Bourne Public Schools

BOURNE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 4, 2025
TIME: 6:30PM Regular Session
PLACE: Bourne High School Media Center, 75 Waterhouse Rd., Bourne, MA

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Donel Beals; Rachel Agrillo; Kendellynn Gagne; Maria Heaney; Kari MacRae; Kathleen Quintal; Kerrie Scofield; Student Representative Zoe Noonan

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT: Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou, Superintendent; Christine Borning, Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching; Kristin Donahue, Director of Special Education and Student Services; Jordan Geist, Director of Business Service; Chris Oliver, Director of Technology

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Donel Beals 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

Chair Beals introduces and welcomes new school committee members Rachel Agrillo, Maria Heaney, and Student Representative Zoe Noonan.

- **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT,** *Donel Beals, School Committee Chair*
    - Chairperson's Report
        - Correspondence - MASC Bulletin - Chair Beals shares an update from the MASC Day on the Hill event.
        - 2025 Navigator Awards-Kendellynn Gagne presents the 2025 Navigator Awards given to students and staff whose actions reflect the district's core values and the vision of a graduate and who go above and beyond in demonstrating qualities that set a positive example for their peers across the district. The Navigator awards also celebrate staff members whose work significantly supports student well-being, academic success, and the district's overall mission. The following students are recognized with Navigator Awards: JT Luce (12th, nominated by Ann-Marie Strode), Quinn Moriarty (12th, nominated by Ann-Marie Strode), Jake Roux (12th, nominated by Ann-Marie Strode), Michael Dankert (12th, nominated by Ann-Marie Strode), Mikayla Noonan (11th, nominated by Katherine Wheeler), Ava Look (11th, nominated by Ann-Marie Strode & Kim Iannucci), Caroline Smith (11th, nominated by Kim Coella), Lola Lumley (9th, nominated by Strategic Planning Committee), Alexis Weston (8th, nominated by Strategic Planning Committee & Theater Program), Lily Kelsch (6th, nominated by Keri Boisclair), Claire Canfield (nominated by BMS Theater Program), Camryn Doherty (4th, nominated by Ms. Tanguay), Adelina (Addie) Vecchione (4th, nominated by Ms. Tanguay), Hailey Fore, (4th, nominated by Ms. Costa), Carly Schultz (5th, nominated by Dr. Smith – String Club), Fiona Dwyer (5th, nominated by Dr. Smith – String Club), Jackson Beck (5th, nominated by Dr. Smith – String Club), Alyssa Wilde (5th, nominated by Dr. Smith – String Club), Peyton Brew (3rd, nominated by Dr. Smith), Logan (last name unclear), (3rd, nominated by Dr. Smith), Luca Gomez-Bagdonas (3rd, nominated by Dr. Smith), and Piper Vecchione (2nd, nominated by Tara Stanton – Student Council).

          Staff award recipients are Ellen McLaughlin (Assistant Principal, nominated by Tori McMahon), Terry Donovan (History Teacher, BHS, nominated by Ann-Marie Strode & Stephanie Drew), Kim Iannucci (Guidance Counselor, BHS, nominated by Ann-Marie Strode), Jess Abisla (School Nurse, BIS, nominated by Rebecca Esip), Kristi Hawkes (Kindergarten Teacher, nominated by Rebecca Wilson), John Kelsch (Head Custodian, BMS, nominated by Keri Boisclair), and Jen Ward (Health & Wellness Educator, BES, nominated by Kristi Hawkes).

          Dr. Zhou congratulates the recipients and expresses her pride in the students and staff.

- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT,** *Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou, Superintendent of Schools*
    - Special topics including:
        - Update on Strategic Plan and Next Steps - Dr. Zhou shares the first preview of the graphically designed new strategic plan. She says next steps for the strategic plan include finalizing design elements with the graphic designer, publishing the plan with a press release and website

posting, and beginning over the summer to integrate the new mission, vision, core values, and branding into district materials. She adds that one of the first action steps, the NESEC Facilities and Enrollment Best Use Report, is nearly finalized and the final version is expected for the upcoming admin retreat on the 18th and the School Committee retreat shortly after.

- Update on new collective bargaining agreements- Dr. Zhou reports that all 4 collective bargaining agreements (CBAs) negotiated and ratified earlier this year have been fully drafted and are currently with the BEA for review. She says minor edits, such as typos and heading changes, are being addressed, and the documents have been reformatted with hyperlinks to make them user-friendly in digital form.
- Update on new Bourne Middle School Principal - Dr. Zhou shares that after a thorough search process by the Bourne Middle School Principal Search Committee, chaired by Chris Oliver, Lisa Sleboda has been selected as the new BMS principal. The committee reviewed 18 applicants, conducted multiple interviews, site visits, and focus groups with students, staff, and parents. She says Ms.Sleboda brings over a decade of experience in Massachusetts public schools, most recently serving as principal of Randolph Community Middle School, where she led initiatives that reduced chronic absenteeism and developed school improvement plans. Dr. Zhou says a press release with additional details and a photo will be shared with staff after tonight's meeting and that Ms. Sleboda will start on July 1st.
- Teaching and Learning Update, *Christine Borning, Assistant Superintendent*
    - Mrs. Borning reviews a supplemental writing resource, Haggerty Bridge to Writing, for grades being introduced at BIS to complement the ARC Core curriculum, along with the reintroduction of Empowering Writers. She says the program provides structured writing instruction along with grammar, phonics, and other components and pilots of Haggerty this year were successful.
    - She reports that the district successfully administered MCAS for grades 3–10, including new science and civics assessments. She commends administrators, technology staff, educators, and students for their preparation, effort, and adaptability to new testing formats. She adds that benchmark assessments are concluding and will provide valuable data for student growth and planning.
    - Mrs. Borning says 2 successful professional development days were held on May 22–23, covering topics such as trauma-informed practices, AI in the classroom, math and literacy workshops, and transition planning. She thanks Dr. Starky, Jessee Clements and Lisa Dix for all their hard work planning the PD days. She adds that educators also prepared for the official Day of AI on June 3, introducing students to AI tools across subjects.
    - She says the district continues to celebrate end-of-year events, including senior internship showcases, art and music performances, field trips, and family events, highlighting student achievement throughout the year.
    - Chair Beals asks how students are reacting to AI. Mrs. Borning answers that students have responded positively to AI. She says they use AI tools for essay feedback and

revisions and they are comfortable with it, seeing it as a practical and useful part of their learning rather than just a novelty.

- Budget and Facilities Update, Jordan Geist, *Director of Business Services*
  - Jordan Geist says the district is in the process of closing out the current fiscal year and preparing for the next. He says on the facilities side, kickoff meetings have been held for two summer projects: the solar decommissioning at Bourne Middle School and the BMS chiller replacement and timelines will be shared as they become available. He adds that transportation planning for the 2025–26 school year is also underway and families and caregivers will receive the new bus sign-up form, which is due by July 21 at 6 p.m. Mr Geist encourages early submission to help finalize and post bus routes promptly. He thanks Sue Downing for her work in coordinating bus routes. Mr. Geist reminds families there is no bus fee for resident students and school choice students seeking transportation are subject to a fee, if a seat is available, of $75 per student with a cap of $150 per family.
- Technology Update, *Chris Oliver, Director of Technology*
  - Chris Oliver reports that the Technology Department has been busy supporting end-of-year activities, including MCAS testing on a new platform and the collection of senior Chromebooks. He reminds families to return all devices and chargers for grades 6–11. He says he and 3 administrative assistants attended the ParentSquare Massachusetts Regional Impact Day to learn best practices and hear success stories from other districts. He says they continue to improve communication via ParentSquare, and plans to expand the platform in the fall to include students—starting with high school sports teams—to create a universal communication tool for both parents and students.
- Student Services and Special Education Update, Kristin Donahue, *Director of Special Education and Student Services*
  - Dr. Zhou reports on behalf of Kristin Donahue highlighting several key accomplishments. She says the district successfully transitioned all students to PowerSchool, enhancing efficiencies, state reporting, and overall data management. She gives special thanks to Chris Oliver for aligning the SIS system, and to Kate Hartley and Tara Tara Dalmau for their support in troubleshooting and providing professional development for the special education team. She adds that the district also implemented the new Massachusetts IEP format, which has increased student voice in meetings and allowed students to present in multiple ways, including written scripts and PowerPoint presentations. She notes that this year included several audits, with the Tiered Focused Monitoring (TFM) special education audit resulting in a minimal corrective action plan, ensuring meaningful professional development and improvements to procedures. She says staff participated in professional development sessions focused on connecting clinical work to general education classrooms, navigating PowerSchool, and implementing effective strategies. She notes that the Extended School Year program is scheduled to begin on July 7, hosted

by Principal Carpenito and Dr. MacGuire, providing continued learning and enrichment opportunities throughout the summer.

- Announcements & Correspondence:
  - Dr. Zhou announces that KT Alexander will be the new Athletic Director starting this summer. She says current AD, Scott Ashworth is retiring mid-year, so he decided to step down and continue to be a PE teacher, but the athletic directorship has transferred over Ms. Alexander. She explains that Ms.Alexander, who currently teaches Adaptive PE, will continue part of that caseload while leading the athletic program, primarily during afterschool and end-of-day activities. Her appointment fulfills a longtime career goal of hers, and Mr. Ashworth will mentor her during the transition. She says a press release will be shared soon. Chair Beals thanks Coach Ashworth and says we will miss him.
  - Events: Live district calendar Past and Upcoming Events Report
    - BES-Ms. Carpenito shares events taking place at BES including: Pops with the Principal, 2nd Grade Student Council tours, Step Up Day, PTA End of the Year Beach Party, preschool dance party, and National Anthem performance at the Bourne Braves game.
    - BIS-Mrs. Colbert shares that BIS students performed exceptionally well on end-of-year benchmarks. She says n ELA, 79.5% of students met or exceeded grade-level expectations, with an average growth of 1.21 years. In math, 87% of students met or exceeded expectations, reflecting strong teaching and student effort. She highlights BMS events including: Art and Ice Cream Social, incoming 3rd-grade orientation, Senior Walk, field days for grades 3–5, 4th- and 5th-grade picnics and award ceremonies, a retiree celebration, and the last day of school. Mrs. Colbert thanks everyone for a wonderful first year.
    - BMS-Mrs. Borning highlights BMS events including: Curriculum Night & Art Show Ice Cream Social (thanks to Lazy Sundays and PTA), Band & Chorus concerts, 8th-grade Washington, D.C. trip & local field trips (thanks to Cindy Beaudoin), 7th-grade science day & Senior Internship Showcase (thanks to Ann-Marie Strode & career-connected learning team), Distribution of Canal Men t-shirts to 7th graders, band competition at Great East Music Festival, Student Council team-building trip, METG Musical Theater Awards nominations (thanks to Rebecca Salgado & drama club), 5th-grade BMS orientation, Grade 6 one-act plays, Grade 7 fishing trip & Olympic competition, and Grade 8 civic action project showcase, award ceremony, ice cream social, dance, dodgeball game, BMS retiree celebration.
    - BHS-Dr. Maguire highlights events taking place at BHS including: Sophomore Civic Action Project Showcase, AP Capstone Showcase, School-to-Career Internship Showcase, Performing Arts Spring Concert, Cabaret performances, Annual Art Show including film shorts, 2D, 3D, and graphic arts, Theater End-of-Year Gala with National Thespian Society inductions and scholarships,

DECA program showcase and school store walkthrough, Senior Week activities including Six Flags trip, senior walk and collaboration with BES kindergartners, Graduation, Underclass and Junior Book Award Ceremony, and B2B Recognition Field Day with Kona Ice Truck and interclass competition.

- District-wide-Dr. Zhou invites the school committee to BHS graduation taking place on June 7th at 10 a.m. on Jackson Field. Dr. Zhou thanks Lisa Dix for planning the Building Bridges canal walk and Mass DOT that came out and talked about the bridges.
- Dr. Zhou says the district recently held a retirement celebration for 17 staff members who retired mid-year, are retiring this summer, or will retire early next school year. Retirees include: Kathy Aftosmes (21 years), Deb Bissonnette (21 years), Bev Callagy (23 years), Kathryn Corsano (20 years), Ricky Dobbins (20 years), Diane Good (18 years), Heather Donovan (29 years), Lisa Fournier-Donnelly (23 years), Mo Holden (38 years), Christina Ierardi (9 years), Peggy King (26 years), Flo Kleimola (15 years), Marilyn Linn (27 years), Beth Nolan (15 years), Kristine Sheehan (15 years), Michael Smith (6 years), and Diane Steele (30 years). Dr. Zhou acknowledges their extraordinary dedication, impact on students, and lasting legacy within the school community.

Kerrie Scofield motions to the BHS volleyball overnight trip to Springfield; Seconded by Kari MacRae; Voice vote passes 8-0-0

- **SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUB COMMITTEE & DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - Curriculum Subcommittee- Kerrie Scofield asks for approval of a new Physics textbook, Marine Science textbook, and online Business Resource.

Kerrie Scofield motions to approve the Physics textbooks for BHS; Seconded by Kari MacRae; Roll call vote passes 8-0-0

Kerrie Scofield motions to approve the Marine Science textbooks for BHS; Seconded by Kari MacRae; Roll call vote passes 8-0-0

Kerrie Scofield motions to approve the Business online resource BHS; Seconded by Kari MacRae; Roll call vote passes 8-0-0

  - Policy Subcommittee- Dr. Zhou says the subcommittee did not meet but asks for approval of wellness policy ADF that has been in draft form until it was reviewed by the Department of Ed. She notes that the Department of Ed had no changes so it's exactly the same policy the SWAC committee presented.

Kerrie Scofield motions to approve policy ADF; Seconded by Kendellynn Gagne; Voice vote passes 8-0-0

Mr. Geist thanks members of the School Wellness Advisory Committee for all of their work putting it together and says the district will be receiving a Massachusetts School Wellness Champion recognition banner.

- Budget and Facilities Subcommittee- Kendellynn Gagne says the subcommittee has nothing new to report.
- SEPAC- Kerrie Scofield says the committee meets next week for virtual elections.
- Cape Cod Collaborative- Chair Beals reporting on behalf of Maureen Fuller says that at the May 14th Cape Cod Collaborative Board meeting, the board approved the FY26 budget, the executive director's cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), and the treasurer's annual evaluation. She says Executive Director Dr. Hope Hanscom also shared that she will serve as a panelist at the Joint MASS/MASC Conference this November to discuss the 50th anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the important role collaboratives play in supporting students with complex needs.
- District Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee- Mrs. Borning reports on behalf of Jessee Clements. She says members of the committee will be attending the Race Amity Day Celebration on Sunday in Buzzards Bay Park. She explains that race amity is the practice of recognizing and celebrating cultural and racial diversity. She says there will be live entertainment, pizza, and kids' activities.
- District Technology Committee- Chris Oliver says the Technology Committee has not met yet.
- District School Wellness Advisory Committee (SWAC)- Jordan Geist says the committee has not met yet.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Summer meeting dates- Chair Beals says the summer workshop will take place on July 2nd from 9am-1pm at the BIS Media Center.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- Vote to approve Warrants and Payroll

Kerrie Scofield motions to approve Warrants and Payroll; Seconded by Kendellynn Gagne; Voice vote passes 7-0-0 (Student Representative Zoe Noonan not eligible to vote)

- Vote to approve regular session minutes of: May 7, 2025

Kerrie Scofield motions to approve regular session minutes of May 7, 2025 ; Seconded by Kari MacRae; Voice vote passes 8-0-0

- Vote to accept the Superintendent's request to sell back 10 vacation days per the contract

Kendellynn Gagne motions to approve Superintendent's request to sell back 10 vacation days; Seconded by Kerrie Scofield ; Roll call vote passes 7-0-0 (Student Representative Zoe Noonan not eligible to vote)

- Vote to release previous Executive Session minutes as rendered appropriate by legal counsel

Kerrie Scofield motions to approve previous Executive Session minutes as rendered appropriate by legal counsel; Seconded by Kendellynn Gagne, Roll call vote passes 8-0-0

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Welcome and Onboarding of New Members
b. Summer Workshop

8. ADJOURN-*Kerrie Scofield motions to adjourn regular session and enter into executive session without returning to regular session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; Seconded by Kari MacRae; Voice vote passes 8-0-0*

Regular Session ended at 8:16 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