

City of Biddeford
School Committee
September 27, 2016/6:00 PM/LITTLE THEATER AT BHS

- A.** Call to Order
- B.** Roll Call
- C.** Pledge of Allegiance
- D.** Adjustments to the Agenda
- E.** Executive Sessions
 - E.1.
 - Discussion/Consideration: Legal Rights & Duties of the School Committee Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(E)
 - Discussion/Consideration: Labor Contract Meeting with Teamsters Local #340 Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D)

7:00 p.m. - Little Theater at BHS
- Agenda (continued)

- F.** Consideration of Minutes
 - F.1. 9/13/16

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- G.** Student Rep Reports
- H.** Superintendent's Report
- I.** Committee Reports
 - I.1. Finance/Building & Grounds; Curriculum; Policy, Waterhouse Advisory Committee
- J.** Old Business
- K.** New Business
 - K.1. Presentation: AmeriCorps, Ethan Schechter

K.2. Report: BMS, BHS, BRCOT, Maintenance/Custodial – School Opening

K.3. Presentation: STEM Academy, Mr. Keenan

K.4. Consideration: Guidance & Counseling Plan for Pre-K through Grade 12

K.5. Consideration: Elect Delegate & Alternate Delegate for Fall School Board Conference

L. Resignations

L.1. Lori Morris, Food Service Worker (eff 9/30/16)

M. Nominations

N. Appointments

- N.1.
- Denis Elie, Ed Tech III, BRCOT (to replace M. Morin)
 - Claudette Bellerose, Food Service Worker (4hrs) BPS (re-hired)
 - Roxy Labbonte, Food Service Cook, (6hrs) BHS (to replace D. Doyon)
 - Paula Goulet, FT Custodian (to replace N. Copeland)
 - 2016-17 Mentor Stipends (see memo in packet)
 - 2016-17 Winter Stipends, BHS (see memo in packet)

O. Transfers

- O.1.
- Carolyn Camire, Food Service Worker (4hrs) BMS (to replace L. Morris)
 - Judy Monsen, Food Service Worker (4hrs) BMS (to replace C. Camire)

- O.2.
- Carolyn Camire, Food Service Worker (4hrs) BMS (to replace L. Morris)
 - Judy Monsen, Food Service Worker (4hrs) BMS (to replace C. Camire)

P. Public Participation (3 minutes; any item)

Q. Communications

R. Adjournment

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BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
September 13, 2016
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 p.m. – Little Theater at BHS

Minutes

- A. Call to Order:** Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.
- B. Roll Call:** Mayor Casavant, Dennis Anglea, Crystal Blais, Tony Michaud, Heather Mills, Karen Ruel, Lisa Vadnais, Cassie Riley. **Also in Attendance:** Jeremy Ray & Chris Indorf.
Excused: Brianna Gilbert
- C. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Casavant led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Casavant requested a moment of silence for Detective Wentworth who recently passed away.
- D. Adjustments to the Agenda:** The following items were added:
Resignations: Scott Wilson, FT Custodian
Appointments: Ethan Magill, Sp Ed Tech II, Tiger Center
Kim Doody, Ed Tech III, Study Hall Monitor, BHS
Rebecca Shaw-Hill, Sp Ed Tech II, K-12
Washima Fairouz, Student Rep to the School Committee

At this time in the meeting, the following motion was made:

Mr. Anglea moved and Ms. Mills seconded, unanimous vote to approve Washima Fairouz as a Student Representative to the School Committee.

- E. Consideration of Minutes:**
Ms. Vadnais moved and Ms. Blais seconded, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of 8/23/16.
- F. Student Rep Reports:**
Ms. Riley reported on the following: Tiger Stock on 9/24; Grandparents Day was on 9/9 at BPS; On 9/12 at BHS/BMS, Tony Hoffman shared his story about overcoming drug abuse;
- G. Superintendent's Report:**
Mr. Ray reported the following:
- Approximately 350 grandparents attended Grandparent's Day at BPS.
 - Updating the 5-year capital plans for each school building.
 - AmeriCorps Grant from Learning Works will present at the 9/27 meeting regarding upcoming work at BIS.
 - Tiger Pride Friday held weekly, building a sense of pride in the community by wearing black/orange. The community will be encouraged to participate.
 - Working with the City on Bond Refunding for the school to get a lower interest rate.
- H. Committee Reports:**
Finance/Building & Grounds; Curriculum; Policy – no reports.
- Waterhouse Advisory Committee – Mr. Ray indicated the committee met last Thursday evening for a public presentation on plans for the Waterhouse Field.
- I. Old Business:** None
- J. New Business:** Public participation opportunity after each item listed below (3 minutes per item)
- 1. Report: JFK, BPS, BIS – School Opening**
Ms. Nadeau reported they welcomed 184 new students this year and have completed the screening process. On 8/31, they held an Open House, which included tours of the school and a bus rides. First day of school was on 9/7 and they held a "Boo Hoo and/or Ya Hoo" party for the parents. Picture day is on 10/5 and Family Literacy Celebration is on 10/31.
- Ms. Pitts reported they held an Open House on 8/29, where students got a chance to meet their teacher and see their classroom. Current enrollment is 548, and 35 are new students. Grandparent Day was a huge success. The UNE students have started their work with BPS students.

Ms. Kenney reported they had a great start and they also held an Open House on 8/31. Presently, there are 176 4th graders and 184 5th graders. New program include: a daily STEM Scope Program for 4th and 5th graders; Math in Focus is being piloted. For recess, in addition to the use of the playground, they will also utilized the BIS Field. AmeriCorps volunteers are at BIS. UNE students will begin the end of September to work with students on Thursdays. Upcoming events will include: a Book and Author event; a Mock Election. Ms. Kenney thanked her staff for all their hard work with STEM, Math in Focus and their willingness to take on extra activities for the school.

2. Report: School Start Time

Mr. Ray indicated that bus times have improved since the first day. He did not anticipate that the number of students taking the bus would increase. The Main Street construction presents a challenge. There is a back-up of traffic at the Hill Street light and Chief Beaupre is going to help with that. Today, they met with Old Orchard Beach, Dayton, Thornton Academy, and Saco regarding the challenges with the start time changes and will meet monthly. With Saco having an "every Wednesday" early release, the high school is going to rotate classes to help with COT classes. He is discussing with Ms. Kenney the location of buses for dropping off/picking up students, thinking maybe it should be moved back to the front of the building. He feels Ms. Lovejoy, Transportation Supervisor, has done an outstanding job on the new bus routes and times. There is a big difference in truancy this year for BMS and BHS. Mr. Keenan and Mr. Sirois have indicated that tardiness has dropped considerably and the average daily attendance has increased. Student feedback has been positive.

3. Report: Student Enrollment & ELL Numbers

Mr. Ray indicated we are down 14 students for the district, but there are about 30 more ELL students (see documents in packet).

4. Update: End of Year Balance

Mr. Ray indicated the un-audited fund balance and projected carry-over for next year will be a little over \$1M dollars, down approximately \$51,000 from the year before (see documents in packet).

5. Update: Hiring

Mr. Ray indicated there still a few positions to hire in the district. At the Ed Tech level, the application pool is shallow. We filled all the teacher positions in time.

6. Consideration: MPA Cooperative Team Agreement – Girls Hockey with TA

Mr. Anglea moved and Mr. Michaud seconded, unanimous vote to approve the MPA Cooperative Team Agreement for Girls Hockey with Thornton Academy as presented (see memo in packet).

K. Resignations-Nominations-Appointments-Transfers:

Resignations: Accepted by the Superintendent

- Melissa Shannon, Ed Tech III, Study Hall Monitor, BHS
- Lisa Sodones, PT Custodian
- Scott Wilson, FT Custodian (eff 9/24/16)

Nominations:

- Didi Holt, Alternative Learning Teacher, APC (to replace J. Perreault)

Mr. Anglea moved and Ms. Blais seconded, unanimous vote to approve the above nomination.

Appointments:

- Cyril Lunt, Sp Ed Tech II, BMS (to replace V. Ranks)

Mr. Anglea moved and Ms. Blais seconded, unanimous vote to approve the above appointment.

- Linda Jackson, PT Bus Driver (to replace J. Houde)

Mr. Anglea moved and Ms. Blais seconded, unanimous vote to approve the above appointment.

- Ethan Magill, Sp Ed Tech II, BHP, Tiger Center (to replace J. Wynne)

Mr. Anglea moved and Ms. Blais seconded, unanimous vote to approve the above appointment.

- Kim Doody, Ed Tech III, Study Hall Monitor, BHS (to replace M. Shannon)

Mr. Anglea moved and Ms. Blais seconded, unanimous vote to approve the above appointment.

- Rebecca Shaw-Hill, Sp Ed Tech II, JFK (to replace B. Towne)

M. Communications:

Mr. Michaud inquired about the Waterhouse Donation event and how this came to be. Mr. Ray indicated that part of the plan was always to get donations for Waterhouse Field. They started with corporations, then employees, and then reached out to the individual public.

Mr. Anglea thanked the staff, especially with the change in start times, who did an outstanding job. He reached out to the transportation staff acknowledging they have worked hard through this and have done a good job.

Mayor Casavant indicated it is River Jam weekend. Friday night is the Mayor's Ball with Tony Michaud's band, "Girls Just Want to Have Fun", is playing. All the proceeds go the food pantries. River Jam in Mechanic's Park on Saturday is a free event. He thanked Mr. Ray and his financial staff for their diligence in finding ways to save the tax payer's money.

N. Executive Session: None

O. Adjournment: Mr. Anglea moved and Ms. Vadnais seconded, unanimous vote to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Ray, School Committee Secretary

Minutes Recorded: Chris Indorf

Minutes Transcribed: Diane Milliard