#### **BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

#### **September 27, 2022**

#### Meeting location:

# LGI Room and Telecast remotely via ZOOM

#### 1. Call to Order

At 7:02 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

No Comment

#### 3. PR Report

## Appointments:

Jonathan Brome	METCO Coordinator	Davis/Lane
Daniel Kenney	Computer Technician	BHS
Jahzeel Edey	METCO Bus Monitor	JGMS
Betsy Figueroa	Food Service Worker	Lane
Justin Lampron	0.3 Lunch & Recess Monitor	Lane
Jeffrey Davis	0.3 EA	Davis

#### 4. ELL Presentation:

Ms. Powers presented and overview of the ELL Program to the School Committee. During the presentation, Ms. Powers highlighted the following areas: Separating Difference from Disability was a 1 credit 15PDP course taught by ELL staff to teachers, administrators and Psychologist. Bedford has successfully offered adult ESL Program to 160 adults in the community over the past three years. Ms. Powers is currently working on a grant to be able to continue to offer this course in the spring. ELL department makes every effort to work with each student and their family for a successful experience while in the program. Bedford has 50 language spoken by all the students currently enrolled. ELL Department has worked diligently to get all students tested by October 1st, as federal funds depend on testing and enrollment numbers each year.

#### 5. FY23 Budget Update & Revote

Ms. Kirrane presented the following update on the FY23 Budget to the School Committee. Ms. Kirrane explained that salary budgets were adjusted to account for personnel contracts finalized in the second half of 2022, final staff assignments due to enrollment, turnover savings from personnel changes through August 2022, and changes in summer program costs. Budget adjustments include districtwide-contracted services, contractual fuel escalation, contractual course reimbursement, and BHS iPad costs. Budget transfers have been made in all relevant accounts. Additional adjustments will be reported in the mid-year fiscal update. A summary of these changes are below:

Major Expense Category	FY23 Approved Budget	FY23 Adjusted Budget	Difference	%
Salary	\$37,566,800	\$37,571,091	\$4,291	83%
Operating Expense	\$2,599,996	\$2,560,274	(\$39,722)	6%
Special Ed-Out of District Tuition (net)	\$2,988,405	\$2,988,405		7%
Regular Transportation	\$1,284,015	\$1,319,456	\$35,441	3%
Special Ed Transportation	\$717,864	\$717,894		2%
Total FY23 Budget	\$45,157,090	\$45,157,090	\$0	100%

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: The School Committee votes to approve the FY23 Budget Update as presented.

**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. FY22 Annual Report-1st read

Mr. Conrad presented the initial review of the FY22 Annual Town Report. Mr. Conrad asked that any School Committee member that has edits should submit them directly to Erin Crowley for inclusion on finalized version of the report. No further actions are needed at this time and a vote will happen at a future meeting.

# 7. Custodial & Maintenance Contract- Vote

Mr. Conrad shared with the School Committee that an agreement has been reached with the Custodial & Maintenance staff about a new contract. Mr. Conrad also mentioned that that partnership with custodial and the services they provide in all buildings staff is a vital part of the learning and working experience. Custodial staff will now wear matching shirts to be more recognizable to people in all buildings.

Ms. Scoville made the following motion: The School Committee votes to accept the Custodial & Maintenance Contract for 2022-2025

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Mehta-Green** 

**MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0** 

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

### 8. Superintendents Report

Mr. Conrad presented the following during his Superintendents report. Hanscom families are dealing with a major power outage. Generators are being used throughout the base. BHS families impacted by this outage can reach out to BHS or the Hanscom liaison Laurel for support. Impact surveys (PL874) will be going out next week. We ask that all families complete a form as it helps provide funding for the district. Congratulations to Lane Art Teacher, Jennifer Ferrari on being named the Massachusetts Art Educator of the Year by the Massachusetts Art Education Association (MAEA). Nurses has the capacity to do symptomatic testing. Families are asked to sign a consent form. This is not pool testing but rather an option to test students to assist with keeping them in school provided they test negative. Anyone not feeling well prior to the start of school should not report to school that day. Bedford day was a great success. Wall that Heals was at the VA hospital last week. Jewish holidays are coming up this week. Donna Clements will be coming to do a presentation to the School Committee about the Librarian at Lane. MCAS result are due on Friday. Once the results have been gone through, a presentation will be made to the committee. Families will also receive a copy of the scores in the coming weeks.

#### 9. School Committee Liaison Roles

Brad Morrison: Capital Expenditure, FinCom

Sarah Scoville: Bedford Community, Fiscal Planning

Sheila Mehta-Green: Planning Board

Dan Brosgol: Bedford 300, Youth Task Force

Ann Guay: Board of Health

#### 10. Draft Minutes from September 13, 2022

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: To approve the minutes from September 13, 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

#### 11. Adjournment

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **8:47 PM to adjourn the meeting not to reopen to the public.** 

**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 September 13, 2022 Personnel Report ELL Presentation FY22 Annual Town Report-Draft FY23 Budget Update

**School Committee Secretary** 

Date