

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

March 8, 2022

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 7:03 PM, Ms. Scoville called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Guay, Ms. Santiago, Mr. Brosgol, Mr. Morrison, and Student Representative Prakhar Gupta, Hanscom Representative Sarah McGinley

2. Public Comment

Sheila Mehta-Green

1 Glen Ora Drive

Ms. Mehta-Green Thanked School Committee Board Member, Ms. Santiago for all her hard work and dedication to the students and community during her tenure, especially during the pandemic. Ms. Mehta-Green also expressed her gratitude to all the other School Committee members of the committee for the tireless work that they do.

3. Field Trips

- **Nature's Classroom, Freedom, NH- May 18-20, 2022**
- **8th Grade DC Trip, Washington, C- May 2022**

Mr. Hartunian and Ms. Coletta went over the updated protocols for both the Nature's Classroom and 8th Grade Washington, DC field trips, as both trips were previously presented and voted on for approval by the School Committee at a previous meeting. The new protocols are as follows for each trip:

Nature's Classroom

- Anyone testing positive will not be allowed to travel
 - If anyone whom is feeling ill will not be allowed to travel
- PCR test must be done on the Monday before the trip
 - Pool testing results can be used for this
 - Families are encouraged to sign up for pool testing at school/ Otherwise they will need to find their own testing site and turn in results prior to departure
- Rapid test must be done prior to departure
- Testing will be done prior to return to Bedford
- Hoping to get trip back on track for October dates as before
- Students not participating will do other activities with teachers that didn't go on the trip

Washington, DC

- PCR Test will be required 3 days prior to departure
 - Anyone with a positive test will not be allowed to travel
 - If student tests positive for COVID while on the trip – World Stride has options available to families to get to DC to pick-up their child
 - Nurse will be on site and a doctor will be on call
- Students will be in rooms of 4 at hotel
- Masks will be worn where required
- As many outdoor activities as possible will be planned
- World Stride has Scholarships available to assist those that may need it
- Students not participating will do other activities with teachers that didn't go on the trip

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve the field trip to Nature's Classroom at no cost to the school district- May

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brosgol

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve the 8th Grade field trip to Washington, DC, at no cost to the school district- May

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

4. BHS Program of Studies

Mr. Hudder, Mr. Casey and Ms. Galante gave a brief presentation explaining the proposed changes they would like to make to the BHS Program of Studies. During their presentation, they explained that some courses would no longer be offered due to low enrollment over the course the last few years. In other instances, the changes were necessary to allow for more student growth and to keep the flow of succession from one course to another while offering students the option to move up or down in levels were appropriate. Most of the proposed changes have already been in place and they need to be clarified in the Program of Studies. Two Computer Science Principles courses were added, two Science courses had changes made to them, and Wellness had renaming of courses done to streamline the program.

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to accept presented changes to the BHS Program of Studies

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

5. Donation- First Parish in Bedford to the 2022 Jon Sills African American and Latino Tenacity Challenge

Mr. Conrad read an email her received from the First Parish of Bedford to the School Committee in which it stated that the First Parish of Bedford has been a strong supporter of the Tenacity Challenge for many years and that they are please to continue to support the program by donating the sum of \$1,000.00.

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to accept donation of \$1,000.00 to the Jon Sills African American and Latino Tenacity Challenge.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

6. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Conrad presented the following during his Superintendent's report to the School Committee. Our winter athletic season is ending with some of our teams heading to play-offs and invitational play. Our spring athletic season will be starting soon. JGMS will host is Tenacity Challenge this weekend. COVID case numbers are much less since the return from February vacation. We have 1300 students receiving Antigen tests weekly and pool testing is continuing as well. Disinfecting continues to be done nightly. Mama Mia the musical begins next week. Madeline Sanabria our METCO representative reports that a METCO meeting for Davis families was held recently and it went well. Mr. Conrad sent condolences out to Bedford Charter on the recent passing of one of their drivers Joe Criminson. Our cooperative Gymnastics Team came in 3rd place this season. Sarah McGinley reported on the Hanscom meeting that took place recently. Ms. McGinley gave a few examples of the take-aways from the meeting; consistency

of having policies for transferring of credits- as many families transferring from other parts of the country the credits don't always match up, social emotional and mental health of students transferring from military bases. Lastly, Mr. Conrad along with all the other School Committee members thanked Ms. Santiago for her hard work, service and dedication to the students and community of Bedford while serving as Board Member on the School Committee. Everyone wished Ms. Santiago a found farewell and best wishes on her new endeavors.

7. Minutes: Review & Vote

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve meeting minutes from 2-8-2022

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to approve meeting minutes from 2-15-2022

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

8. Adjournment

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion at 08:49 PM to adjourn not to re-open in Open Session.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brosgol

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

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

Exhibits/Documents

Donation Letter from First Parish of Bedford

Field Trips- Nature's Classroom/8th Grade Washington, DC

Draft Minutes

BHS Program of Studies



School Committee Secretary

3/28/22

Date

