Bourne Public Schools

BOURNE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 2, 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; Kari MacRae; Kerrie Scofield; Student Representative Addison Dion

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathleen Quintal

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

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- **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT,** *Emily Berry, School Committee Chair*
    - Introduction of new School Committee Student Advisory - Addie Dion introduces the new Student Advisory board including Lola Lumley, Adrianna DeMoura, Taylor Simard, Lila Moerman, Zoe Noonan, and Mikayla Noonan. Chair Berry explains that as student advisory representative, Ms. Dion is a voting member of the school committee and will meet monthly with Dr. Zhou, Dr. Maguire, Kerrie Scofield, herself and the rest of the student advisory board to get feedback and have student voices heard.
    - Correspondence
        - Chair Berry says the MASC/MASS Conference will take place November 6-8 and new MASC resolutions will be discussed and voted on tonight.
        - Chair Berry shares that the school committee will host a trunk at Trunk or Treat taking place at the Bourne Community Building on October 24th.
- Recognition of the Bourne HS 2024 Volleyball Team receiving the AVCA Team Academic Award- Dr. Maguire introduces the 2024 volleyball team that earned the 2024 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award. She says the award is given to high school varsity volleyball programs whose members maintain a year-long grade point average of at least 3.3 demonstrating each teammate's dedication to classroom excellence during the volleyball season. The team also received the distinction of AVCA Team Academic Honor Roll, representing the top 20 percent of GPAs in their division. Mr. Ashworth adds that the team is the epitome of student athletes year after year. Certificates are awarded to Mackinley Scully, Lily Russell, Michaela Muldoon, Avery Morrill, Nola Timo, Sofia Halunen, Hannah Petrillo, Tallulah Beane, Carley May, Reese Williams, Leah Barlow, and Elena Timo.
- **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT,** BHS/BMS Step Up Day, College and Career Readiness, and Senior Day of Service presentation - Addie Dion introduces a joint presentation on the BHS and BMS Step Up Day, College and Career Readiness, and Senior Day of Service. Lola Lumley shares her experience on the freshman team-building field trip to Camp Burgess. Addie Dion says that the sophomore field trips involved exploring different careers in the community, juniors visited different colleges in the areas, and seniors participated in a day of service aimed at giving back to the community. Mikayla Noonan talks about the experience that 7th and 8th graders had visiting BHS for Step Up Day and being introduced to all the different activities available there. Eighth Grader Claire Canfield shares her experience attending Step Up Day, saying she enjoyed learning about ASL as a language option and that guitar and piano classes are offered. Sofia Halunen shares her experience representing Hope Squad at Step Up Day. Zoe Noonan talks about representing Student Council during Step Up Day. Dr. Starkie acknowledges Ann-Marie Strode, Dr. Maguire, Jessee Clements, Kim Ianucci for putting the day together.
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT,** *Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou, Superintendent of Schools*
    - Special topics
        - Custodian Appreciation Day- Dr. Zhou thanks custodians and maintenance and grounds workers for all their hard work keeping the schools beautiful, healthy, and clean.
        - Dr. Zhou shares the October 1st enrollment update. Maureen Fuller asks if they know how many students live on Joint Base. Dr. Starkie says last year there were 78 military-connected students who may or may not live on the base and she will have a number for this year by November.

- Strategic Planning Update-Dr. Zhou shares an update on Strategic Planning. She says all of the focus groups have been completed and outlines the next steps including a survey and a steering committee.
- MCAS and Accountability Presentation SY24-25-
  - Dr. Zhou begins the presentation by explaining that accountability refers to the complex system DESE uses to grade the schools and districts that take MCAS consisting of accountability percentiles, targets, and performance indicators. She says the district is categorized as not requiring assistance or intervention because it is making substantial progress towards targets. She walks through the full report from DESE.
  - Dr. Starkie says she's proud of the staff for working to keep students at their targets. She explains the MCAS test categories including Meeting, Exceeding, Partially Meeting, and Not Meeting grade-level expectations and says the goal is for 80% of students to be meeting or exceeding in math and ELA.
  - Dr. Maguire and Jessee Clements to present BHS results. Dr. Maguire says 67% of 10th graders met or exceeded expectations on the ELA assessment, which is 11 percent higher than last year's results and the student growth percentile was 61 points, a 7.3-point growth from last year. On the math MCAS, 49% met or exceeded expectations, a 17% increase from last year. The student growth percentile was 49 points, a 9.8-point increase. Dr. Maguire says that 50% met or exceeded expectations on the biology MCAS, a 22% increase. She notes that these are scores for the students who are now in 11th grade, not those who took the biology MCAS in the spring of 2024 and they do have scores back from this year which show a drop with 30% meeting and exceeding. She says they have work to do and the department has recognized that and has already put some measures in place.
  - Christine Borning and Jessee Clements present the BMS results. Mrs. Boring says the overall classification of students dropped from meeting/exceeding to partially meeting expectations for the ELA MCAS but many students were on the cusp. She says that 29% of students met or exceeded expectations on the ELA but 42% of students currently partially meeting expectations are within 10% of meeting expectations, and 60% are within 15% points. The average student growth percentile for ELA was 48 points. She says math scores also are not what they'd like to see but they are very close. 24% of students met or exceeded expectations on the assessment although 35% of students were within 41 percentage points of meeting expectations and 60% were within 15 percentage points. The average student growth percentile for math was 49 points. Mrs. Borning says science scores also saw a dip with 29% of students meeting or exceeding expectations. She notes that 57% of students were within 15% of meeting expectations and 40% were within 10 points. She commends every teacher at BMS saying they've jumped in, with real commitment, to the challenge of helping students demonstrate success.

- Noelle Colbert and Lisa Dix present BIS scores. Mrs. Colbert says 30% of students met or exceeded expectations on the ELA MCAS, while 51 percent partially met expectations. She adds that 87 students were within 10 points of meeting expectations, and 15 students currently meeting expectations are within the cusp of exceeding expectations. ELA scores show a 50-point student growth percentile. Math scores show 35% of students meeting or exceeding expectations which is a 5% increase from last year. Mrs. Colbert said 71 students are on the cusp of meeting expectations, while 15 are on the cusp of exceeding expectations. These scores show a student growth percentile of 52 points. In Science, 45% of 5th-grade students met or exceeded expectations, a 14% increase from last year.
- Maureen Fuller asks if there are any plans to recognize students for their growth, improvement, or strong scores. Dr. Starkie says high school students are recognized through the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, and that they can talk to principals about other opportunities for recognition. Mrs. Fuller asks if parents have received their students' results and Dr. Starkie says they will be mailed on October 10th. Mrs. Fuller asks how they are going to help families understand what they are seeing. Dr. Starkie says explanations are provided through DESE but they also have some work to do generating some more information and awareness for parents around the importance of the test. Mrs. Fuller thanks the administration, principals, and curriculum directors for highlighting where we are, where we need to be, and how we're going to get there.

- Teaching and Learning Update
  - Dr. Starkie acknowledges Mrs. Strode, Dr. Maguire, and the entire Innovation Pathways team at BHS for hosting constituents from Seekonk and Norwood who are interested in the program.
- Budget and Facilities Update
  - Jordan Geist reports that the FY24 EOY report was submitted Monday morning. He says the Budget and Facilities subcommittee will review the capital plan on Friday and that will need to be voted on at the next meeting in order to be submitted to the town by November 15th. Mr. Geist acknowledges the custodial and maintenance staff on Custodian Appreciation Day saying they contribute to the learning environment at each school by attending to whatever needs to be accomplished. He says they are currently dealing with a septic issue at BES and thanks the town DPW for their assistance.
- Technology Update
  - Chris Oliver thanks Nik Outchcunis and Deb Bisnette for their commitment to dealing with daily troubleshooting issues. He says the department is continuing to work on making PowerSchool more efficient, specifically fixing some issues with using it for the new IEP, and also making it more user-friendly for everyone. Mr. Oliver reports pre-planning and configuring for a wifi upgrade at BES is underway and will take place in early winter. He says he is working on a grant to conduct a Google Workspace audit as more work is moving away from Microsoft Office to Google.
- Student Services and Special Education Update

        - Kristin Donoahue reports that schedules for students on plans have been flushed out and IEP meetings are up and running and staff and families have been very supportive as they continue to work through getting familiar with the new IEP. She says IEP leads in each school plus an additional dedicated to preschool continue to be available to help staff with questions on how to navigate the new IEP and the forms in Powerschool. She thanks Chris Oliver from being so helpful in figuring out how to integrate the two systems. Mrs. Donahue says a new Board Certified Behavior Analyst started Monday and has already jumped in and started assisting some students and staff.
    - Announcements & Correspondence:
        - Calendar of Events; live district calendar
        - Past and Upcoming Events Preview
            - BES-Liz Carpenito shares events taking place at BES including: the continuation of the ABCs of Happiness Challenge, Fire Prevention Week, Title One Night, Literacy Night, Boosterthon DanceFit fundraiser, and Trunk or Treat.
            - BIS-Noelle Colbert highlights events happening at BIS including: Boosterthon FunRun fundraiser, 3rd grade Cataumet Schoolhouse presentation and field trip, 5th grade planetarium field trip, Fire Prevention Week, and pumpkin decorating contestant.
            - BMS-Christine Borning highlights BMS events including: 8th grade band performance at BHS Homecoming game, Spirit Week, after school activities, Unified bocce team practices, One School, One Book events, Picture Day on October 10th, Coffee House fundraiser, Spaghetti Supper, Scholastic Book Fair, and PTA Direct Give fundraiser.
            - BHS-Lisa Maguire shares events happening at BHS including: Homecoming Spirit Week, Unified Basketball game, Homecoming football game and floats, Homecoming dance, parent-teacher conference, School Day PSAT and SAT testing, BHS School Spotlight, and Drama Club haunted house fundraiser.

- **SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUB COMMITTEE & DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS**
    - Curriculum Sub Committee-Maureen Fuller says the subcommittee met yesterday and heard the MCAS presentation and about WIN starting up at each school.
    - Policy Sub Committee- Policy subcommittee has not met.
    - SEPAC- Kerrie Scofield says SEPAC met and heard a presentation on the IEP and 504 plan process including parental rights and what the school provides for them. Kristin Donahue adds that the presentation was well received with about 8 new families participating. She shares a SEPAC flier that features a QR code that links families to a sign up form.
    - Cape Cod Collaborative- Maureen Fuller reports that she was a part of the search committee to interview candidates for the Executive Director position. She says there were 14 applicants and 8 were interviewed and narrowed down to 3 finalists to be interviewed by the Collaborative board. The finalists will also make site visits and then the Collaborative Board will meet and vote on the new Executive DIrector.

- District Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee- Dr. Starkie says the first meeting will take place on October 8th at 3:45 at BIS. Anyone interested is welcome to attend or contact Jessee Clements for more information.
- District Technology Committee-Chris Oliver says the first meeting will take place on October 24th.
- Strategic Planning Steering Committee-Emily Berry says the first meeting takes place October 16th.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- MASC Resolutions-Chair Berry explains that every year MASC sends out a list of initiatives that they would like the district to support. The committee will discuss and vote on each resolution and the member that attends the MASC conference as the delegate will enter the vote on their behalf.
  - Resolution #1-Development of an Alternative to the High-Stakes MCAS Test

Maureen Fuller motions to vote NO on Resolution #1; Seconded by Kerrie Scofield; Roll call vote passes 7-0-0

  - Resolution #2-Increase Compulsory Attendance Age

Kerrie Scofield motions to approve Resolution #2 to increase compulsory attendance age; Seconded by Kendellynn Gagne; Roll call vote passes 6-1-0 (Kari MacRae votes NO)

  - Resolution #3-Safe Storage of Firearms

Kerrie Scofield motions to vote NO on Resolution #3; Seconded by Kendellynn Gagne; Roll call vote passes 7-0-0

  - Resolution #4-School Bus Stop Arm Surveillance Act and Enforcement Penalties

Kerrie Scofield motions to vote YES on Resolution #4; Seconded by Kendellynn Gagne; Roll call vote passes 7-0-0

  - Resolution #5-Aligning Taxing Authority With the Required Local Contribution

School Committee will abstain from voting on Resolution #5 as it does not affect the district

  - Resolution #6-Support of Legislation to Improve the Fiscal Health of Rural School Districts

Maureen Fuller motions to support Resolution #6; Seconded by Kari MacRae; Roll call vote passes 7-0-0

  - Resolution #7-Fully Adjusting Chapter 70 Aid for Inflation

Maureen Fuller motions to approve on Resolution #7; Seconded by Kerrie Scofield; Roll call vote passes 7-0-0

- Resolution #8-Equitable Funding for Non-Regional School Districts with High Transportation Costs

Kerrie Scofield motions to vote YES on Resolution #8; Seconded by Kendellynn Gagne; Roll call vote passes 7-0-0

- Resolution #9-MSBA Grants Evaluation for Chapter 74

Kendellynn Gagne motions to NOT approve Resolution #9; Seconded by Kerrie Scofield; Roll call vote passes 7-0-0

- Resolution #10-Expansion in Capacity in Chapter 74 Vocational Technical Programs

Kendellynn Gagne motions to NOT approve Resolution #10; Seconded by Kerrie Scofield; Roll call vote passes 7-0-0

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. Vote to approve Warrants and Payroll-Warrants and Payroll wasn't received
b. Vote to approve regular session minutes of: September 11, 2024-vote moved to next meeting, file couldn't be opened
c. Vote to approve FY25 Student Activity accounts-not ready for vote

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Student Spotlight
b. 5 year Capital Plan

8. ADJOURN-*Maureen Fuller motions to adjourn regular session and enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining without the purpose of returning to regular session; Seconded by Kendellynn Gagne; Roll call vote passes 7-0-0*

Regular Session ended at 8:50 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