

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
September 6, 2016
Bedford High School - Large Group Instruction Room

1. Call to Order

At 7:35 p.m., Ms. Guay called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Mr. Brosgol, Mr. Pierce and Ms. Santiago. Mr. McAllister was absent.

2. Comments from Public

None

3. Personnel Report

Mr. Sills reported the following:

Resignations:

Deb MacLeod	EA at Davis School
Toni D'Agostino	TA/Behavior Specialist at Davis School
Paula Bartalamia	TA/Behavior Specialist at Davis School
Michaela Rich	TA/Behavior Specialist at Davis School

LOA:

Jaelyn Bentick-Smith Kindergarten Teacher at Davis School

Appointments:

Cassandra Muse	Replacement Kindergarten Teacher at Davis
Sarah Orlov	Out of District Coordinator for District (After Dec. 23, 2106 she will change to Special Ed Program Admin at Lane School)
Allie Bossman Salk	Special Ed Teacher at Lane
Peter Ferguson	Grade 3 Teacher at Lane
Emily Herrick	Special Education Teacher at Lane
Samantha Provost	Replacement Teacher at Integrated Pre-School
Stephanie Callahan	Social Studies Teacher (.4) at JGMS and .3 Administrative Assistant for Preschool
Matthew Clarke	Campus Aide at the High School
Joshua Spirn	Teaching Assistant at the High School
Shannon Orificie	Teaching Assistant at the High School
Sean Waldron	Teaching Assistant at the Middle School
Deborah Cartaglia	TA/Behaviorist at Davis
Jennifer Gentry	TA/Behaviorist at Davis
Kimberly Limoli	TA at JGMS
Jennifer Ilchuk	.5 Administrative Assistant to METCO Director at the High School

Mr. Coelho asked the School Committee to approve maximum balances for the student accounts For the 2016-17 school year in accordance with MGL CH. 71, section 47.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: That the School Committee establishes the following maximum balances for student activity accounts for fiscal year 2017 as follows:

Bedford High School \$50,000

John Glenn Middle School \$15,000

Lane Elementary School \$7,500

Davis Elementary School \$7,500

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Pierce

MOTION APPROVED: 4-0-0 (Mr. McAllister was absent)

Mr. Sills asked the School Committee to consider adding two Teaching Assistants/Behaviorists at Davis School. Mr. Sills explained that this was necessary due to a student returning from an out-of-district placement and a new autism diagnosis of an existing student. Both of these students will be in the Davis “SAIL” program and both require one-to-one aides.

Mr. Sills said that he, Ms. Vines, and Mr. Coelho estimate that the cost savings to do this is approximately \$58,000. He also has two qualified candidates for the positions.

Mr. Pierce asked what if we hire these two TAs but one or both of the students need to go to an out-of-district placement. Mr. Sills said that typically, the TA would be re-assigned to students for the remaining part of the year but would not be re-appointed for the following year. However, Mr. Sills said that there has been many discussions with the families of these students and everyone feels that the SAIL program is the right fit.

Mr. Pierce commented that there is a risk of carrying the costs of the salaries of two assistants and picking up tuition for an out-of-district tuition and transportation if one or both of the students cannot stay in the SAIL program.

Mr. Pierce made the following motion:

MOVED: That the School Committee approve the creation of two new Behavior Specialists for Davis School.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brosgol

MOTION APPROVED: 4-0-0 (Mr. McAllister was absent)

4. Appointments

Mr. Sills asked the School Committee to make several appointments for the school year.

Mr. Pierce made the following motion for appointing the Superintendent as a Voting member of the collaboratives.

MOVED: That the School Committee approve that the Superintendent act as Voting Member of the CASE, LABBB, and EDCO collaboratives for the 2016/17 school year,

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Brosgol

MOTION APPROVED; 4-0-0 (Mr. McAllister was absent)

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: That the School Committee appoint Ann Guay to serve as the Bedford School Committee member to serve on the EDCO Advisory Board for the 2016/2017 School year.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Pierce

MOTION APPROVED 4-0- (Mr. McAllister was absent)

Ms. Santiago made the following motion to appoint School attendance officers:

MOVED: That the School Committee appoints School Attendance Officers for the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

School Principals

Assistant Principals

School Resource Officer Jeff Wardwell

School Resource Officer Steven Waite

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Pierce

MOTION APPROVED: 4-0-0 (Mr. McAllister was absent)

5. MSBA Davis and JGMS Resubmittal Vote

The Massachusetts School Building Authority requires Bedford Public Schools to re-vote resolutions for applications on the Davis and John Glenn Middle Schools.

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on September 6, 2016, prior to the closing date, the School Committee of Bedford, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form dated March 31, 2016 for the Lt. Eleazer Davis Elementary School, located at 410 Davis Road which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future to address (2) elimination of severe overcrowding, (4) prevention of severe overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollments, and (7) addition to building in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or

commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Pierce

MOTION APPROVED: 4-0-0 (Mr. McAllister was absent)

Mr. Pierce made the following motion:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on September 6, 2016, prior to the closing date, the School Committee of Bedford, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form dated March 31, 2016 for the John Glenn Middle School, located at 99 McMahan Road, Bedford, MA, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future to address (4) prevention of severe overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollments, and (7) addition to building in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED: 4-0-0 (Mr. McAllister was absent)

6. Goals Presentation

Mr. Sills presented the 2016-2017 Goals. He explained that the goals for this year are a continuation of efforts to achieve the vision: *“The Bedford Public Schools develops skillful, reflective, lifelong learners who think critically and creatively and who are informed, responsible, and productive global citizens. The school community provides a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment in which the unique intellectual, social, ethical, and emotional growth of each learner is realized.”*

The four strategic objectives are:

1. Ensure all students are actively engaged in coherent, higher order thinking with curriculum-centered learning.
2. All students meet district-wide learning expectation by teaching all and building community
3. Nurture a collaborative and professional culture
4. Strengthen communications and deepen our community support

Mr. Sills highlighted several key initiatives planned to meet these objectives. The entire goal statement may be found on the website.

7. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Sills reported a successful opening at all four schools. Total enrollment is 2,584. Kindergarten has five more kids than projected. The fifth grade is as large as expected and if we did not have the extra classroom, the average size of the class would have been 27.

Mr. Sills reported that the Lane School project has been hitting all of the time lines. Phase 1 is complete. (He shared photos of some of the improvements). Winter is when the work on the new addition will commence.

8. Minutes

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: That the School Committee approve the minutes of the July 18, 2016 meeting.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Pierce

MOTION APPROVED: 4-0-0 (Mr. McAllister was absent)

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

MOVED: That the School Committee approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting as amended and checked to ensure that the MGL references are aligned correctly.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Pierce

MOTION APPROVED: 4-0-0 (Mr. McAllister was absent)

9. Liaison Reports

None

10. Future Topics

- Finalizing School Committee meeting dates and topics.
- Reassigning Liaisons

11. Discussion of new information regarding 607 Springs Road

Since Mr. McAllister was absent from this meeting, the School Committee decided to discuss this at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion:

MOVED: Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., not to reopen.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McAllister	Absent
Ms. Guay	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Pierce	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes

School Committee Secretary

Date

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Exhibits/Documents

- Bedford Public Schools District-Wide Goals for Achieving our Mission 2016-17
- Draft of Minutes from July 18, 2016 School Committee meeting
- Draft of Minutes from July 25, 2016 School Committee meeting