

## BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

September 13, 2022

Meeting location:

LGI Room  
and Telecast remotely via ZOOM

### 1. Call to Order

At 7:03 PM, Ms. Guay called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Scoville, Ms. Mehta-Green, Mr. Brosgol, Mr. Morrison, and Hanscom Representative Sarah McGinley

### 2. Public Comment

Rene Nichols

3 Labo Lane

Ms. Nichols stated she is displeased by the removal of the Librarian at the Lane School. Ms. Nichols asked that the position be reinstated, as it is a vital position to all students. Ms. Nichols also read the mission of the 2021-2024 District Improvement Plan to the Committee.

Rebecca Neale

75 Page Road, Unit 27

Ms. Neale stated that she wrote an email to Principal Ackerman at Lane, Mr. Conrad and each School Committee member voicing her concern about the removal of the Librarian at Lane. Ms. Neale stated that a Librarian is not just a title and requires a particular skill set. Ms. Neale asked if the removal of the position was due to the job market, budgeting or does it signal a move towards less of a standard of education for the students in the district.

### 3. PR Report

#### Appointments:

Linda Donovan	HR Administrative Assistant	District
Richard Dovidio	Finance/Accounts Payable Assistant	District
Olivia Marks	Asst. Director of Food Services	District
Lauren Johnson	Special Ed Liaison SAIL 2	Davis
Susan Bacher	School Adjustment Counselor	Davis
Michele Russell	Special Ed Liaison SAIL	Davis
Sharon Gillespy	Integrated Pre-School Teacher	Davis
Katharine Lindheim	LTS Pre-School Teacher	Davis
Meghan Hughes	TA/BT LTS	Davis
Vivian Chen	TA/BT	Davis
Katherine Rotman	TA/BT	Davis
Emily Martin	TA/BT LTS	Davis
Kelly Fitzpatrick	TA/BT	Davis
Victoria Norton	TA/BT	Davis
Whitney Jackson	TA	Davis

Yongho (Ryan) Park	TA	Davis
Kelsie Guarente	COTA	Davis
Leah Alqaysi	Preschool TA/BT	Davis
Amy Rosten	Grade 4 LTS (full year)	Lane
Katie Mathisen	Grade 5 Teacher LTS	Lane
Samantha Cormier	School Adjustment Counselor	Lane
Helen Pulizzi	Grade 5 Teacher – 1 year position	Lane
Francesca Shaw	School Adjustment Counselor	Lane
Caitlin Fennell	LTS Special Ed Teacher	Lane
Michaela McCormack	0.8 French/Spanish Teacher	Lane
Amanda Lipsey	TA/BT	Lane
Stevian Carty-Pajotte	EA	Lane
Shaltal Valle	TA/BT	Lane
Erin Venuti	Special Ed Liaison	JGMS
Julie Pietrasiak	ELA Teacher	JGMS
Amanda Raboin	Special Ed Liaison	JGMS
Jill O'Brien-Marquis	School Adjustment Counselor LTS	JGMS
Briana Wiley	School Adjustment Counselor LTS	JGMS
Julia Sementelli	Adjustment Counselor	JGMS
Patricia Belanger	Special Ed TA	JGMS
Daniel Kenney	Computer Technician	BHS
Heather Falardeau	Art/Humanities Teacher	BHS
Meaghan Kelly	Biology Teacher	BHS
Alex McLaughlin	PE Teacher	BHS
Sara Edwards	School Adjustment Counselor	BHS
Lisa Shea	Special Ed/Reading Liaison	BHS
Terri Decker-Kilmartin	ELL Teacher	BHS
Maureen McMahon	School Psychologist	BHS
Justin Kennedy	0.4 Social Studies Teacher LTS & 0.6 TA	BHS
Elizabeth Hansel	Physics Teacher	BHS
Adele Kohanyi	0.4 French Teacher	BHS
Julie Brownrigg	Counseling Administrative Assistant	BHS
Cole Mihalinec	AAC TA	BHS

#### **Internal Transfers**

Christine Connor	SAIL TA/BT	Davis
Katherine Rotman	TA/BT	Davis
Audrey Jackson	School Counselor	Lane
Stacey Williams	Instructional Coach	Lane
Hannah Bullard	Grade 4 Teacher	Lane
Jessica Niland	Title I Math Tutor	Lane
Robert Ackerman	LTS Grade 4 Teacher	Lane
Diana White	SAIL TA/BT	Lane
Grace Pyon	LTS TA/BT	Lane

Kasie Costopulos	Social Studies Teacher LTS	JGMS
Tammy McGeoghan	SPED Reading Teacher	JGMS
Indigo Foxtree-McGrath	Art LTS (full year)	JGMS
Rachel Mark	Special Ed Liaison	JGMS
Elizabeth Wilson	Library Media Specialist	JGMS
Sarah Kaufman	Skill Center Teacher	JGMS
Karen Santos	Skills Center TA	JGMS*
~Did not resign as per the PR Report reviewed at the June 14, 2022 meeting		
Rakhi Naik	TA	JGMS
Benjamin Kline	TA/BT	JGMS
Sara MacDonald	TA/BT	JGMS
Courtney Barrett	Special Ed Liaison	BHS
Peter Jacob-Dolan	English Teacher	BHS
Chauncey Williams	AAC Teacher	BHS
Chad Chaffee	Supervisor of Students	BHS

**Resignations:**

Katherine Hamor	SAIL Teacher	Davis
Cynthia Velencia	COTA	Davis
Katharine Lindheim	Preschool Teacher	Davis
Bridget Byrne	TA/BT SAIL	Davis
Vincent Brewer	0.8 French/Spanish Teacher	Lane
Katelyn Andrus	School Adjustment Counselor	Lane
Jessica Savas	TA/BT	Lane
Marlena Simoneau	TA/BT	Lane
Mirfat Farooqi	Physics Teacher	BHS
Adrienne Helmick	ESL Teacher	BHS
Kimberly Alexander	World Languages Teacher	BHS
Chad Chaffee	Supervisor of Students	BHS
Joseph Collins	Electrician	District

**Retirements:**

Nancy Thorsen	School Nurse	BHS
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**Substitutes:**

Maura Tierney	5 Day Building Subs	JGMS
Otti McCutcheon	5 Day Building Subs	Davis
Isaac Singer	5 Day Building Subs	BHS
Paula Grace	Food Services Sub	BHS

**4. Gifts & Grant Acceptances:**

Ms. Kirrane presented to the School Committee with the following grants and gifts received thus far for the FY 23 school year.

<b>FY23 State and Federal Grants</b>	<b>FY22 Award Amount</b>	<b>FY23 Award Amount</b>
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METCO (317)	\$724,5757	\$728,489
Title I (305)	\$49,874	\$53,726
Title IIA (140)	\$23,9010	\$25,501
Title III (180)	\$19,350	\$16,284
Title IV (309)	\$10,000	\$10,000
Special Ed IDEA / 94-142 (240)	\$638,042	\$647,833
Special Ed IDEA Early Childhood (262)	\$20,276	\$21,096

**Parents of Music Students POMS Parent Organization - JGMS Sound: Donation Amount \$2,000**

**Mass Cultural Council, Bedford, MA-** Donation for projects that promote access, education, diversity, and excellence in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences in Bedford: Donation amount \$925

**Bedford Education Foundation**

(BEF), Bedford, MA (BEF Biannual Grant for curriculum needs) Donation amount: \$6,241

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

**MOVED: The school committee accept and approve the discussed gifts and donations made to the Bedford Public Schools.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville**

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

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

**5. Appointment of Superintendent Conrad to Collaborative Executive Boards: LABBB, CASE**

Mr. Conrad presented a brief overview of the importance of his appointment to both the LABBB & CASE Collaborative Executive Boards. Mr. Conrad stated that being an active voting member on each board it is a cost saving measure and provides our students with more chances of gaining spots into these programs when needed.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **That the School Committee votes to appoint Superintendent Conrad to the Collaborative Executive Board**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville**

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

<b>Ms. Guay</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ms. Scoville</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Brosgol</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **That the School Committee votes to appoint Superintendent Conrad to the LABBB Executive Board**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville**

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

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

#### **6. Superintendents Report**

Mr. Conrad presented the following information during his superintendent's report to the School Committee. On 8/31, the district was able to return to an in-person opening of school event for all staff. On 9/6 students return to school. Bus routes were released and routes are still being ironed out. All is going as well as it possibly can for the start of the school year. HVAC units are running longer and at the highest possible volume along with HEPA and MERF filters. Masks are available in the district to all that want them. Bedford day is this Saturday. Mr. Conrad met the new Commander at Hanscom, Col. Enriquez. Middlesex Business meet and greet will be held next week. The library at the Lane School will be staffed by Stacy Williams, Instructional Coach and Margie Burke, library support staff. These changes were made in an effort to enhance and expand the reach of all students accessing the library. Although this is a new model, it will be monitored careful. All necessary changes will be addressed by Dr. Clifford, Mr. Conrad, and Ms. Clements who oversees the libraries and technology departments in the district. Mr. Conrad shared that Jane Franklin a long time employee had passed away recently and sent his condolences from the district to her family and friends.

#### **7. Draft Minutes from June 14,2022**

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **That the School Committee votes to approve the minutes from June 14, 2022**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville**

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

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

#### **8. Adjournment**

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **08:19 PM to adjournment into Executive Session for Purpose of Contract Negotiations- not to re-open in Open Session.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville**

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0**

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

**Exhibits/Documents**

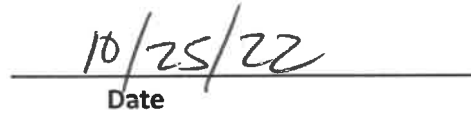
**Draft Minutes for June 14, 2022**

**Personnel Report**

**Gift & Gift Acceptances**



**School Committee Secretary**

  
Date