

1 **BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

2 **MINUTES OF:**

3 **January 6, 2010**

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8 **1. Call to Order**

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10 Mr. Pierce called the meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:37 am. Members
11 present were Mr. Pierce, Ms. Bickford, Mr. Hafer, Ms. O’Gara, and Ms. Seibert.
12 Superintendent Dr. Maureen LaCroix also attended.

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14 **2. Race to the Top MOU**

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16 Dr. LaCroix provided an overview of the opportunity for the schools to participate in the
17 application for federal education grants through the Race to the Top program (RTTT). The
18 process put forth by the MA DESE includes a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed
19 by the Superintendent, School Committee chairperson and the Education Association
20 president, with a deadline of January 13, 2010.

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22 Discussion centered on potential implications of the MOU reference to schools’
23 performance measures, and creating plans for grant applications, and the relationship of the
24 RTTT process to pending educational reform legislation in Massachusetts. Dr. LaCroix
25 recommended participation in the process for potential funding and recognition of
26 Bedford’s educational programs.

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28 **Moved: To provide authority to the chair of the School Committee to sign the**
29 **joint MOU for participation in the RTTT grant process.** (Ms. Bickford).

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31 **Motion seconded:** (Ms. O’Gara)

32 **Motion approved:** 5-0

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34 **3. Bedford Education Foundation (BEF) Fundraising**

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36 Mr. Hafer, liaison to the BEF, brought questions related to raising funds in a difficult
37 financial climate, alumni fundraising campaigns, and matters related to naming large items
38 in recognition of individuals. Mr. Hafer will continue the discussion with BEF members.

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40 **4. Space Needs Study**

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42 Dr. LaCroix reported that the space needs consultant will prepare a report to the School
43 Committee in April, and that various space recommendations will be discussed. Questions
44 for short- and long-term solutions are being raised in this process to accommodate regular
45 and special education programs

47 **5. Adjournment**

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49 **Moved: To adjourn at 8:24 am** (Ms. Bickford).

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51 **Motion seconded:** (Ms. O’Gara)

52 **Motion approved:** 5-0

53 **Roll call vote:**

54 Ms. Bickford yes

55 Mr. Hafer yes

56 Ms. O’Gara yes

57 Mr. Pierce yes

58 Ms. Seibert yes

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