

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

March 23, 2021

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 7:02 pm, Mr. Brosgol called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Guay, Mr. Morrison, Ms. Santiago, Ms. Scoville and student representative Ryan Doucette.

2. Comments from Public

Public comment is available through the webinar feature of Zoom™.

Participants are instructed to use the "raise hand" function in the software and add their name using the "chat" function. Mr. Conrad will invite the panelist into the webinar and each person is allowed three minutes to comment.

Hyder Husain

Reeves Road

Mr. Husain's comments were in support of allowing families with children that move in to 611 Spring Road be allowed to attend school in Bedford as was the case with the previous residence at that address.

Sheila Metha Green

Glen Ora Drive

Ms. Mehta Green's comments were in support of allowing any families with children that purchase the property at 611 Spring Road in the future to be able to attend Bedford Schools.

Amanda Lewis

Beverly Road

Ms. Lewis asked the committee to honor its previous decision in allowing residents at 611 Spring Road to enroll their children in Bedford Schools.

Suzanne Koller

Davis Road

Ms. Koller spoke in support of allowing residents at 611 Spring Road, present and future to enroll in Bedford Schools. Not upholding a previous decision is creating a hardship for the current resident to sell their home.

3. PR Report

Transfers:

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| Anne Pumphrey | Assistant Principal for LOA | Davis |
| Casey Ondrus | Grade 1 Teacher- COVID One Year | Davis |
| Elizabeth Brosgol | Grade 1 Teacher- COVID One Year | Davis |

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| Claudine Sahagian | Grade 1 Teacher- COVID One Year | Davis |
| Michael Fahy | Grade 3 Teacher- for LOA | Lane |
| Julie Hunt | Grade 3 Teacher- COVID One Year | Lane |
| Danielle Hickox | Grade 3 Teacher- COVID One Year | Lane |
| Erin Cahill | Grade 4 Teacher- COVID One Year | Lane |
| Kate Briggs | Grade 5 Teacher- COVID One Year | Lane |
| Samantha Redmond | Grade 5 Teacher- COVID One Year | Lane |
| Sarah Pelletier | SPED TA-COVID One Year | Lane |
| Robert E. Ackerman | SPED TA-COVID One Year | Lane |
| Laura McGinness | SPED TA-COVID One Year | Lane |

Appointments:

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| Jacquelyn Johnson | SPED TA | Davis |
| Leanna Silverstone | Grade 4 Teacher-COVID One Year | Lane |
| Jaclyn Ruble | EA | Lane |

Substitutes:

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| Diana White | 4 Day Building Sub | Davis |
| Kira Skadsen | Per Diem Sub | District |

Coaches:

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| Indigo Fox-Tree McGrath | JV Girls Lacrosse Coach | BHS |
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4. Job Description- Second read & Vote

• **Literacy Specialist**

No objections or concerns were raised with regards to the Literacy Specialist job description as it was presented to the school committee on 3-9-2021. School Committee then voted to approve the job description as it was presented.

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve the Literacy Specialist job description as it stands with no additions

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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| Ms. Santiago | Yes |
| Ms. Guay | Yes |
| Ms. Scoville | Yes |
| Mr. Brosgol | Yes |
| Mr. Morrison | Yes |

5. CASE Collaborative Agreement- Second Read & Vote

No objections or concerns were raised with regards to the CASE Collaborative Agreement as it was presented to the school committee on 3-9-2021. School Committee then voted on the agreement.

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve the CASE Collaborative Agreement

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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| Ms. Santiago | Yes |
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| Ms. Guay | Yes |
| Ms. Scoville | Yes |
| Mr. Brosgol | Yes |
| Mr. Morrison | Yes |

6. District Calendar 2021-2022
Postponed

7. Residency Discussion- 611 Spring Road, Bedford

Mr. Conrad and the school committee shared that after a lengthy discussion and on advice of counsel, that they would continue to honor their previous ruling that was made in 2016, that allowed children residing at 611 Spring Road to enroll/attend school in Bedford. This matter is now considered closed. It was also mentioned that this ruling/matter is fact specific, pertains to this specific address and is not precedent-setting for other Bedford homes located on town borders.

8. Superintendent's Report

- **Social Distancing Updates**

Mr. Conrad congratulated the DECA Team on the numerous state winners and their participation in the virtual national competition. Mr. Conrad also gave an update on the recent changes made to the social distancing rule per Commissioner Riley's dictate. These recent changes will effect JGMS and BHS respectfully. No hybrid model will be offered going forward. Families will need to choose five day in-person learning or all remote. Per Commissioner Riley Hybrid/Remote learning models will no longer count towards student's time on learning/student learning time as of April 9, 2021. Davis/Lane will begin five-day in person learning on April 5th and JGMS will begin on April 28th. No date has been set yet for the return to five-day in person learning for high school students.

Students at Davis and Lane will no longer be divided in cohorts. It will be a little more challenging at BHS. These changes will not affect those students that have been remote all school year, or those students that request to go remote instead of returning to five day in-person learning. Mr. Conrad instructed principals, leadership and transition teams to use the new CDC information to bring back middle and high school students to five day in-person learning using a minimum of three feet while leaving six feet of space at the front of the classroom for educators. Elementary principals, leadership and transition teams have been instructed to continue to use a minimum of six-foot distancing between students.

Lunch/Recess MUST remain at the six-feet distancing guidelines when students are unmasked
Reminder about secondary school survey (slide)

Mr. Conrad will be sending out a letter to Davis/Lane families' tomorrow. Lane will likely use one more PD Day to allow for prep before the next transition. As of April 26 both JGMS/BHS will be back in for five-day learning, which is two days earlier than the April 28th deadline. Building specific letters will also be going out to families with details about changes to a specific school.

Bedford's seven pillars of safety: social distancing, mask wear for all, hand washing/sanitizing, HEPA filtration, Increased HVAC air flow filtration, disinfecting nightly, pool testing.

Collaboration with our educators. The BEA has created a BTOC sub-committee (BEA Transitional Oversight Committee). The BTOC did a member survey 3/2-3/5 2021. 255 teachers responded. Please note that this survey was conducted prior to DESE announcement of return to in-person learning or elevation of educators to be vaccinated. 90% of teachers intend to be vaccinated. 50% of teachers have taken advantage of free testing offered by the Town of Bedford. 78% of JGMS and 73% of BHS educators stated willingness to return in-person learning with three feet distancing in place provided that they had no increase in extra duties.

9. Minutes

Mr. Morrison made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve minutes from January 19, 2020

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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| Ms. Santiago | Yes |
| Ms. Guay | Yes |
| Ms. Scoville | Yes |
| Mr. Brosgol | Yes |
| Mr. Morrison | Yes |

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve minutes from January 26, 2021

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Guay

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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| Ms. Santiago | Yes |
| Ms. Guay | Yes |
| Ms. Scoville | Yes |
| Mr. Brosgol | Yes |
| Mr. Morrison | Yes |

Mr. Morrison made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve minutes from February 2, 2020

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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| Ms. Santiago | Yes |
| Ms. Guay | Yes |
| Ms. Scoville | Yes |
| Mr. Brosgol | Yes |
| Mr. Morrison | Yes |

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve minutes from February 9, 2020

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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| Ms. Santiago | Yes |
| Ms. Guay | Yes |
| Ms. Scoville | Yes |
| Mr. Brosgol | Yes |
| Mr. Morrison | Yes |

10. Adjournment

Mr. Morrison made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., not to reopen.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0


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| Ms. Santiago | Yes |
| Ms. Guay | Yes |
| Ms. Scoville | Yes |
| Mr. Brosgol | Yes |
| Mr. Morrison | Yes |

Exhibits/Documents

2021-2022 District calendar
CASE Collaborative Agreement
Literacy Specialist Job Description
PR Report
Minutes



School Committee Secretary



Date

