

**BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**March 27, 2024**

**Meeting location:**

**Select Board Room, Town Hall, 10 Mudge Way & Telecast remotely via ZOOM**

**Call to Order**

At 7:03 PM, Ms. Mehta-Green called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Mehta-Green, Ms. Scoville, Ms. McGinley, Mr. Pettitt and Student Representative Shreyes Shivappa

**Student Presentation- History Fair Recap**

Mr. Culhane along with five students from the History Fair presented a recap of the process and competition to school committee members. 11<sup>th</sup> grade high honors students participate in the project for a grade. Then students that wish to continue on to the project do so by working in groups of no more than five students and enhance their projects. The students gave a brief description of the projects and how they came to choose their topics. This year's topic was Turning Points in History.

**Student Report- By Shreyes Shivappa**

Mr. Shivappa provided a very brief accounting of student activities taking place in and around the district. Spring sports have begun and the musical was a huge success.

**Public Comment**

No comments

**1. School Choice- Vote**

Per MGL 76:12B, school districts are required to take a school choice vote annually. Per Bedford School Committee Policy File: JFBB-School Choice: It is the policy of this school district to not admit non-resident students under the terms and conditions of the Interdistrict School Choice Law (M.G.L. 76:12B). This decision will be reaffirmed each school year prior to June 1st by a vote of the School Committee.

Any decision to initiate participation in the state's interdistrict school choice program would require extensive community discussion and stakeholder input, particularly given Bedford's current partnerships with METCO and Hanscom Airforce Base. It is recommended that the school committee reaffirm its current policy not to admit non-resident students through Interdistrict School Choice.

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: The Bedford Public Schools School Committee votes to decline to participate in Interdistrict School Choice for the 2024-2025 school year.

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. McGinley**

**MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0**

<b>Ms. McGinley</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Scoville</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Mehta-Green</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Pettitt</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**2. Minutes- Vote**

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: The School Committee approves the minutes from February 27, 2024

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. McGinley**

**MOTION APPROVED 3-0-0**

<b>Ms. McGinley</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Scoville</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Mehta-Green</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: The School Committee approves the minutes from March 13, 2024

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. McGinley**

**MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0**

<b>Ms. McGinley</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Scoville</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Mehta-Green</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Pettitt</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**3. Personnel Report**

**Appointments:**

Purity Njeri	TA/BT 3/14/24 Davis
Daniel Nathan	5 Day BB Sub 3/14/24 Davis
Zeinab Chaichi	EA 3/11/24 Davis
Taylor Cyr	TA 3/25/24 Davis
Elizabeth Brosgol	LTS 3rd Gr Teacher 3/20/24 Lane
Christie Martin	.4 Building Sub 2/29/24 Lane
Zurah Namazzi	BT 4/2/2024 JGMS
Emma Felker	Per Diem Sub 3/11/24 District
Christine Bumann	PD Food Service 3/18/24 District
Katherine Vaughan	Per Diem Sub 3/25/24 District
Kim Loan Tran	Per Diem Sub 3/25/24 District
Frederick Yanosick	Night Shift Custodian 4/1/24 District

**Resignations:**

Enid Decastro	Spec Ed Admin 3/6/24 District
Michelle Lampureux	TA/BT 3/13/24 Davis
Thomas Casey	Assistant Principal 6/30/24 BHS

**Retirements:**

Amy Hartwell Spec Ed Teacher 11/30/24 Lane

**4. Out of State Field Trips**

- 1. DECA National Leadership Conference - Anaheim, California - April 27-May 1, 2024 - Justine Flora
- 2. Take Flight Aerial Adventures - Kittery, ME - May 16-17, 2024 (rain date: May 23-24, 2024) - Erin Post & Scott Smith
- 3. JROTC Academic and Leadership Bowl - Washington D. C. - June 21-25, 2024 - Ken Mierz (all costs covered by the Air Force)

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: The School Committee approves the slate of out-of-state/overnight field trips as presented.

**MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Pettitt**

**MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0**

<b>Ms. McGinley</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Scoville</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Mehta-Green</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Pettitt</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**5. Literacy Update- Dr. Clifford**

Dr. Clifford shared with the School Committee updates on The District Literacy Leadership Team since her previous updated provided at the February 23, 2024 School Committee meeting. Dr. Clifford provided updated/progress as of the last two DLLT meetings that took place January 25th and February 15, 2024. Dr. Clifford reports that the selection process is moving along and that the team has selected three programs to look further into to see they can collectively select the one program that will best suit Bedford students. The team is doing their due diligence in this very lengthy process yet they are confident they can make a selection in the aforementioned time line.

**6. Superintendent’s Entry Finding Report**

Superintendent Chuang presented to the School Committee his findings from his entry plan. Mr. Chuang released his full Report of Entry Plan Findings as part of his weekly Superintendent Update to the community on Friday, March 15, 2024. As noted in the report, encouragement from all sides for an open-minded as we work together to determine strategic priorities for the next three years.

**7. Adjournment**

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: To adjourn at 9:37 pm into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Unit A and Unit B Contract Negotiations with the Bedford Education Association. Not to reopen to the public.

**MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Pettitt**

**MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0**

<b>Mr. Morrison</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Scoville</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Mehta-Green</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Mr. Pettitt**

**Yes**

**Exhibits/Documents**

**Draft Minutes**

**Field Trips- DECA National Leadership Conference (California), April 2024; Take Flight- Aerial Adventures (Maine) May 2024, JROTC Academic & Leadership Bowl (Washington, DC) June 2024**

**Superintendent's Entry Report**

**Personnel Report**

**School Choice**

**School Committee Approved**

**Date: April 9, 2024**