Bourne Public Schools

BOURNE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, March 1, 2023
TIME: 6:00 PM Regular Session; 6:30PM Budget Hearing per MGL Chapter 71, Section 38N
PLACE: Bourne High School Auditorium, 75 Waterhouse Rd., Bourne, MA

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Emily Berry; Ryan Bagdonas; Maureen Fuller; Paul McMaster; Erin Perry; Kerrie Scofield

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Kari MacRae; Student Representative Isabella Palumbo

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT: Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou, Superintendent; Dr. Barbara Starkie, Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching; Jordan Geist, Director of Business Services; Kristin Donahue, Director of Special Education and Student Services; MacKenzie MacMaster, Student Advisory Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Emily Berry calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
Bourne TV has audio issues and joins the meeting around 6:20PM.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. NATIONAL ANTHEM

Grades 2-12 students sing the National Anthem in celebration of National Music In Our Schools Month.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

No public comments are made.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT

- Presentation/Report - School Spotlight: Bourne High School
  - MacKenzie MacMaster presents the Bourne HIgh School Spotlight.
  - BHS Chorus sings an original piece written by BHS Alum and Grammy Award nominated composer, Ian Good, to celebrate Music In Our Schools Month.

b. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT, *Emily Berry, School Committee Chair*

- Announcements
  - Chair Berry says Bourne Committee Commission Training is taking place on February 16th and March 16th.

c. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, *Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou, Superintendent of Schools*

- Teaching and Learning Update
  - Dr. Starkie announces that Grant: FC185, a grant from DESE for High Quality Instructional Materials, was awarded for $73k. She thanks Lisa Dix and Jessee Clements for helping to compose the grant which will be used to fund continued professional development with Allison Mello working with K-5 math teachers to support implementation of Eureka.
- Announcements & Correspondence:
  - Past and Upcoming Events
    - BES - Lisa Dix, on behalf of Mrs. Carpenito, presents upcoming events at BES including a visit from author Anna Staniszewski to kick off Read Across America Week, the Bournedale Book Bistro book tasting, Read Across America Spirit Week, National School Breakfast Week, PTA Family Game Night, and the District-Wide STEAMposium.
    - BIS - Mrs. Norton says BIS held a very successful Random Acts of Kindness Spirit Week in February. All Star Revue performances also took place and were well attended. She says upcoming events at BIS include the All State Music Conference for the Grade 5 Band, PTA Spring Dance on Saint Patrick's Day, Read Across America Week, STEAMposium, and a Healthy Action Team-sponsored healthy cooking class.
    - BMS - Mrs. Borning highlights events that took place at BMS during February including a Kindness-themed Spirit Week, a Student vs. Staff basketball game, Family Bingo Night to support the 6th Grade Camp Bournedale trip and the first practices for the Unified Basketball team. She says upcoming events at BMS include March Madness and Read Across America Month
    - BHS - Mrs. Cetner says upcoming events at BHS include the Semi-Final round of the METG Theater Festival taking place on March 18th, ELA MCAS for Grade 10 on March 28th and 29th, and AP Math Coursework Mock Exams on March 10th, 17th and 27th.

Paul MacMaster motions to suspend regular meeting and open the FY24 Budget Hearing; Seconded by Maureen Fuller; Roll call vote passes 6-0-0

6. OPEN FY24 BUDGET HEARING per MGL Chapter 71, Section 38N

Chair Berry opens the Budget Hearing at 6:35PM.

- Dr. Zhou presents the FY24 Budget Presentation. She says the presentation contains a lot of really great pictures because although technically the budget is about money it's really about students. She explains that the presentation covers Assumptions & Scenarios, Priorities, School/Program Specifics, Budget Summary & Snapshots, the FY24 Proposed Budget, Budget Development, and the Overall Recommendation and invites Lisa Dix, Jane Norton, Christine Borning, Amy Cetner, Dr. Starkie, Jordan Geist, and Kristin Donahue to expand on each throughout the presentation. Dr. Zhou concludes the presentation by thanking everyone who was involved in creating it including the Budge & Facilities Subcommittee and notes that the common theme is the continuation of a solid 3-year plan. She says staff and teachers will be happy to hear that they are continuing the things that have started to take hold and she feels very strongly that this will lead to student success. She asks the Committee to please consider this recommended budget of $25,818,363.
- There is no public input.
- Maureen Fuller asks if ARC expenditures have started to plateau yet as they are entering year 4. Dr. Starkie says this coming year is the last year they intend to fund ARC professional development but will continue to pay for SchoolPace and any additional materials associated with the program such as books.
- Mrs. Fuller asks if Allison Mello worked with all Grade 3 teachers this year. Dr. Starkie says she worked with all K-5 Math teachers hence there are some Grade 3 teachers that did not work with her last year and will need to next year.

Paul MacMaster motions to close the FY24 Budget Hearing; Seconded by Erin Perry; Roll call vote passes 6-0-0

- Chair Berry closes the Budget Hearing at 7:04pm.

7. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS continued

Paul MacMaster motions to accept the FY24 Budget as presented; Seconded by Erin Perry; Roll call vote passes 6-0-0

c. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, *continued*

- Teaching and Learning Update
  - Jessee Clements presents the BHS Program of Studies. She says the entire Program of Studies is shared with changes highlighted. She notes the focus is on expanding Pre-AP, adding the Health Careers Innovation Pathways and expanding electives recommended by teachers based on student feedback.
  - Maureen Fuller suggests adding a key to let parents and students know what the course distinctions AP, C, and H (AP, College Prep and Honors) stand for.
  - Mrs. Fuller says she found it confusing that course prerequisites were not always listed with the specific distinctions and suggests that as a change in a future iteration.

- Mrs. Fuller asks how students know which courses in the entire Program of Studies are being offered for them to choose from. Jessee Clements says, as she understands it, the teachers in each department talk to their students about what's being offered and what the next logical step for them is. She says Guidance Counselors also go through that with students when they meet with them. Mrs. Cetner adds that being a small school has awarded them the luxury of revamping the course selection process over the last few years. She says now each department is required to create a presentation which includes electives associated with the department. Students are presented with the options during Course Selection Day where they hear from their current teachers about what the next step is within each department. She adds that Guidance Counselors also met with each student 1:1 including Grade 8 students. Mrs. Fuller asks whether students decide on their own what to take or share it with their caregivers. Mrs. Cetner says parents have access to all the information on Powerschool and open communication is welcome.
- Mrs. Fuller says she didn't see ASL in the proposed new course revisions. Jessee Clements says the ASL course is in the Program of Studies but didn't make it onto the proposed revision sheet.
- Paul McMaster says the new offerings in History and Social Sciences look fascinating and asks where the curriculum for HERstory-Women in History and Baseball in American Culture come from. Mrs. Cetner says they are mostly in-house developed. Baseball in American Culture was offered in past years and was revamped and added back to the Program of Studies and HerStory was proposed and developed by a current history teacher. Mr. McMaster asks how much interest there is in these courses. Mrs. Cetner says students just finished course selection and they have not yet gotten a tally on these courses.

Paul MacMaster motions to accept the Program of Studies as presented; Seconded by Ryan Bagdonas; Voice vote passes 6-0-0

b. SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUB COMMITTEE & DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Curriculum Sub Committee
  - Ryan Bagdonas says the committee will meet next Tuesday.
- Policy Sub Committee
  - Erin Perry reports the committee reviewed draft revisions to existing budget policies and some new budget policies all of which came out of a policy update put forward by MASC. She thanks Dr. Zhou and Jordan Geist for their review of those policies. She says they will present the 10 revised policies and 6 new policies to the full committee for consideration at the next meeting.
- Budget and Facilities Sub Committee
  - Paul McMaster says the committee did not meet.
- SEPAC
  - Kristin Donahue says they have a presentation by the Federation for Children coming up on March 14th which will aim to identify the role of SEPAC and work on how to reinvigorate it in the district.
- District Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
  - Dr. Starkie says the committee met earlier in February and focused on the event, Bourne Celebrates Everyone, which will take place on April 27th in conjunction with the Building Bridges initiative. She says the event will be an evening to celebrate all the different types of families and people who live in Bourne. The committee will meet again on March 20th 4pm at BIS.
- District Technology Committee

- Dr. Starkie reports on behalf of Chris Oliver. She says the E-Rate WiFi project for BMS and BHS has been awarded. She adds that work will commence on the Student Data Consortium in March to create a Student Data Privacy agreement for the district. The committee also continued work on the Acceptable Use Policy and expects to send that to the Policy Subcommittee for review in late Spring.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Draft SY23-24 Calendar
  - Dr. Zhou says the calendar remains as presented at the last meeting. There was only one comment received that was addressed and did not change the draft calendar.

Paul McMaster motions to accept the SY 23-34 Calendar as presented; Seconded by Erin Perry; Voice vote passes 6-0-0

- Camp Bournedale Field Trip
  - Mrs. Borning congratulates and thanks Grade 6 teacher Sam Fasoli who did the heavy lifting with planning the trip and organizing fundraisers. She says the trip costs $350 and 101 out of 131 students are signed up to go. She explains that teachers will stay the whole time in separate adult housing and parents will come in the evenings to chaperone the student cabins.

Paul McMaster motions to approve the Grade 6 Camp Bournedale field trip; Seconded by Maureen Fuller; Voice vote passes 6-0-0

9. ACTION ITEMS

a. Vote to approve Warrants and Payroll

Paul McMaster motions to approve Warrants and Payroll; Seconded by Ryan Bagdonas; Roll call vote passes 6-0-0

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentation from the Wampanoag Tribe
- School Spotlight: BMS
- New and revised Budget Policies

11. ADJOURN-*PAUL McMASTER MOTIONS TO ADJOURN; RYAN BAGDONAS SECONDS; ROLL CALL VOTE PASSES 6-0-0*

Meeting ended at 7:30 PM

List of documents and exhibits used (GL c.30A, sect 22(a))

Agenda Item	Document
0	School Committee Agenda
5c.	Grant: FC185
8.	SY 23-24 Calendar
8.	Camp Bournedale Field Trip

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jessica Moerman
Recording Secretary