

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 25, 2022

Meeting location:

**LGI Room
and Telecast remotely via ZOOM**

1. Call to Order

At 7:07 PM, Mr. Morrison called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Scoville, Ms. Mehta-Green, Ms. Guay, Mr. Morrison, and Hanscom Representative Sarah McGinley

2. Public Comment

No Comment

3. BHS Student Representative Introduction

Mr. Conrad read Ms. Syed's full biography and introduced her to the school committee. Ms. Syed will now become the next student representative to the Bedford School Committee.

Elora Syed – Class of 2023

Elora Syed is a senior at Bedford High School and is involved in many aspects of high school life. Elora is part of the Varsity swim team and has served as captain for the past two years. She has also been part of the BHS volleyball team for four years. Elora is passionate about cancer research and service.

Elora speaks Bangla and attends Bangla School. Her culture is an important part of her upbringing, so going to this school and learning about her Bengali heritage has been very important to Elora. Elora presented her History Fair Project to the school committee last year, which earned her and her team 2nd place at regionals and 1st place in the state competition.

4. PR Report

Appointments:

Whitney Bazile	5 day building sub	BHS
Brooke Colella	Per Diem Sub	BHS
Stephen Tashjian	Per Diem Sub	JGMS
Rosana Costa Miranda Mendes	5 day building sub	Lane
Jackson Strzynski	Custodian	Lane
Harry Laskaris	Food Service Worker 17.5	Davis
Melissa Tromblee	5 day building sub	Davis
Xi Chai	TA/BT	Davis
Andrew Sullivan	Custodian	Town

Resignations/Terminations:

Shyanne Pires	AAC TA	BHS
Madison Begin	Athletic Trainer	BHS

Joshua French	Custodian	JGMS
Yousef Masri	Custodian	Lane
Rosana Costa Miranda Mendes	5 day building sub	Lane
Mei Yuk Lui	BT/TA	Davis
Otti McCutcheon	5 day building sub	Davis

5. MCAS Presentation

Dr. Clifford presented district MCAS data/results to the school committee.

DESE released 2022 accountability information, the first since 2019. Under federal flexibility granted for one year, DESE will report less accountability data than usual. This year's information includes data on accountability indicators. It does not include determinations of each district and school's need for assistance or intervention, or targets for districts, or measures of their progress toward those targets. All schools previously identified by the Commissioner as Underperforming or Chronically Underperforming have maintained that status.

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6. Library Media & Instructional Coaching

Postponed

7. FY24 Budget Introduction

Mr. Conrad shared with School Committee members the overview of this year's budget process, budget process, budget calendar, current and future enrollment projection. Program Administrators, Program Directors, and other school leaders to determine the district needs. Then Ms. Kirrane and Mr. Conrad work with you, the Finance Committee, the Town Manager, and other Town officials. We will also be sure that the budget addresses our district and school goals as set out in our District and School Improvement Plans, our contractual obligations, and our district priorities such as Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), and the BPS Literacy Plan.

The process includes overviews to the staff, the school committee, and the finance committee in November. This leads to the creation of the Superintendent's Budget in December, which is voted on by the school committee. By the end of January, the Superintendent's Budget becomes the

School Committee Budget. That budget then that budget is presented to the finance committee for approval and finally is voted on at the town meeting in the spring, which is typically held in March.

8. Donation- Two Sweetbay Magnolia Trees

Mr. Conrad presented the following information to the School Committee about a recent donation that made to the district.

Bedford residents Smriti and Prashanta Shrestha have generously offered to donate trees and a bench to the Town in honor of Prashanta's mother who passed away in 2021. They have been working patiently with the Public Works Department and an opportunity has come up to plant two Sweetbay Magnolias in front of the school administration offices where two conifers died this summer due to the drought. This species is on the Arbor Resources recommended species list and will add species diversity to the area. The Shresthas have met with the Town and agree to the location discussed. The Town will purchase and plant two Sweetbay Magnolias and be reimbursed through the gift account for the cost of the trees. Along with the trees, the Town will install a small plaque flush with the ground. The Town will commit to maintaining the trees and plaque for twenty-five years.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The school committee to accept the donation of two magnolia trees to replace two pine trees previously removed on Railroad Ave near the Superintendent's office.**

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

9. Superintendent Update

Mr. Conrad presented the following during his Superintendent Update to the school committee. 600 people attended the Fall Festival hosted at the Davis school this past weekend. MTCO meet & greet went well last weekend. Two home test kits will be send home over both the Thanksgiving and Christmas break for families and students to test themselves before returning to school after these breaks. Thank you to the DPW & Town Managers for coming to speak to students about career exploration. Mr. Conrad congratulated all students that made the National Merit list. Mr. Conrad announced that he would retire at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Conrad thanked the school committee and the district for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent for the past three-years.

10. Draft Minutes from October 11, 2022

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **To approve the minutes from October 11, 2022**

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

11. Adjournment

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **9:34 PM to adjourn the meeting not to reopen to the public.**

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

Exhibits/Documents

BHS Student Representative summary sheet

PR Report

MCAS Presentation

FY24 Budget Presentation

Donation (Sweetbay Magnolia trees)

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Library Media & Instructional Coaching presentation


 School Committee Secretary


 Date