

## **BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**December 13, 2022**

**Meeting location:**

**LGI Room  
and Telecast remotely via ZOOM**

### **1. Call to Order**

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

### **2. Public Comment**

Erica Callahan  
3 Woodmoor Drive

Ms. Callahan wanted to voice her about continuing to use the Lucy Calkins Literacy Program. Ms. Callahan believes that the curriculum is not based on the science of reading and would like for the committee and the district to spend money on curriculum based on the science of reading. Ms. Callahan stated she felt the need to speak up because the budget season was about to open and is was an important issue.

### **3. PR Report**

#### **Appointments:**

Hannah Gould	PD Substitute	Davis
Isak Johnson	.8 Teaching Assistant	Lane
Caroline Roscoe	PD Substitute	JGMS
Maya Cortez	PD Substitute	JGMS
Lea Boland	Food Service Worker	JGMS
Brian Sheehan	Lead Custodian	JGMS
Ethel Waite	PD Substitute	JGMS
Steven Danehy	Custodian	BHS
Manuel Villegas	Spanish Teacher – LTS	BHS
Deborah Osborn	Middle School Counselor – LTS	BHS
Jahzeel Edey	Teaching Assistant – LTS	BHS
Alexa Torres	Supervisor of Students TA	BHS
Alexis Duffy-Protentis	Athletic Trainer	BHS
AnnMarie Vaughn	School Nurse	BHS
Gianna Mici	PD Substitute	District
Jillian Mici	PD Substitute	District
Katherine Clifford	PD Substitute	District
Isabella Seldon	PD Substitute	District

**Resignations/Terminations:**

Yong Ho Park	Teaching Assistant	Davis
Emily Martin	Teaching Assistant - LTS	Davis
Harry Laskaris	Food Service Worker	Davis
Melissa Tromblee	5-Day Building Sub	Davis
Charissa Edmonds	Lead Custodian	JGMS
Manuel Villegas	LTS Spanish Teacher	JGMS/BHS
Jahzeel Edey	METCO Bus Monitor	BHS
Isaac Singer	5 Day Building Sub	BHS
Eric Joyce	Facilities	District
Shaun Johnson	Facilities	District

**4. SY24 District Calendar-2<sup>nd</sup> Read & Vote**

Mr. Conrad read the proposed SY24 district calendar to the School Committee members and provided more clarity around the issues that were discussed at the previous meeting about proposed changes.

Ms. Scoville made the following motion: **The School Committee approve the SY24 District Calendar as presented.**

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

**MOTION APPROVED 4-1-0**

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	No
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

**5. DEI Statement- 2<sup>nd</sup> Read & Vote**

Mr. Conrad and Mr. Mondesir provided the School Committee with the process and discussions that were had to draft the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) statement and provided information about other DEI statements that being used in neighboring districts.

Ms. Scoville made the following motion: **The School Committee agrees to endorse the new Bedford Public Schools DEI Statement.**

**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

## **6. FY24 Superintendent Budget Presentation**

Mr. Conrad presented the Superintendent's FY24 Budget to the School Committee. Some of the talking points discussed are:

- Superintendent's FY24 Budget Proposal
- Increase of 3% is needed for Maintenance of Effort /Level Services
- Additional support of 1% is requested
- Total request of 4% exceeds Finance Committee's 3.5% budget guideline by 0.5%
  - Covers an additional \$150,000 in MOE budget for out-of-district tuition to avoid reliance on a Town reserve
  - Provides \$83,393 in funding for additional needs
- Staffing request adjusts to lower elementary enrollment (cumulative) keeping all classes within School Committee guidelines
- Additional request for 1.0 FTE elementary reserve teacher due to potential for enrollment changes
- Additional request for 5.6 FTE provides for the district's highest priority proposals to best meet student need

## **7. Superintendent Report**

Mr. Conrad shared the following details during his Superintendent report to the School Committee. Fall Scholar Athletes will be feature in the Boston Globe and Herald. December 21<sup>st</sup> will be final Lane concert of this year and it will be held at BHS. BHS and Fire Department are holding toy drives. Reminder that Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a half day of school. Happy Hanukah to everyone that celebrates. Screening committee applications for Superintendent's search should be submitted to Mr. Morrison and Ms. Scoville.

## **8. Adjournment**

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **8:25 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**

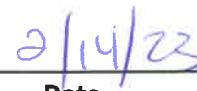
**PR Report**

**DEI Statement-draft**

**SY24 District Calendar- draft**

**FY24 Superintendent Budget**

  
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**School Committee Secretary**

  
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