

**BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**March 25, 2019**  
**Bedford High School – Large Group Instruction Room**

**1. Call to Order**

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Brosgol called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Santiago, Ms. Scoville, and Ms. Marquis. Ms. Guay arrived a little later.

**2. Comments from Public**

None

**3. Personnel Report**

Mr. Sills asked the School Committee to approve a field trip request from Ms. Flora, Business teacher at the High School to allow a DECA student to attend the National Championship in Orlando, Florida on April 27-30, 2019. The student, Caitlin Connor, earned the honor to compete by winning first place in the State competition. Caitlin's Mother will attend and no Bedford Public School employees will be attending.

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

**MOVED: That the School Committee approve Caitlin Connor's attendance at the DECA ICDC Competition in Orlando, Florida on April 27-30, 2019 at no cost to the schools.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville**

**MOTION APPROVED: 4-0-0 (Ms. Guay was absent)**

Mr. Sills also presented another field trip for approval. Ms. Darlington, Science teacher at Bedford High School, would like to take all Physics students to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH on June 7, 2019. Several other science teachers will attend and will chaperone the approximately 225 students in grade 9, 10 and 11. In class, many of the Physics concepts are explained to students in the context of amusement park rides. Also, on June 7<sup>th</sup>, students will have just completed three days of MCAS testing. The teachers think this trip will be a fun way to celebrate the end of the year in Physics. The cost will be \$28 per student and no cost to the schools.

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

**MOVED: That the School Committee approve the field trip for high school Physics students to go to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH on June 7, 2019 at no cost to the schools.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville**

**MOTION APPROVED: 4-0-0 (Ms. Guay was absent)**

Mr. Sills presented the "6-12 Reading Program Administrator with Teaching Responsibilities" job description again and asked the School Committee to consider approving it. This was the second reading of the job description. No School Committee members had any questions or edits.

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

**MOVED: That the School Committee approve the "6-12 Reading Program Administrator with Teaching Responsibilities" job description as presented.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Marquis**

**MOTION APPROVED: 5-0**

#### **4. Solar Panels & JGMS Building Addition**

Mr. Sills and Mr. Alani, Director of Facilities, shared that the Facilities Department is ready to put solar panels on the roof of the Central Office wing at JGMS. Mr. Alani expects that this project will be completed by September 2019. Funding will come from the Direct Energy refund (\$12,000), a Revise Energy contribution (\$4,970) and a number of energy rebates (LED Lighting etc.).

Mr. Sills said that installing these solar panels will show the School's efforts towards conservation and will save money in the long run.

Mr. Brosgol asked how this project fits in with the Town's efforts. Mr. Alani said that he is looking to put panels on the Davis School and the Middle School during the renovations. He explained that the State has an attractive program for solar panel installation and if Bedford gets approved now, we will have a year to install in order to take advantage of these benefits. Facilities is exploring other locations for solar panel installation.

Mr. Alani would like to do all three school locations at the same time. He also thinks that the high school environmental class will be interested in this project too.

Ms. Santiago suggested that the town give opportunities for neighbors to comment on the projects. Mr. Sills said he thinks that these are small projects and would not cause any concerns.

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

**MOVED: That the School Committee approve funding, not to exceed \$15,000, to install solar panels on the roof above the central administration wing of the John Glenn Middle School, with an expected completion date of September 2019.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Guay**

**MOTION APPROVED: 5-0**

Ms. Santiago made the following motion:

**MOVED: That the School Committee approve the funding, not to exceed \$35,000, to install solar panels on the roofs of the two new school additions, unless the town approved the replacement on the entire JGMS roof, at which point the solar projects would become part of a larger rooftop solar system.**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville**

**MOTION APPROVED: 5-0**

#### **5. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Sills said that the job posting for the Director of Finance position will close at the end of March. He expects that interviews will be held right before or after April break. Mr. Brosgol will find a School Committee member to participate.

Mr. Sills also commented that it was a very sad day at the high school due to the death of a student. He said he was very proud of his Administrative team who spent a lot of time at the high school supporting Ms. Galante and the students and staff. All counselors from the other schools also went to the high school to lend support.

**6. Adjournment**

Ms. Marquis made the following motion:

**MOVED: Motion to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. not to reopen (Town Meeting)**

**MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Santiago**

Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Ms. Santiago	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Marquis	Yes

  
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School Committee Secretary

  
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Date

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**Exhibits/Documents**

- Draft of job description for “K-12 Reading Program Administrator with Teaching Responsibilities”