

**BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**August 29, 2017**  
**Bedford High School - Large Group Instruction Room**

**1. Call to Order**

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. McAllister called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Guay, Mr. Brosgol, and Ms. Santiago. Ms. Scoville was absent.

**2. Adjournment to Executive Session**

At 7:01, the School Committee adjourned to Executive Session for contract negotiations. Executive Session adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**3. Return to Open Session**

At 7:40 p.m., Mr. McAllister called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present include Mr. Brosgol, Ms. Santiago, and Ms. Guay. Ms. Scoville was absent.

**4. Comments from Public**

None

**5. Personnel Report**

Mr. Sills made the following announcements:

*Retirements*

Carol Eaton	School Nurse	JGMS
Gretchen Dick	Elementary Teacher	Lane

*Resignations*

Ellen Smith	Permanent Building Sub	Lane
Brittany Morley	Adjustment Counselor	BHS
Darin McDonald	Teaching Assistant	JGMS
Derek Johnson	Computer Lab Assistant	JGMS
Patricia Brun	Educational Assistant	Davis
Abby McNulty	Educational Assistant	Lane
Samantha Musto	Educational Assistant	Lane
Cassandra Muse	Replacement Kindergarten Teach	Davis
Beth Reilly	Elementary Teacher	JGMS
Ryan Donaher	ELA Teacher	JGMS
Amie Capodanno	Guidance PA	BHS/JGMS
Jessica Schulte	Math Teacher	BHS
Kassidy Fann	Science Teacher	BHS
Kathleen Glennon	Out-of-District Coord	District
Erica Hamilton	Special Education Teacher	Lane
Jessica Harrington	Special Education Teacher	Davis
Christine Shaw	Special Education Teacher	Lane
Joseph Vines	Special Education Teacher	JGMS
Laura Arno	Teaching Assistant	JGMS
Katie Campbell	.3 Reading Teacher	BHS
Mollie Messuri	Teaching Assistant	Davis

Maria Zillberberg	Teaching Assistant	Davis
<i>Leave of Absence</i>		
Molly Singh	Elementary Teacher	Lane
<i>Appointments</i>		
Jennifer Capece	School Nurse	Davis
Charlene Abebe	Adjustment Counselor	BHS
Lisa Butterfield	Adjustment Counselor	JGMS
Jessica Castelle	Elementary Teacher	Lane
Katlyn Seaver	Elementary Teacher	Lane
Rebecca Hawk	ELA Replacement Teacher	JGMS
Allison Luppi	ELA teacher	JGMS
Manjula Karamcheti	Guidance PA 6-12	JGMS/BHS
Jillian Butler	ELA Teacher	BHS
Samuel Sprangel	Math Teacher	BHS
Courtney McKelvey	OT	Preschool
Ryan Killian	Phys Ed/Health	JGMS
James Parker	SPED PA	BHS
Lisa Brecher	.5 School Psych	System
Rebecca Lam	.5 School Pscyh	System
Deborah Murphy	.5 Reading Specialist	BHS
Kristin Murray	Reading Specialist	Davis
Lucas Wickham	Physics Teacher	BHS
Carolyn Carr	Special Ed Teacher	BHS
Kaitlyn Curran	Special Ed Teacher	BHS
Johnna Mangan	Special Ed Teacher	Davis
Kara Rosenberg	Special Ed Teacher	BHS
Michael Schreiber	Special Ed Teacher	BHS
Danielle Wood	BCBA	Pre School
Katharine Zindars	Special Ed Teacher	JGMS
Tracey Derderia	Educational Assistant (EA)	Pre School
Yrenes Desparadel	EA	Lane
Shannon Fama	EA	Pre School
Rebecca Robichaud	EA	Pre School
Megan Armstrong	Teaching Assistant (TA)	Lane
Michael Aronian	TA	Lane
Stephanie Barounis	TA	Pre School
Katherine Connell	TA	Pre School
Christine Connell	TA	JGMS
Alexander Delavan	TA	Lane
Samantha Dembitzky	TA	Davis
Kelly DeVellis	TA	Lane
Alexis Duffy-Protentis	Skill Center TA	BHS
Erin Mawhinney	TA	Lane
Emily Ruggerio	TA	Pre School
Caitlin Worthen	TA	Lane
<i>Extracurricular Appointment</i>		
Alexis Duffy Protentis	Athletic Trainer	BHS

Stacey Vallely	Sr Tutor Advisor	Davis
Jennifer Wayne-Bartlett	Sr Tutor Advisor	Davis
Alysse Bridenbecker	Kindergarten Grade Level Leader	Davis
Vera Corbett	Kindergarten Grade Level Leader	Davis
Kristie Kimball Dorey	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Level Leader	Davis
Jessica Hoey	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Level Leader	Davis
Kim Petersen	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Level Leader	Davis
Pat FlahertyDawson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Level Leader	Davis
Susan Nocera	Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator	Davis
Kevin Smaldone	Science Curriculum Coordinator	Davis

Mr. Sills asked the School Committee to approve a feasibility design fee of \$11,500. TBA Architects has developed many additional options for the Davis School project well beyond the original scope of the project. The money for this has already been appropriated at Town Meeting.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

**MOVED: That the School Committee approve the additional fee of \$11,500 to TBA Architects for Feasibility and Design for the Davis School.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Guay**

**MOTION APPROVED: 4-0**

## **6. Davis School Project**

Mr. Justin Humphreys of TBA Architects presented to the School Committee. He explained that TBA has been asked to expand the feasibility study from solely Davis School to include an analysis of space needs at Davis, JGMS and the High School. The thought behind this approach is to examine space needs and construction costs at all of the schools.

TBA has worked with the Davis School Building Committee to develop several proposals from looking at the three schools as stand-alone projects through various combinations of remodeling and new construction. Last night, the Building Committee considered several options and decided to recommend moving forward with one where the Preschool is moved from the high school to the new Davis School. All agreed that this made programmatic sense as well as opening up space at the high school.

The option the Building Committee endorses keeps the CASE classroom at the high school. This would allow the High School to still offer early childhood practicums at the high school. The Committee did not recommend moving the Superintendent's office to the high school as originally proposed.

Davis School will increase its classroom capacity to 10 rooms each for kindergarten, first and second grades. The cafeteria, music and art would be remodeled/expanded and parking would be reconfigured.

In the future, JGMS will have a new 2-story section added which will contain 4 new classrooms. The high school ultimately will have interior renovations done to accommodate the increased number of students moving through the system.

The cost estimates (adjusted for inflation) for these projects are:

Davis School	\$12,900,000
JGMS	\$ 3,700,000

High School     \$ 1,300,000

Mr. Humphreys provided very detailed handouts on the proposals considered and schematics to illustrate each.

Ms. Guay said that she was concerned about CASE students losing preschool peers exposure which is very important for inclusion opportunities. She wanted to make sure the new director of CASE was aware of this possibility and had a chance to express her thoughts.

Mr. Sills said that this was a difficult decision and that the new Director was aware of the proposed change.

Ms. Guay suggested looking at other buildings in Bedford to house the Superintendent's office. She did not feel like the office had to be located in a school building since space in school buildings is at a premium. Mr. Sills agreed that this was a good idea.

Ms. Santiago asked Mr. Sills if the School Committee was voting tonight on what the plan is for Davis School only? Mr. Sills said yes. He would like the School Committee to understand the big picture and will have time to consider the proposals for JGMS and BHS at a later date.

Ms. Santiago asked about the possibility of delaying the Davis School project for another year. Principal Benoit, who was in the audience, said that the fact is that kindergarten continues to grow and that the modular classrooms are not meeting programmatic needs. Project-based learning is now the norm at Davis School and the modular classrooms make this difficult. Also, the music room is not appropriate in its construction, size or location.

Mr. Brosgol cautioned everyone that the town is becoming more and more densely populated. JGMS has seen growth two years in a row – and this is before the “bubble” moves in. He feels like the JGMS and BHS projects need to be fast tracked.

Ms. Santiago countered this opinion. She thinks that the Superintendent's office can always find office space somewhere in town, opening up room at JGMS.

Mr. McAllister asked Mr. Humphreys to discuss in general why the Davis school costs more to build compared to Lane. Mr. Humphreys gave several reasons including:

- Davis classrooms are bigger
- More circulation work is needed inside the building
- More bathrooms are needed at Davis
- Davis School has more site constraints
- Overall, the Davis project is about 3X bigger than the Lane School
- Lane had more straightforward needs
- The cost per square foot has increased due to contractors demand – so all construction costs are increasing on projects – especially school projects.
- \$495 per square foot is average cost right now

Mr. McAllister asked Principal Benoit if she was concerned that Davis would become “too” big. Ms. Benoit said that the school has always and will continue to manage Davis School as a neighborhood school.

Mr. McAllister asked Mr. Sills and Mr. Coelho to look at associated staffing costs associated with this renovation and to make furniture and equipment estimates too. “We need to anticipate what people are going to want to know moving forward.”

Mr. McAllister is pleased that this approach is a long term view and is attempting to make efficiencies wherever possible.

Mr. McAllister would also like to see a plan on how we can move the CASE classroom to Davis School if there is a decision to do so in the future.

Mr. Sills asked the School Committee to consider making a motion so that TBA can move forward with design and prepare documentation for the fall Special Town Meeting. Mr. Sills will make it a priority to discuss this with all town stakeholders.

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

**MOVED: That the School Committee endorses the conceptual design for Davis School – to move the Preschool to Davis and to create a 30 classroom school – so that TBA Architects can move forward with design fees for Davis School for Special Town Meeting and determine overall costs for the Davis School for the annual Town Meeting in March.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brosgol**

**MOTION APPROVED: 4-0**

#### **7. Superintendent’s Report**

None

#### **8. Adjournment**

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion.

**MOVED: Motion to adjourn at 9:25 P.M**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Sanitago**

**MOTION APPROVED: 4-0**

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Mr. McAllister</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Guay</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Brosgol</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Santiago</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Scoville</b>	<b>Absent</b>

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School Committee Secretary

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Date

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**Exhibits/Documents**

- TBA Architects Scenario Summary and Schematics
- Presentation School Space Needs