

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

February 13, 2024

Meeting location:

Telecast remotely via ZOOM

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

No comments

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Morrison made the following motion: The School Committee approves the draft minutes from the January 23, 2024

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms. McGinley	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes

4. Overnight Field Trips-Vote

- **DECA State Competition, Boston- March 7-9, 2024**
- **BHS Varsity & JV Baseball Team, Norwich, CT Game- April 18, 2024**
- **Nature’s Classroom, Freedom, NH- November 6-8, 2024**
- **Dominican Republic, February 2025**

Ms. Scoville made the following motion: The School Committee approves the slate of overnight and out-of-state field trips as presented at no cost to the district.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. McGinley

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms. McGinley	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes

5. 2024-2027 Student Opportunity Act Plan- 1st read & Vote

Superintendent Chuang briefly went over with School Committee members the Student Opportunity Act Plan document. The Student Opportunity Act (SOA) was established by DESE in 2019, with a focus on providing funding to districts serving

students with the greatest needs. Every district must set clear targets for improving disparities in achievement among student groups and develop a three-year plan to implement evidence-based strategies to meet their targets. The first set of three-year plans were submitted during COVID. The second round of three-year plans is due to DESE on April 1, 2024. More details about Bedford's 2024-2027 plans will be shared at our next meeting. Your approval is required by DESE, prior to formal submission.

Our first SOA plan, this next SOA plan will focus on literacy. The plan focuses on the shift we are making in our approach to literacy instruction as discussed throughout the fall and winter.

Ms. McGinley made the following motion: The School Committee approves the proposed 2024-2027 Bedford Public Schools Student Opportunity Act Plan.

MOTION SECONDED by Mr. Morrison

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms. McGinley	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes

6. Gifts & Grants Acceptance-Vote

Mr. Morrison made the following motion: The School Committee

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms. McGinley	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes

7. District Literacy Leadership Team Update

Dr. Clifford provided an update to the committee about the upcoming meeting and work the DLLT Team will be doing. The DLLT Team will meet monthly with the Hill for Literacy to conduct core program reviews. Both administrators and teachers will take courses on the Science of reading. Administrators have completed two modules and teachers will begin their course on February 7, 2024.

8. Donations-Vote

Anonymous donation in the amount of \$2002.00 for BHS Math Department to purchase graphing calculators or other needed materials for students/department.

Mr. Morrison made the following motion: That the School Committee accept the grants, gifts, and donations as presented.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

Mr. Morrison	Yes
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Ms. McGinley	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes

9. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Chuang presented to the School Committee and public at-large with a detailed explanation of what goes into making a decision to call a snow day due to inclement weather. Many factors include MECO and Hanscom students as well as students that come from other districts as part of their specialized programs that are housed at one of our buildings. Along with information from the bus company, DPW and facilities. Thank you to all of our School Counselor would celebrated School Counselor week last week. Some other happening around the district, Davis Had a Family Forum about a well-balanced student, METCO had a 50th year celebration and dedication, JGMS was hosted BEST PTO’s Social for students and their families for both Davis and Lane. School Committee will attend the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday for a Q&A session. Lastly, Student representative Shreyes Shivappa provided the committee with all the happenings that have been taking place in and around BHS from sports to other extra-curricular activities/groups undertakings and accomplishments thus far in the year.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Morrison made the following motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Unit A and Unit B Contract Negotiations with the Bedford Education Association. Not to reopen to the public.

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville

MOTION APPROVED 4-0-0

Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms. McGinley	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Ms. Mehta-Green	Yes

Exhibits/Documents

Draft Minutes-January 16, 2023

Donations, Gifts & Grants

Field Trips-

DECA State Competition, Boston-March 7-9, 2024

BHS Varsity & JV Baseball Team Norwich, CT Game-April 18, 2024

Nature’s Classroom, Freedom, NH- November 6-8, 2024

Dominican Republic, February 2025

Student Opportunity Act Plan

School Committee Approved

Date: February 27, 2024