Bourne Public Schools

BOURNE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 4, 2024
TIME: 6:30PM Regular Session
PLACE: Bourne High School Media Center, 75 Waterhouse Rd., Bourne, MA

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Emily Berry; Donel Beals; Maureen Fuller; Kendellynn Gagne; Kathleen Quintal; Kerrie Scofield; Student Representative Addison Dion

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Kari MacRae

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 Regular Session meeting to order at 6:30 PM following an Executive Session.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

No public comments are made.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

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- **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT,** *Emily Berry, School Committee Chair*
    - Recognition - Bourne Volleyball Division 5 State Champions - Dr. Maguire congratulates the BHS Volleyball team on their Division 5 state championship. She says she's so proud of how graciously and competitively the team represented BHS and she appreciates the hardwork and dedication they put into their season. Dr. Zhou presents awards to the team, which includes: Hannah Petrillo, Nola Timo, Lily Russell, Madelyn Rossignol, Michaela Muldoon, Avery Moriil, Reese Williams, Arianna McCarthy, Sofia Halunen, Carley Mae, Juliet Kelly, Ava Look, and coaches Kassie Lee, David Moore, Kara Russell, and Nealyn Dunlop.
    - Recognition - John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients - Dr. Zhou recognizes recipients of the John and Abigail Adams scholarship which is awarded to students based on their 10th grade MCAS scores and provides tuition at a Massachusetts state college or university. Recipients include: Abdul Bari, Michael Dankert, Addison Dion, Luca Finton, Ryan Haden, Jason Kahian, Logan Koosa, Molly Lodge, Jeffrey Luce, Ella Martitz, Muskan Patel, Ezekiel Rauch, Samuel Raynor, Nathan Reynolds, Liam Roach, Taylor Sage, Timothy Smith, Alexandra Stowe, Reese Williams, and Ryan Witkus.
- **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT** - Bournedale Elementary School - Student Advisory representatives Adrianna DeMoura and Taylor Simard present the BES spotlight. They introduce certified therapy dog, Shamrock, whose handler is Assistant Principal Mrs. McLaughin, and share how Shamrock interacts with students and staff at BES.
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT,** *Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou, Superintendent of Schools*
    - Special topics
        - Enrollment projection-Dr. Zhou presents NESDEC enrollment data. She explains that enrollment has dipped but is projected to increase slightly and walks through how the calculations are made. She goes on to present the Strategic Planning slide set which shows data from the many reports she receives from DESE that contain more information than the NESDEC report.
    - Teaching and Learning Update-Dr. Starkie says the full day PD that took place on November 5th was dedicated to DEIB work and included a keynote speech from Dr. Kalise Wornum followed by a series of workshops all connected to DEIB. She thanks Dr. Julie Rigo-Vogel, Brittnay Robinson, John Leroy, Sara Riggle, Lori Murphy, Stacey Strassel, and Kristina Ierardi, for conducting workshops for their colleagues. She says the Wellesley College SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) group also ran a series of workshops for all staff, and feedback on the entire PD day was very positive. She adds that the Tiered-Focus Monitoring review of the EL program took place and although they have not yet received a final report, she can share that they received very high praise in the area of relationship building with students and the DESE representative noted the profound impact the newcomers that were in the district last year had on the program.Dr. Starkie recognizes staff members who took part in the DESE interview including Doreen Whalen-O'Shea, Kat Kulis, Angela Ribeiro, Bill Dow, Rachel Sellers, Brittnay Robinson, Hana Walsh, and the four principals. She continues by acknowledging Kim Ianucci and Ann-Marie Strode who presented on the BHS Innovation Pathways program at an Innovation Career Pathway Academic Plan workshop sponsored by DESE. Dr. Starkie congratulates Jessee Clements and Lisa Dix for a successful community resource fair combined with Bourne Celebrates Everyone. She also acknowledges the Nye Foundation for funding the Alex Torres and his Latin Orchestra performances.

- Recognition-Dr. Zhou presents JT Luce with a certificate of excellence for receiving the John and Abigail Adams scholarship.
- Teaching and Learning (cont.)-Dr. Maguire requests approval for a February 3-5 MBL Woods Hole overnight field trip. She says the field trip would be fully funded by a grant that MBL Woods Hole has received from the state and will offer students a 3-day immersive experience at the Marine Biological Lab in Woods Hole where they will stay in the dorms and engage in lab safety training, lectures, hands-on lab time, and social activities.

Maureen Fuller motions to approve the overnight MBL field trip; Seconded by Kerrie Scofield; Voice vote passes 7-0-0

- Past and Upcoming Events Report
  - BES-Jordan Geist reports on events at BES including: report cards coming out on PowerSchool on December 13th, PTA Family Fun Night with Toe Jam Puppet Band, and December Book Nook.
  - BIS-Noelle Colbert reports on events at BIS including: Stuff-A-Bus, Grade 3 Wampanoag visit, Winter Wonderland Title One event, BIS Band and String concert, BIS Jingle Jog, BIS Singers concert, and Underground Spirit Week.
  - BMS-Chris Oliver reports on events at BMS including: Turkey Trot, Q1 Honor Roll and B2B Award Celebration, One School, One Book gratitude activity, Grade 6 PE NIght, BMS Band concert, BMS Chorus concert, and first Career-Connected Learning meeting.
  - BHS-Lisa Maguire reports on events at BHS including: Chris Herren substance use assembly, B2B Q1 academic awards, Southcoast Conference All Star recipients, BHS Winter concert, 2028 Parents' Night Out, Shrek performances, Spirit Week, door decorating contest, and a BHS alumni WIN presentation on adapting to life after high school.
- Budget and Facilities Update-Grant Update Jordan Geist reports on all grants received to date totalling just over 1 million dollars and thanks everyone involved with securing grants especially Dr. Starkie and Kristin Donahue and their teams, Dr. Maguire, Mrs. Borning, and Maura Dankert for expanding her program to include the Parent Plus program.
- Technology Update-Chris Oliver says he just began the process of applying for $45,000 of E-Rate funds to update wifi at BIS, service and support contracts for network equipment, and an additional Fios internet connection. He adds that they are continuing work to update the AI policy in the district and working on the best ways to support staff with the evolving technology. Mr. Oliver thanks Dr. Maguire and Terry Donovan for their collaboration on AI policies.
- Student Services and Special Education Update-Kristin Donahue reports that they continue to improve their understanding and use of the new IEP platform. She says meetings across all grade levels have become more concise, and parent and student feedback is that the new format is leading to more positive and reflective conversations. She thanks Kate Hartley for presenting on the new IEP to the curriculum subcommittee. Mrs. Donahue says they continue to make progress on the transition to PowerSchool. She adds that the parent notice has gone out regarding the upcoming Special Ed TFM.

- Announcements & Correspondence:

- Events: Calendar of Events; Live district calendar

- **SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUB COMMITTEE & DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - Curriculum Sub Committee-Maureen Fuller says the subcommittee received an informative recap of the AI symposium attended by a team of BPS teachers, as well as an update from Kate Hartley on the new IEP and how much more student centered it is.
  - Policy Sub Committee-Chair Berry says the subcommittee is meeting on December 18th.
  - Budget and Facilities Sub Committee-Maureen Fuller says the subcommittee did not meet as it is up to date on everything.
  - SEPAC-Kerrie Scofield says a presentation by a clinician from the Pilgrim Area Collaborative on the best strategies to address how students are presenting their emotions was very informative. Mrs. Donahue says the next SEPAC meeting is in January and will focus on financial planning through special needs trusts.
  - Cape Cod Collaborative-Maureen Fuller reports that Dr. Hanscom has accepted a contract and will start as the new Executive Director on January 21st.
  - Strategic Planning Steering Committee-Kat Quintal reports that the committee held a productive meeting today focused on the core values and mission statement. Donel Beals adds their thanks to the students and families that completed the survey. She says they received a lot of data that they're sorting through. She compliments the collaborative nature of the meetings.
  - District Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee-Kristin Donahue reports that the DEIB participated in the Community Resource Fair/Bourne Celebrates Everyone event and thanks Lisa Dix for organizing the event. The next meeting will take place on December 10th at 3:45 in the BIS Media Center.
  - District School Wellness Advisory Committee (SWAC)-Jordan Geist reports that they applied and have been accepted into the Massachusetts School Wellness Coaching Program which pairs SWACs with a wellness coach for 6 hours of structured technical assistance to help districts achieve compliance with with the state, federal, and local wellness policy requirements. He says upcoming meeting dates will depend on the coach's availability.
  - District Technology Committee-Chris Oliver says the next meeting is on January 14th at 3:30pm.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- n/a

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. Vote to approve Warrants and Payroll-n/a, none received
b. Vote to approve regular session minutes of: October 2, 2024- n/a, none received

- Dr. Zhou shares videos of Shamrock from the BES Spotlight presentation

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Student Spotlight - BIS (Jan.) and district-wide events
b. Superintendent's Evaluation Discussion (Jan.)
c. Superintendent's Evaluation (Feb.)
d. Budget Preview (Feb.)
e. Budget Hearing (Mar.)

8. ADJOURN-*Kerrie Scofield motions to adjourn; Seconded by Kendellynn Gagne; Roll call vote passes 7-0-0*

Regular Session ended at 7:45 PM

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

Agenda Item	Document
0	School Committee Agenda

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jessica Moerman
Recording Secretary