

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

February 27, 2024

Meeting location:

Select Board Room, Town Hall, 10 Mudge Way and 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 Mr. Morrison, Ms. Scoville, Ms. McGinley, METCO Representative Ms. Williams, and Student Representative Shreyes Shivappa

Public Comment

No comments

1. Approval of Minutes

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

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville

MOTION APPROVED 4-1-0

Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms. McGinley	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	abstain

2. Personnel Report

Appointments:

Jolly Nibha Teaching Assistant 1/8/2024 Davis
 Robert Stringer 5 Day Building Substitute 2/26/2024 Davis
 Sara MacDonald Behavior Technician 1/2/2024 JGMS
 Terrell Myers TA/BT 1/30/2024 JGMS
 Keith Miles 5 Day Building Substitute 1/2/2024 Lane
 Alisha Lerra TA/BT 1/22/2024 Lane
 Margie Burke LTS Librarian Media Center 1/23/2024 Lane
 Fara Saeed LTS School Adj Counselor 1/29/2024 BHS
 Andrea Donnellan Food Service 2/20/2024 BHS
 Erin Malloy LTS Art Teacher 3/8/2024 BHS
 Jackson Stuzynski Per Diem Substitute 1/2/2024 District
 Haley DiPerna Per Diem Substitute 1/2/2024 District
 Lily Hill Per Diem Substitute 1/2/2024 District
 Siens Oliveri Kuhnle Per Diem Substitute 1/2/2024 District
 Kathryn Zolla Per Diem Substitute 1/2/2024 District

Lucas Taddeo Custodial Operations Mgr. 1/12/2024 District
Amy Lerra Per Diem Substitute 1/17/2024 District
Mikayla Comeiro Per Diem Substitute 3/1/2024 District
Ethan Erawan Per Diem Substitute 1/22/2024 District
Elora Syed Per Diem Substitute 1/22/2024 District
Olivia DiSaronna Per Diem Substitute 1/22/2024 District
Michael Buonopane Per Diem Substitute 2/19/2024 District
Aashutosh Budhathoki Per Diem Substitute 1/22/2024 District
Keith Leston Maint. Operations Mgr. 2/5/2024 District

Resignations:

Lia Pantaleo LTS OT 12/22/2023 JGMS
Christine Russo-Martins Food Service 2/23/2024 JGMS
Brandon Pyles Custodian 02/02/2024 Davis
Assiya Karaltayeva TA/BT 01/31/2024 Lane
Brian Chase Custodian 02/06/2024 BHS

Retirements:

Carrie Powers ELL Program Director 06/30/2024 District
Nikolaos Kapotsis Computer Technician 07/26/2024 District
Melissa Hegarty Elementary Teacher 06/30/2024 Davis
Lawrence Sheinfeld Art Teacher 06/30/2024 BHS

3. Turf Field Resurfacing-Vote

Mr. Smith, Recreation Department Director provided a brief presentation on the necessity of resurfacing the Sabourin Turf Field & Track. During his presentation, he mentioned that the field is used often by many town groups including Athletics, Schools, Recreation, Adult/Youth groups, as well as, private rentals. The largest user group of the field is BHS Athletics utilizing it over 50% of the available time. In many instances the turf field is used by more than one group or team at a given time. Other fields around town are also highly used and over scheduled, but the Sabourin Turf field is utilized the most.

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: The School Committee approves the slate of overnight and out-of-state field trips as presented at no cost to the district.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. McGinley

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms. McGinley	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes

4. District Literacy Leadership Team Update

Dr. Clifford presented the School Committee with an update on the progress of the District Literacy Leadership Teams work. The DLLT has met twice during the past three weeks. The group continues to work on reviewing programs and activity timelines, including the Science of Reading. The committee continues to move through the training modules with assistance from Hill to ensure they

are moving a direction that closely aligns with the District Improvement Plan and helps in the appropriate select the best Literacy Program for the district.

5. Out of State Field Trip Request-Vote

Ms. Darlington gave a brief presentation to the School Committee to support the request for the out of state field trip to the Nashua National Fish Hatchery- Mine Falls Park, Nashua, NH- April4, 2024. Ms. McGinley made the following motion: The School Committee approves the out of state field trip as presented.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms. McGinley	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes

6. Job Description- Computer Technician

Due to a recent retirement, it was the most appropriate time to update the current Computer Technician job description.

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: That the School Committee approves the updated Computer Technician job description as presented.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. McGinley

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms. McGinley	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes

7. Superintendent’s FY 24 Goals- Mid Year Reflection

Superintendent Chuang presented to the School Committee his goals for this year based on the core values and mission of the district, and immediate short term needs. These goals take into account his need to complete the entry process and to ensure forward momentum on important ongoing improvement efforts at the school and district levels. Formative evaluation conferences with each principal, conduct monthly visits to each school, work collaboratively with Town partners to support and educate Bedford’s emergency shelter families and students. 15 cameras for high-traffic areas at BHS were installed over the winter break, which has yielded significant improvement in safety.

8. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Chuang presented the following during his report to the School Committee. The State has decided to close the Emergency Shelter and move all the residence over the course of the coming months. This decision was reached because the shelter is unsupported and the difficulty with providing coordinated services to all the residence at the plaza. Mr. Chuang stated he has asked the state to communicate as quickly and efficiently as possible when movement begins so the

district has ample time to inform and support the families effected since the last time information was shared it came from the children. This is a very fluid situation and all details will be shared as soon as they become available. The Finance Committee may have approved the FY25 Budget this evening. They are meeting as we speak and I will check in on the outcome of the meeting once we adjourn. Student representative Shreyes Shivappa provided the committee with another student report of the happenings and activities taking place in and around the BHS student Community. Mr. Chuang thanked Mr. Brosgol for his 9 years of service to the School Committee and the community during his tenure.

9. Adjournment

Prior to the adjournment, all School Committee members personally thanked Mr. Brosgol for his service to the committee of his 9-year tenure. Mr. Brosgol spoke briefly and thanked his family for their support over the last 9 years and he thanked the committee members for their efforts to support and do what was necessary for the district.

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:43 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 Ms. McGinley

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms. McGinley	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes

Exhibits/Documents

Draft Minutes-February 13, 2023

District Literacy Update

Field Trip-Nashua, NH AP Environmental Science Trip- April 4, 2024

Job Description-Computer Technician

Turf Resurfacing

Personnel Report

FY 24 Superintendent Goals

School Committee Approved

Date: March 27, 2024