

**Bedford School Committee
Minutes of
Open Meeting
July 23, 2012**

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Bedford School Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Bickford at 7:35 am. Members present were, Ms. O’Gara, Ms. Seibert, Mr. Hafer and Mr. Pierce.

2. Approval of Policies.

Ms. Seibert made the following motion.

Moved: That the School Committee approve the Nondiscrimination policy attached as part of the meeting documents.

Motion Seconded Ms. O’Gara

Motion Approved 5-0

Ms. Seibert made the following motion.

Moved: That the School Committee approve the Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex policy attached as part of the meeting documents.

Motion Seconded Ms. O’Gara

Motion Approved 5-0

Ms. Seibert made the following motion.

Moved: That the School Committee approve as amended the Equal Employment Opportunity policy attached as part of the meeting documents.

Motion Seconded Ms. O’Gara

Motion Approved 5-0

Ms. Seibert made the following motion.

Moved: That the School Committee approve as amended the Equal Educational Opportunities policy attached as part of the meeting documents.

Motion Seconded Ms. O’Gara

Motion Approved 5-0

Ms. Seibert made the following motion.

Moved: That the School Committee approve the Student to Student policy attached as part of the meeting documents.

Motion Seconded Ms. O'Gara

Motion Approved 5-0

3. Approval for Contracts over \$25,000.

Richard Jones discussed four projects that he will be awarding over the summer time in order to complete certain energy upgrades at three of the schools. One was an \$66,830 Davis lighting upgrade. A second was a \$60,737 lighting upgrade at JGMS. The third and fourth projects both involved boilers, one at JGMS for \$81,096 and the other at the High School for \$37,322. Given the summer schedules of the committee members it is not always feasible to schedule a meeting to get sign off on these agreements and then schedule the work to be completed before school starts. Therefore as in past years the Committee has granted authority to the Chair of the School Committee to sign for contracts over \$25,000 on their behalf during the summer and has also granted authority to the Superintendent to sign contracts for amounts between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Mr. Pierce made the following motion.

Moved: That the School Committee authorize the Chair of the School Committee to sign the contracts for the Davis Lighting Upgrade, the JGMS lighting upgrade and the boiler agreements at both the High School and JGMS on behalf of the School Committee.

Motion Seconded Ms. Seibert

Motion Approved 5-0

Mr. Pierce made the following motion.

Moved: That the School Committee, between now and September 1, 2012, authorize the Superintendent of Schools the authority to sign contracts between \$10,000 and \$25,000 on behalf of the School Committee.

Motion Seconded Mr. Hafer

Motion Approved 5-0

4. The Bus Radios

The radios on the buses will need updating because of a narrowing of the band on which they transmit effective January 1, 2013. Per the contract we are responsible for maintaining the radios. The cost to update the radios is \$12,521.30 and we may be able to use money from the custodial rental account to cover the cost.

Ms. O’Gara made the following motion.

Moved: That the School Committee approve the use of \$12,521.30 for the purchase and installation of the communication radios in the School buses.

Motion Seconded Mr. Pierce

Motion Approved 5-0

5. Adjourn to Executive Session

Ms. O’Gara made the following motion.

Moved: That the School Committee adjourn at 8:11 am to Executive Session for purposes of contract bargaining strategy with regards to the contracts with the Bedford Custodial/Maintenance Organization and The Bedford School Secretaries and to reopen in Open Meeting.

Motion Seconded Ms. Seibert

Roll Call Vote

Ms. Seibert	Yes
Ms. O’Gara	Yes
Mr. Pierce	Yes
Mr. Hafer	Yes
Ms. Bickford	Yes

Motion Approved 5-0

6. Reconvene in Open Meeting

Ms. Bickford reconvened Open Meeting at 8:36 A.M. Those present included Ms. O’Gara, Mr. Hafer, and Mr. Pierce.

7. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Hafer mentioned that he had been approached about the Schools’ policy for naming fields and he would like more information on the history and policy of naming fields.

8. Adjourn

Ms. O’Gara made the following motion

Moved: That the School Committee adjourn at 8:39 am.

Motion seconded by Mr. Hafer

Roll Call Vote

Ms. O’Gara	Yes
Mr. Pierce	Yes
Mr. Hafer	Yes
Ms. Bickford	Yes

Motion Approved 4-0

School Committee Secretary

Date

EXHIBITS

Non-Discrimination Policy

Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Sex Policy

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

Equal Educational Opportunities Policy

Student-to-Student Harassment Policy

David Coelho Memo Dated July 19, 2012 Regarding Radios for Buses

Richard Jones Memo Dated July 19, 2012 Regarding Authority to Sign Contracts