

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 12, 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 7:01 PM, Ms. Scoville called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Guay, Ms. Santiago, Mr. Brosgol

2. Public Comment

No comments

3. AFJROTC Presentation- MSgt. Charlie Humphrey & Lt. Col. Ken Mierz

MSgt. Charlie Humphrey and Lt. Col. Ken Mierz presented to the school committee an overview of the AFJROTC program. Both MSgt. Humphrey and Lt. Col Mierz stated that the AFJROTC program is paid for by the Air Force and that it is a citizenship program not a recruitment program. They also shared some of the following points about the program:

- 14th oldest AFJROTC unit in the nation
- This program is one of nine in Massachusetts
- Curriculum focuses on:
 - Aerospace Science
 - Leadership
 - Drill & Ceremony
 - Physical Education
 - Student receive physical education credit for AFJROTC
 - Demographics
 - 30 students from Bedford participate in the program
 - 24 students from Hanscom AFB
 - 24 students from Billerica
 - 2 Boston students
 - 53 male student
 - 27 female students
 - Students across all grade levels participate
 - 89% retention rate in the program
 - Student benefits of the program
 - Community service
 - Leadership
 - Teamwork

Student Activities Account Maximums

Ms. Kirrane presented the following information to School Committee with regards to the district's established Student Activity Funds which support access to extra-curricular or co-curricular activities of students in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 71, Section 47. The established procedures for such accounts include an annual vote by the School Committee to set school checking account maximums for the balance that shall be available for the student activity accounts. There is no change in the account maximums from the prior year.

The following maximum balances for student activity accounts for fiscal year 2022 as follows:

Bedford High School \$50,000
John Glenn Middle School \$15,000
Lane Elementary School \$7,500
Davis Elementary School \$7,500

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: That the School Committee votes to approve the Student Activity Account Maximums as provided.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

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

4. FY21 Annual Town Report- 2nd read and Vote

Mr. Conrad presented a brief statement to the School Committee with regards to the revised copy of the Annual Town report. Many revisions were made and a vote is now needed to send the document to the Town Clerks Office so it can be included in Annual Town Report.

Ms. Guay made the following motion:

MOVED: That the School Committee votes to approve and submit the Annual Town Report as presented.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

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

5. Superintendent's Evaluation Goals

Mr. Conrad briefly reviewed with the school committee members what his evaluation goals are for this coming year. A formal copy will be sent to member for review and they will get into further details at the next meeting. Mr. Conrad shared the following goals:

- Professional Practice
- Continue with new Superintendent Induction Program- 2nd year of three-year program
- Continue efforts to support students

- School visits
- Data-wise
- Meet with Instructional Leadership Team
- District goals
 - Literacy Plan
 - Enhancement of academic achievement
 - Social Emotional Learning
 - DEI

6. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Conrad presented the following during his presentation of his Superintendent's report to the School Committee Members. Mr. Conrad acknowledged one of our nurses, Lorene Simoneau, on earning her National Board of Certification for School Nurses. Mr. Conrad also thanked all the nurses in the district for their efforts and hard work thus far, especially with the contact tracing and variety pool testing we are doing this year. Last week the district received a visit from Patricia Ewing, a representative from the Department of Defense Education Agency. Ms. Ewing shared some of the possible resources available to Bedford as we are a military impacted district. Mr. Conrad asked that families complete the PL874 forms as it is a way to obtain funding for that district. Mr. Conrad further shared that at a recent METCO meeting that was held at the Roxbury Public library, the topic of the METCO program expansion in some districts and what the impact could mean for the program and districts involved. Upcoming EDCO meeting will be to dissolve the program. Currently no students are attending programs there. LABBB, Executive Director search has begun. CASE Collaborative has a new Business Manager. There are currently two CASE programs running at Davis. Mr. Conrad met recently with members from the Town Recreation and the Special Education Departments regarding ways to include more Special Education students in summer programs. Lastly, Mr. Conrad stated to the school committee that at the next meeting a decision would need to be made with regards to the Greece and Ecuador Field Trips scheduled to take place in February. Currently Greece is at a level advisory, which means to avoid travel to this destination. Ecuador is at a level three travel advisory, which means to avoid non-essential travel to this destination.

7. Minutes

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: That the School Committee votes to approve the minutes from September 28, 2021

School Committee meeting

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Guay

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

Ms. Guay Yes

Ms. Scoville Yes

Mr. Brosgol Yes

Ms. Santiago Yes

8. Adjournment

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:25 pm for the purpose on contract negotiations not to re-open in Open Session.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

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

Exhibits/Documents

AFJROTC Presentation

Minutes- September 28,2021

FY 21 Annual Report Review



School Committee Secretary



Date