

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

February 8, 2022

Live Virtual Online Meeting using ZOOM Audio/Video Conference Software

*** Due to the COVID-19 Crisis, this meeting was live-streamed over the internet using ZOOM video/audio conferencing software in order to adhere with social distancing measures put in place by Governor Baker. This meeting was open to the public for live chat during Public Comment.*

1. Call to Order

At 7:03 PM, Ms. Scoville called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Guay, Ms. Santiago, Mr. Brosgol, Mr. Morrison, and Student Representative Prakhar Gupta, Hanscom Representative Sarah McGinley

2. Public Comment

No comments

3. Gift Acceptance- Donation to Special Education at Davis Elementary

Mr. Conrad presented to the school committee the letter he received from Ms. Tara O'Laughlin a Davis Parent, for a donation in the amount of \$715.00 to the Special Education Department at the Davis Elementary School. Ms. O'Laughlin would like her donation to be used specifically to support the Orton-Gillingham program.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept the donation to the Special Education Department at Davis Elementary for \$715.00 made by Ms. Tara O'Laughlin.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay Yes

Ms. Scoville Yes

Mr. Brosgol Yes

Mr. Morrison Yes

Ms. Santiago Yes

4. School Choice Discussion & Vote

Mr. Conrad gave a brief explanation of the school choice program. Stating that the school committee would need to take a vote on whether or not to participate in the program that would allow students from other district to attend school in Bedford as well as allow Bedford students to attend school in communities. Bedford School District has not participated in this program in the past but it does require an annual vote from the committee.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: Bedford School Committee elects not to participate in the School Choice Program for the 2022-2023 school year.

44 **MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago**

45 **MOTION APPROVED 4-0-1**

46 **Ms. Guay Abstain**

47 **Ms. Scoville Yes**

48 **Mr. Brosgol Yes**

49 **Mr. Morrison Yes**

50 **Ms. Santiago Yes**

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52 **5. Safety Discussion**

53 **• SRO Update**

54 **• Chief Bongiorno Retirement**

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56 Mr. Conrad introduced Officer Hunt, our new School Resource Officer (SRO) to the committee
57 and gave a brief overview of his roll, responsibilities and purpose as an SRO Officer with the
58 district. Mr. Conrad explained that working with the Bedford Police Department is a
59 collaborative effort to make sure all students understand the roll of a police officer, so that
60 students will become familiar with and trust that officer should the need arise in the community
61 and at school. This program also affords Officer Hunt an opportunity to get to know all the
62 faculty and staff in the district as well as everyone getting to know him and seek him out when
63 the need arises.

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65 The committee also heard from Chief Bongiorno about the importance of the program to wish
66 him well in his retirement and new professional endeavors once he leaves Bedford.

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69 **6. Field Trip Review**

70 **• DECA State Championship- March 2022**

71 **• Cooperstown, NY Trip-April 2022**

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73 Mr. Conrad gave brief descriptions about each field trip to the School Committee. He stated that
74 the students attending DECA competition would have to adhere to strict rules and guidelines set
75 forth by the hotel and DECA. Students attending the Cooperstown trip will participate in a
76 baseball game. Neither trip would be associated with any costs to the district.

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78 Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

79 **MOVED: To accept and approve the DECA State Championship Field trip as presented to the**
80 **committee.**

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82 **MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison**

83 **MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

84 **Ms. Guay Yes**

85 **Ms. Scoville Yes**

86 **Mr. Brosgol Yes**

87 **Mr. Morrison Yes**

88 **Ms. Santiago Yes**

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept and approve the Cooperstown, NY Field trip as presented to the committee.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay Yes

Ms. Scoville Yes

Mr. Brosgol Yes

Mr. Morrison Yes

Ms. Santiago Yes

7. Bedford Charter Contract (1 year Renewal Option)- 1st Read

Ms. Kirrane explained the details of the one-year renewal contract for Bedford Charter to the committee. Bedford Charter Company was awarded a three-year contract with two one-year options to extend as a result of the Independent Request for Bids (IFB) procurement process conducted in 2019. The recommendation is to execute the one-year extension at this time. Bedford Charter has requested that this extension be finalized as soon as possible due to business conditions. The Bedford Charter contract includes Bedford buses, Boston METCO buses, and In-district special education vans. Field trips are also covered by the contract. Rate increases included in the one-year extension as follows:

- Regular yellow buses 5%
- Late buses 0%
- In-district Vans 4%
- Field Trips 0%
- Boston METCO buses 5%

8. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Conrad presented the following as part of his Superintendent's Report to the school committee. We have a total of 1,000 participants enrolled in the DESE/DPH COVID testing program. All test kits are out. Current participants are tested twice a week. Participants will receive enough tests for 2-weeks next Friday before school vacation begins. More details will be provided during the Superintendents letter to families this Friday. The DESE visits that were conducted in January show that we are in compliance with no revisions or corrections needed. Data review- 2022-SPED part B determination was that we met all requirements at a well above average rating. Hoping to hear from Commissioner Riley about the mask mandate before the return of school on February 28, 2022. There is no indication from DESE regarding such a decision. Information will be provided to the committee as soon as the commissioner makes any announcements.

Draft Minutes: Review & Vote

Mr. Morrison made the following motion:

MOVED: To accept the minutes from the January 25, 2022 school committee meeting.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brosgol

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
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Ms. Scoville	Yes
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Mr. Brosgol	Yes
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Mr. Morrison	Yes
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Ms. Santiago	Yes
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9. Adjournment

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion at 8:05 PM to adjourn not to re-open in Open Session.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
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Ms. Scoville	Yes
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Mr. Brosgol	Yes
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Mr. Morrison	Yes
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Ms. Santiago	Yes
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Exhibits/Documents

Draft minutes


Donation Letter from Tara O'Laughlin

Field Trip – DECA State Championship & Cooperstown, NY

Bedford Charter Renewal Contract



School Committee Secretary



Date