Bourne Public Schools

BOURNE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2024
TIME: 6:30PM Regular Session
PLACE: Bourne High School Auditorium, 75 Waterhouse Rd., Bourne, MA

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Emily Berry; Donel Beals; Maureen Fuller; Kendellynn Gagne; Kari MacRae; Paul McMaster; Kerrie Scofield; Student Representative MacKenzie McMaster

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

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; Chris Oliver, Director of Technology

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

No public comments are made.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT,** *Zoe Noonan and Addie Dion, School Committee Student Representatives*
    - **Presentation/Report:** Student Spotlight: BES Career Fair-Zoe Noonan and Addie Dion recap the BES Career Fair. Ms. Noonan explains the process of the BHS senior interns meeting with 2nd graders interested in their career fields and helping them learn all about the job, write resumes, and present to the community at a career fair. Ms. Dion shares the career paths students chose and pictures of the career fair. Chair Berry says she was very impressed with the career fair. She says not only were the senior interns working so well with the 2nd graders, the 2nd graders were so knowledgeable about their career interests. She thanks Lisa Dix, Liz Carpenito, and Ann-Marie Strode for all their hard work putting it together. Ms. Dion says she hopes they do this again next year as she thought it was so exciting and would love to be a part of it as an intern. Ms. Noonan adds that as a 2nd graders it would have been very exciting to participate and feels that the attention from the older students really draws them in. Maureen Fuller says the senior interns were great to not overshadow the 2nd graders.
- **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT,** *Emily Berry, School Committee Chair*
    - Announcements-Chair Berry says the MASC Day On the Hill legislative advocacy event will take place on May 6, 2024.
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**, *Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou, Superintendent of Schools*
    - Special topics:
        - BHS DECA Presentation-President Ryan Witkus, Abdul Bari, Peter Scannell, Alexandra Stowe, Muskan Patel, Maeve MacLachlan, Dhyan Patel, and Doug Lunedei present a Year In Review of the newly-formed BHS chapter of DECA, an extracurricular organization of 30 members with business-focused career interests. The members share that in their first year BHS DECA students have competed successfully, fundraised, volunteered, attended workshops and trainings, and met with community members. Ms. Stowe presents details on 2 conferences they are seeking approval to attend next year. She says the DECA Ultimate Power Trip takes place in November in Charlotte, NC. Conference highlights include learning labs, networking, college and career exhibits, and competition excellence experiences. The DECA International Career Development Conference takes place in April in Orlando, FL and features competitions and leadership classes. DECA advisor Monice Maurice outlines the logistics and estimated costs associated with the trips and thanks the Nye Grant for helping to defray some of the costs of this year's competitions. Chair Berry asks if DECA is an after school club and Mrs. Maurice says it is currently an extracurricular activity and members also come during WIN but she hopes to add it as a co-curricular in business classes.

Kerrie Scofield motions to initially approve the two DECA trips; Seconded by Paul McMaster; Voice vote passes 7-0-0

Chair Berry asks to share the presentation with BMS students and caregivers. Kerrie Scofield asks if students can be involved if they play sports and Mrs. Maurice says they can and even more so if they were able to go co-curricular.

- Update on Strategic Planning-Dr. Zhou reports on the strategic planning surveys that went out to staff and community members. She explains that the reason for beginning to talk about strategic planning is that they are nearing the end of the current 3-year District Strategic Action Plan. She says by the end of the month they will have a strategic planning web page with survey summaries, faqs, research, and timelines on the direction of the next strategic plan. She briefly shares some survey results and feedback and notes that this process will be slow and they want to look at all the pieces carefully to ensure that it's the best experience for students. Ms. McMaster says students have concerns over the difference in maturity levels of 8th graders and high school students as well as issues such as vaping in restrooms and how they are dealt with. She feels it would be valuable to talk with current freshmen about their thoughts on how they would have felt coming to the high school as 8th graders.
- Description of search process and introduction of new BIS Principal-Dr. Starkie walks through the process of finding the new BIS Principal. She says she first met with Jane Norton for her thoughts on the right kind of person to take over at BIS. After forming a 12-person hiring committee and screening applicants, 10 candidates were interviewed in round one, 5 moved on to round two, and the final 2 candidates met with parents, school administrators, education support staff and students at BIS as well as interviewed with Dr. Zhou and Jordan Geist. Dr. Zhou announces that Noelle Colbert has been hired as the new BIS Principal. Mrs. Colbert introduces herself and thanks Dr. Zhou for the opportunity and Dr. Starkie for such a thoughtful, thorough process. She says she's been in education for over 20 years as a special education teacher, administrator and consultant. Mrs. Norton joins Mrs. Colbert and also thanks Dr. Zhou and Dr. Starkie for such a thorough process and presents Mrs. Colbert with 2 BIS t-shirts.

- Teaching and Learning Update
  - Dr. Starkie reports on two highlights of the March early release day including an opportunity for K-12 math teachers to come together with Allison Mello to review vertical curriculum alignment and common themes and vocabulary, and a visit from Pam Casna to discuss unconscious bias and how to avoid it in the classroom. Dr. Starkie recognizes Kate Hartley, Kyle Slavik, Pam Fasciani, and Stacy Strassel who conducted behavioral de-escalation strategy workshops for 80 of their peers in the district. She also acknowledges Lisa Dix, Jessee Clements, Kristin Donahue, and the principals for being an integral part for planning any professional development days. Dr. Starkie says the Student Opportunities Act plan was successfully submitted to DESE. She recognizes Ann-Marie Strode and the Innovation Pathways team for their successful acquisition of a Skills Capital grant for $50,000 to purchase equipment for the Pathways program.
- Budget and Facilities Update
  - Jordan Geist says a wall above the high school auditorium stage has been weatherproofed and they are working on addressing other leaks above the auditorium seating area which are under warranty. He says they have met with Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative and RWE (formerly ConEd) to determine an official end date of the solar panels on the BMS roof. All parties agreed to May 10, 2025 and preliminarily discussed the timing of the removal of the solar panels and ways to address the condition the roof will be left in. Maureen Fuller asks if

there was discussion of whether it's better to leave the panels until the roof was closer to being replaced. Mr. Geist says they didn't discuss that but he feels that pushing off the removal would push off the roof project as well. They have a month to remove the panels and it probably can't be done when school is in session. He adds that one idea may be to remove the panels but not the footings that are screwed into the roof but that would likely add to the cost on the town's side when the roof is stripped for replacement. He says other ideas include filling all the holes or sealing them with flashing. Chair Berry asks when the earliest the panels could come off and Mr. Geist says it would probably be after the last day of school in June 2025.

- Technology Update
  - Chris Oliver reports that Kristina Ierardi has been selected by the Massachusetts Computer Using Educators as their featured educator and will be showcased on their website and social media for the month of May. He adds that Mrs. Ierardi and Mrs. Dix have a podcast called *Teaching Is Hard* that can be found on PodBean.com. Mr. Oliver says MCAS went great today for all grades at BMS and 3rd grade at BIS.
- Student Services and Special Education Update
  - Kristin Donahue gives a shout out to Maura Dankert who hosted KidFest last weekend to provide families with information on preschool and childcare options as well as other local resources. Mrs. Donahue thanks the pre-K teachers and paraprofessionals who volunteered to man activity stations for the kids. She says DESE has accepted the recommendations from the DPH regarding new covid protocols. She has met with the nurses to go over the new guidance which includes common sense and consistency in messaging to students regarding the protocol for different symptoms. Mrs. Donahue adds that they have a third Tiered Focus Monitoring for PK and will be uploading data on three indicators when the portal opens this week.
- Announcements & Correspondence
  - Past and Upcoming Events Preview
    - District-wide: including Purple Up Day-Dr. Zhou says April is the Month of the Military Child and Bourne will be hosting a special Purple Up Day on April 12th at BIS where MIC3 Commissioner Orzalli will read the Governor's Proclamation, BIS students will share their experiences as military students, and BIS Singers will perform.
    - BES-Liz Carpenito shares events taking place at BES including: Light It Up You, kindergarten registration, dental hygiene presentations by Dr. Gelnett, PTA Family Game and Picnic Night, and Poem in My Pocket Day.
    - BIS-Jane Norton highlights events happening at BIS including: last week's STEAMposium, MCAS, and student council sock drive, as well as upcoming events including B2B reward ticket Tropical Day, School Library Month, after school music clubs, BIS Problem Solvers Club, Healthy Action Team pickleball, K-Kids book drive, and BIS Friendship Club.
    - BMS-Christine Borning highlights BMS events including: March B2B Challenge, unified basketball, PTA March Madness, Civic Action Project interviews, ELA MCAS and PTA Skate Night.

- BHS-Lisa Maguire shares events happening at BHS including: 10th grade ELA MCAS, Q3 B2B recognition event, BHS Art Show, cabaret night, Hidden In Plain Sight, mock car crash, and Assistant Principals Day.
- DIstrict-wide-Dr. Zhou shares that Summer Enrichment registration is still open and Champions will be running a summer program called Champ Camp at BIS and registration is open for that as well.
- Mrs. Borning asks for final approval for 8th grade Washington DC and 6th grade Camp Bournedale field trips.

Paul McMaster motions to approve Washington DC and Camp Bournedale field trips; Seconded by Kerrie Scofield; Voice vote passes 7-0-0

- **SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUB COMMITTEE & DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - Curriculum Subcommittee
    - Maureen Fuller says the subcommittee discussed topics that they'd like to hear more about at the May/June curriculum sub presentations and finalized a list for Dr. Starkie. She adds that there will be an additional meeting on April 23rd to review some new textbooks that will be up for approval at the May meeting.
  - Policy Subcommittee
    - Chair Berry says the subcommittee will meet again next week to review updated technology policies and job descriptions.
  - Budget and Facilities Subcommittee
    - Budget and Facilities did not meet.
  - SEPAC
    - Kristin Donahue says SEPAC will have a table at the Federation for Children in-person regional event taking place on Saturday to try to solicit participation.
  - Cape Cod Collaborative
    - Maureen Fuller says the Collaborative is conducting final interviews for their new Special Education Director.
  - District Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee
    - Donel Beals says the committee met regarding the Bourne Celebrates Everyone event and are looking to secure sponsors. They have invited the Bourne PD and FD and the Bourne Historic Society will be attending wearing their Pilgrim costumes.
    - Dr. Zhou says the book study group met and had some great discussion on the first 3 chapters of the reading.
  - District Technology Committee
    - The DIstrict Technology Committee will meet on April 23rd.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Chair Berry notes changes to the Navigator Awards nomination form including staff nominations, the form will be open next week thru May 17 and the winners will be recognized at the June 5th school committee meeting.
- Dr. Zhou asks to managerially approve a fundraiser request until it can be approved at the next meeting as the group seeking approval is under a time deadline and it was approved last year under the same circumstances. The committee agrees that would be reasonable.

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. Vote to approve Warrants and Payroll

Paul McMaster motions to approve Warrants and Payroll; Seconded by Maureen Fuller; Roll call vote passes 6-0-0 (MacKenzie McMaster not eligible to vote)

b. Vote to approve regular session minutes of: March 6, 2024

Kerrie Scofield motions to approve regular session minutes of March 6, 2024; Seconded by Paul McMaster; Voice vote passes 7-0-0

c. Vote to accept the Josephine Lewis Scholarship-Dr. Zhou asks for approval to award the Josephine Lewis Scholarship to a confidential recipient presented in the folder.

Paul McMaster motions to approve the Josephine Lewis Scholarship; Seconded by Kerrie Scofield; Voice vote passes 7-0-0

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Student Spotlight: BIS (May)
b. Navigator Awards (June)

8. ADJOURN-*PAUL McMASTER MOTIONS TO ADJOURN; KENDELLYNN GAGNE SECONDS; ROLL CALL VOTE PASSES 7-0-0*

Meeting ended at 7:57PM

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

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Agenda Item	Document
0	School Committee Agenda

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jessica Moerman
Recording Secretary