Bourne Public Schools

BOURNE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, December 1, 2021
TIME: 6:30 PM Regular Meeting
PLACE: Bourne High School Library

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Emily Berry; Vice-Chair Paul McMaster; Steven Strojny; Maureen Fuller; Erin Perry; Ryan Bagdonas

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Kari McRae

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT: Dr. Kerri Zhou, Superintendent of Schools, Jordan Geist, Director of Business Services, Dr. Ryan Place, Director of Student Services & Dr. Barbara Starkie, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

1.CALL TO ORDER

Chair Emily Berry calls the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

2. PLEDGE

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Josh Newhouse-Thank you to everyone for the welcoming and support since joining the district.

4. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Chairperson's Report:

No correspondence or announcements per Emily Berry

Welcome to new student advisory member-Ava Fenton

MASC-joint conference school committee members & administrators across the state-attended Maureen, Ryan, Emily, Kerri & Erin-virtually attended

Lots of glitches while people are speaking

Each to speak on what they section attended

Erin Perry-general sections attended

Put everything you do in perspective

Tough 18 months

Elected officials who is responsibilities to the kids

Challenging year and figure out things going forward

Important to stick to core values-convey and clear to community

Misinformation out there on polarizing around covid-not engaging in this at public comment or elsewhere. Lots based on fear-people do not know what is coming next

Touched on policy updates meeting-will touch base on policy subcommittee mtg

Maureen Fuller

Discussions different than the title-equity of student access-NAESC came up

NAESC coming up-goals & objectives-backing up what can we do in middle and elementary schools

Looking at content & achievement prior-now softer measurements imaginations, curiosity all social emotional looking at -overall view of a NAESC committee

Always looked at the high school but it is really is backing it down to younger grades to support the highschool

Ryan Bagdonas

Session that Erin mentioned

Not the only ones we are dealing with theses issues

Remember why we are here for students

Don't realize how much we have done so it is good to hear that we are going in right direction-Emily agreed we are doing great things

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Erin Berry

Partnership with Community Classroom-huge commitment but very motivating. Discussion around equity across all schools- everyone learning the same things in connection to this project. Dr. Zhou agreed with so much we have around us that partnerships could be endless however lots to cultivate.

b. Superintendent's Report:

Excited to welcome Chris Oliver new director of technology. Plans to be at the next meeting.

District learning walks have been very successful for BES round 1. Next stops are BIS 12/2 and BHS Friday. BMS will be following WEdnesday to tie it all together. Try to do a fast turn around to get the info back out on what works and what needs improvement

Dr. Starkie then spoke about the overall success of the PD on 11/17 and highlighted what each grade level participated in. She also discussed the strengths and teamwork of all involved from the planning to the participation. Dr. STarkie then went on to congratulate the start of the parent reading group that had been started at BIS & BES. BMS librarian Sara Riggle received kudos for her 1 book initiative. BHS and Mrs. Cetner had an outstanding student showcase presentation,Emily Berry thanked Dr. Starkie for her weekly emails that she sends out. Very informative and really gives a good glimpse into things that are happening across the district.

Dr. Zhou thanks Dr. Place for his exceptional job as COVID lead. Dr. Place reports that there has been an uptick in tests. Currently test & stay kids are testing negative. Dr. Place expressed his gratitude for the all the help and flexibility from staff & kids alike

Dr. Zhou thanks BHS for their showcase and all the amazing things happening there. Maureen Fuller asked about attendance in the evening portion, to which Dr. Zhou responded that there were about 30 in attendance..

c. Program Spotlight-LEVEL UP:

Mrs. Leslie Sullivan invited Jakcleen (Jax) Geiler, BHS level up student, to join the meeting and to talk about Level UP. Google slide presentation used highlighted all the happenings within the program and the ADL skills each student was receiving daily. Jax talked about work, volunteering as well as all the fun that is had.

d. Superintendent's goals:

Dr. Zhou discussed each of her goals and where each building and the district is headed based on those goals. Google slide presentation to follow along with each goal.

Committee votes to approve Superintendent's report 7-0 APPROVED

e. School Improvement Plan updates:

Each principal spoke to how the school improvement programs were working within their building but tying to the other schools as well. There was a google slide presentation that went along with their presentation.

Liz Carpenetino(BES) spoke to how plans did not have to change-no matter the changes because they were always student focused.

Christine Borning(BMS) work is focused on academics implanting WIN & using the benchmark data to give kids exactly what they need. Basic things are worked on as well such as executive functioning with a focus on intentional learning.

Janey Norton(BIS) spoke about building culture and positive expected behaviors. PBIS academy and support from DESE and normal has helped to support. Focusing on how to include parents but it feels great to be on the road back to "normal"

Amy Cetner(BHS) the high school has hit the ground running and are working to create a positive culture for staff & students. It has been a challenging year so far.

The video cuts in and out several times as members are asking questions so the recording secretary cannot follow.

f. School Committee Sub Committee:

Student Advisory Committee-Viveca Stucke, BHS senior spoke about Bourne Advantage and how her 7th grade sister saw a whole new side to the high school-not just the "nerdy" stuff there. Welcome to Ava Fenton to the school committee.The Sullivan msg, presenter that came in, gave a powerful message and made an impression on students.

Curriculum Sub Committee-no update mtg next week

Policy Sub-Committee-12/16 next meeting job descriptions. Vote to abolish BDEH-E 7-0 Approved to abolish. BEDH back to the sub committee for clarification.

SEPAC- Student speaker brought in by Dr. Place.Great perspective to hear his thoughts and student appreciates everyone that has been there for him.

Budget & Facilities Sub Committee-no date set yet
Congrats to the high school from Dr. Zhou on moving onto to Part B for the Innovation Pathways

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Energy Reduction plan from November mtg. Audit revisited and BIS is not as high as originally thought. Inaccuracies has been corrected Vote 7-0 APPROVED

Executive Session minutes vote to approve release of minutes and redacted minutes as well. Vote 7-0 APPROVED.

Motion to adjourn: Voted unanimously 7-0 **Meeting ended at 8:39 PM**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Tracey Francis
Recording Secretary