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BOURNE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, November 3, 2021
TIME: 6:30 PM Regular Meeting
PLACE: Bourne High School Library

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Emily Berry; Steven Strojny; Maureen Fuller; Erin Perry; Kari McRae; Ryan Bagdonas

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice-Chair Paul McMaster

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT: Dr. Kerri Zhou, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ryan Place, Director of Student Services

Dr. Barbara Starkie(absent) Mr. Jordan Geist(absent)

1.CALL TO ORDER

Chair Emily Berry calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. PLEDGE

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Sachowski-spoke about his views on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and his unhappiness with it

Kai Chen, BHS senior, spoke about Critical Race Theory

Green Community Presentation

Carl Gregson-Presenting

Mr. Gregson spoke about if approved the town will receive a 172,000 grant. Reviewed presentation and highlighted that this is a living document and that school buildings make up about 50% of the BTU usage. Questions arose in regards to several areas:

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Ryan Bagdonas-asked if there were steps to get the 20%. Mr. Sachowski responded that members had been given handouts highlighting pages 20& 21 which are in reference to the 20% steps.

Kari McRae-noted that it was strange that BIS had the highest usage as the newest school. Mr. Sachowski stated it was puzzling to them as well. An in depth audit was performed and Margaret Song from the audience was called up as conducted audit. BIS when benchmarked against other schools was not bad. At some point we should go back & check some of the controls once health is not the priority-IE Covid.

Emily called for a roll call to approve the Energy Reduction plan, however Dr. Zhou requested that it be held till next meeting as Mr. Geist(not present) and Dr. Zhou had not reviewed this audit and it was the first time they were seeing it.

Voted & approved to move to Dec for vote to approve

4. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Chairperson's Report:

Emily Berry stated that DR. Zhou moved the Superintendent's goals presentation to December wehn all members will be present.

Emily then read her statement on Critical Race Theory-explaining it is NOT being taught in Bourne Public Schools.

Emily then read the DESE statement in regards to cultural response & the learning academies.

Joint conference started today-will report next month after participating

b. Superintendent's Report:

Thank you to Green Communities for the time & presentation

Was not planning on a 3 day closure. Thank you to everyone for the work to getting everything up & running and keeping her in the loop.

Looking to do performance contact-inline with Green Communities. RFQ out and small committee together.Using a detailed rubric they are reading through reports to decide who will perform an audit. Analysis of reports to be done by Friday 11/5/21. Ryan Bagdonas would like to have audit information for the next meeting so a vote can be taken.

Budget Planning already started-currently at the building base level to see what is needed for staff & students.

Dr.Place

Huge thank you from Dr. Zhou for everything he has done
Currently administered 83 with 0 positives
27 positive cases so far in district-23 kids/4 staff

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Presentations

Innovation Pathways by Ann Marie Strode-Google slides presentation discussing the 5 components. Already inline with programming at the high school and will be starting with 2 pathways. Based on surveys and data from the students. Emily Berry asked for expected start dates to which Mrs. Strode stated that the goal was next fall. Dr. Zhou noted that a small but mighty team putting this together will open many new opportunities. Mauren Fuller confirmed that there is no minimum amount of kids needed to run it.

Bournedale Spotlight by Liz Carpeninto-Google slides presentation discussing WIN and what goes into it. Commends the whole staff as it takes everyone to make it a success and everyone pitches in. Presentation highlights all the offerings and experiences kids are receiving to help close the learning gaps that remote learning caused. Kids are prioritized but what each needs most.

BHS spirit week & pep rally-Viveca Stucke, senior at BHS. Viveca discussed how bringing back Spirit week & Pep rally brought some normalcy back in the building. Showed a google slide with pictures of the different Spirit days & pep rally.

f. School Committee Sub Committee:

Curriculum Sub Committee-Ryan Bagdonas report to be moved to next month as they were going to discuss PD that was canceled.

Policy Sub-Committee-Erin Perry reported that her, Maureen Fuller & Dr. Zhou reviewed the MASC resolutions. Resolution 1 they had questions on but resolutions 2-9 they felt comfortable with to bring to remaining school committee members. Discussed BEDH & BEDH-E and will be continuing discussions on these.CHRI which is in connection with CORIS is currently missing and will be revisited in next mtg. Job Descriptions will also be continued to review.

SEPAC-Dr. Place reported will be bringing in a student next month to present. The audio then became muffled and could not be heard by the recording secretary.

Diversity & Equity-Dr. Zhou reports that she is transitioning this committee to Dr. Starkie. Meeting has been moved to the end of November if not definitely December.

Budget & Facilities Sub Committee

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Zhou requested consideration to have 11/17 changed to a half day as professional development day in Oct was one of the canceled days due to the storm and power outages. Vote to modify calendar-passed unanimously.

Review of the MASC 9 resolutions and voting to approve or oppose

Resolution 1-Vote 7-0 OPPOSED
Resolution 2-Vote 6-1 APPROVED
Resolution 3-Vote 7-0 APPROVED
Resolution 4-Vote 7-0 APPROVED
Resolution 5-Vote 6-1-Table for future mtg
Resolution 6-Vote-5-2 APPROVED
Resolution 7-Vote 6-1 APPROVED
Resolution 8-Vote 5-2 APPROVED
Resolution 9-Vote 5-2 APPROVED

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6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Warrant & Payroll
Vote to approve-unanimous 7-0 Approved

Motion to adjourn: Unanimous Meeting ended at 8:48 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Tracey Francis
Recording Secretary