manager.

**2. Comments from the Public**

Erica Callahan and Colleen Garrett, parents of Bedford students who are active in Bedford SEPAC and are parents of students on Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) raised concerns about student/provider ratios for Speech and Language Pathologists (SLPs) and Occupational Therapists (OTs) at Davis and Lane Schools. In support of these concerns, Ms. Callahan provided a document, which compared and contrasted these ratios in Bedford, with Concord, Lexington and Billerica. According to the notes of the document, sources for the data included Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education web site and school websites. While the parents welcome training for reading teachers in Orton Gillian methodology, both also raised concerns about Bedford's decision to utilize a 3:1 consult model under which students receive services three weeks on and one week off of certain special education services. Ms. Callahan and Ms. Garrett requested that the district look into the matter and consider hiring additional SLPs and OTs.

**3. School Bus Video Camera Policy – First Reading**

Superintendent Sills recommends the installation of video cameras on specific school buses with routes in Bedford and Boston to improve safety and security for students riding buses and proposed a new written policy for the Bedford Public School Student Handbook allowing the Pilot Program.

Mr. Morrison raised a concern about police having access to bus video and protection of privacy. He also asked for clarification on process for storing video files. Mr. Morrison asked about frequency of complaints, outcomes, patterns and how district will measure evidence of improvement.

Mr. Brosgol raised a concern about retention of tapes for only fourteen days and pointed out that some incidents might not be reported right away.

Ms. Santiago asked how buses would be chosen. Superintendent Sills explained that the cameras would be installed and were not portable. Buses on longer runs with history of complaints will have cameras installed if the policy approved. Ms. Santiago also asked for clarification on approximate date of planned installation and duration of Pilot Program. Ms. Kirrane stated cameras would be installed in the middle of the fall 2020.

Ms. Scoville asked operational questions including role of bus driver.

Ms. Guay recommended that language regarding access to video by law enforcement officials be changed from shall to may. She also raised concerns about how buses will be selected and proposed that cameras be installed on all buses or no buses to avoid any appearance of bias and to notify every family who rides these buses about their installation.

**4. Superintendent Search Update**

JoAnn Santiago provided an update on the status of the superintendent search. Interviews were on going and were scheduled to continue after the School Committee Meeting.

**5. Adjournment**

Ms. Guay made the following motion:

**MOVED: Motion to Adjourn into Executive Session Not to Re-Open for the Purpose of Contract Negotiations at 5:48 p.m.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison**

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0**


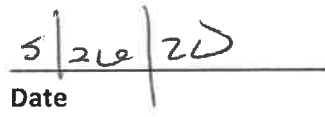
Mr. Brosgol Yes

Ms. Santiago Yes

Ms. Scoville Yes

Mr. Morrison Yes

Ms. Guay Yes

   
School Committee Secretary Date

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**Exhibits/Documents**

- Elementary School Speech and Occupational Therapists document created by Erica Callahan dated 3/2/20 and introduced during the Public Comment Period
- Bedford Public Schools School Bus Video Camera Policy