

City of Biddeford
School Committee
December 22, 2020 7:00 PM Little Theater at BHS
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A. Call to Order:

B. Roll Call:

C. Pledge of Allegiance:

D. Adjustments to Agenda:

E. Consideration of Minutes:

E.1. Minutes 12/8/20

[Minutes 12_8_2020 Biddeford.pdf](#)

F. Consent Agenda

F.1. Appointments:

Kenneth St. Onge ~ Full Time Van Driver Transportation Department

Jessica Waywalt ~ Ed Tech II BPS ~ Replacing Kyle Ireland who resigned

Emily Furr ~ Account Payable Associate Leadership Office ~ Replacing Cathy Fecteau who will be moving to a new position in the district

Resignations:

Doug Bertrand ~ Tech Ed. Teacher BMS ~ Retiring 1/29/2021

G. Student Rep Reports:

H. Committee Reports: Finance/Building, Grounds; Curriculum; Policy; Waterhouse Advisory Committee

I. Old Business:

J. New Business: Public participation opportunity after each item listed below (3 minutes per item)

- J.1. Approval of extended unpaid leave request for BIS Teacher
Approval of Superintendent contract extension through 2023-2024

[A. Keddy Leave of Absence Extension Request.pdf](#)

K. Public Participation: (3 minutes; any item)

L. Communications:

M. Executive Session:

- M.1. Labor contract negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D)
Information in confidential records; discussion or review of pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § (6)(F)

N. Adjournment:

Instructions for Public Participation

The Biddeford School Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 7:00 PM.

This meeting will be held in person by the School Committee only in the Little Theater. The meeting for the public will be conducted using [Zoom](#) Webinar, a web-based video conferencing tool, under [1 M.R.S.A. § 403-A](#), which authorizes the school department to hold remote meetings during the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

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Biddeford School Department
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
4:30 pm **Minutes**
Live Meeting in Little Theater/Zoom "Virtual Meeting"

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- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Mayor Alan Casavant
- B. Roll Call:** Alan Casavant, Lisa Vадnais, Amy Grohman, Randy Forcier, Dominic Deschambault, Nate Bean, Rebecca Henry, Jeremy Ray, and Mandy Cyr were all present
- C. Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge was led by Alan Casavant
- D. Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
- E. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** Minutes from [11/24/20](#) ~ Dominic Deschambault moved to approve the minutes from 11/24/20, Randy Forcier seconded, and all were in favor.
- F. Consent Agenda:** ~ Lisa Vадnais moved to approve the consent agenda, Dominic Deschambault seconded, and all were in favor
- Appointments:**
 - a. Haley Reny ~ Ed Tech II JFK ~ Replacing Joyce Stevens who moved to a new position in the district
 - b. Kelly Robinson ~ Custodian BMS ~ Replacing Craig Moten Resignation
- Resignations:**
 - a. Judith Beach ~ Food Service BHS ~ Resignation
 - b. William Harriman ~ Special Education Teacher BHS ~ Retiring
- G. Superintendent's Report:** ~ Jeremy Ray shared that the remote learning week after Thanksgiving went very well. Having the students stay home the extra time helped with keeping the COVID numbers down for the District. There will be discussion about possibly having another remote week following the winter break.

School Committee Members:

Alan Casavant-Chair	Randy Forcier
Lisa Vадnais-Vice Chair	Dominic Deschambault
Karen Ruel	Nate Bean
Amy Grohman	Rebecca Henry

cc: Jeremy Ray- Superintendent
cc: Chris Indorf-Asst. Superintendent
cc: Mandy Cyr- Dir. Instr. & Inov

H. Committee Reports:

I. Old Business:

J. New Business:

- a. Remote Week Update - Mandy Cyr ~ Mandy Cyr gave the results of the last survey sent to families pertaining to the remote week of learning. The feedback was positive.

K. Public Participation: (3 minutes; any item)

L. Executive Session: Labor contract negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D)

M. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm by Dominic Deschambault to enter into executive session, Randy Forcier seconded, and all were in favor.

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Signed:



Date: 12/15/20

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12/15/20

Dear Jeremy Ray and the school committee members,

I am writing to you today requesting that my leave of absence be continued through the remaining 2020-2021 school year. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic and the well-being of my son, Liam's doctors have recommended that he remain home, remote learning for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year. With this recommendation and no one other than myself available to remain home with my children, I will need to continue to remain home in order to care for my children and assist them daily with their remote learning.

I apologize for any inconvenience this request may cause as I know it's already been a stressful year for all.

Thank you for your hard work during this difficult time.

Stay safe.

Kindly,
Amanda S.L. Keddy