

**BERLIN-BOYLSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**STUDENT SUCCESS AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Berlin-Boylston Regional School District

215 Main Street, Boylston, MA

September 11, 2001

1:30pm, ZOOM

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*Present: School Committee: Ms. Jessica Degliaberti, Ms. Lisa Mair*

**Administration:** Ms. Carol Costello, Superintendent; Mr. Dan Ayala; Ms. Nicole Bilotta, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; Ms. Nancy Konisky, Director of Finance & Operations; Mr. Paul Mara, Technology Coordinator

I. Call to Order – Ms. Jessica Degliaberti called the meeting to order at 1:32pm

II. [RF safety data review/Cell Phone Tower](#)

The subcommittee discussed the safety concerns with adding in the cell towers. The plan is to first see how the Verizon work on Route 70 goes. Mr. Mara noted that fiber cables have capability for direct connections between BBRSD buildings on our network, but would not help cell service. Ms. Mair proposed the idea of hard wiring more devices. There would need to be a major internal restructuring if it was decided to use more hard-wired connections versus wifi run devices.

The links provided by Ms. Mair discussed how different countries have taken steps to reduce radio frequency and limits to where towers can be placed. Cece Doucet (MA4SafeTech) is willing to come to a school committee meeting to talk on the subject to address the concerns about the technology impact to bodies/ the brain and long-term health issues. The committee is pro-technology, but would like to do in the safest possible manner.

Ms. Mair proposed having a proactive approach to invite experts to share their views with the group. Concerns were raised about what would happen if parents do not want to have kids in classroom with technology. The committee proposed to involve the Berlin-Boylston Board of health with experts versus the school side, as more neutral entity. Parent forums could also be held as well to get different perspectives. Some of the cellular data referenced today pulls from same studies back from 2011. The installed cellular extenders will mostly be in the halls versus the classrooms. Ms. Mair to bring Cece Doucet to 19Carter and will invite school committee and board selectman the meeting.

III. BES playground repairs needed/Recess

The spinning structure and tire swing are in disrepair at BES. Superintendent Costello will follow up with the facilities manager to see if those items can be addressed. The potential funding source will be figured out.

#### IV. Future Agenda Items

Superintendent Costello wanted to define subcommittee's responsibilities and to continue to seek opportunities in the community. Ms. Degliaberti would like more recess time looked into in the future. The Fuller Foundation would not be able to help until mid-January for pursuing ways to get community members to get involved in philanthropic endeavors (grant/private donors) with the schools. Ms. Degliaberti will reach out to Ms. Meagan Grill as President of BEF. Ms. Degliaberti will draft a mission statement of the committee.

Ms. Degliaberti adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm.