

City of Biddeford
School Committee
September 08, 2021 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 8/25/2021
[Minutes Biddeford 8_25_2021.pdf](#)
- F. Consent Agenda**
 - F.1. Nominations:
David Stebbins ~ BIS/BMS Band ~ Replacing Jillian Cote
Susan Sharpe ~ Literacy Coach/Interventionist ~ Replacing Mary Bellavance
Appointments:
Patricia Sylvain ~ Food Service Worker ~ Replacing Emily Harris who moved to another position in the district
Bonny Jensen ~ Food Service Worker ~ Replacing Elaine Hamel who retired
Olivier Umumararguna ~ Custodian BMS ~ Replacing Shane Parks
Brenda Cole ~ Ed Tech II BIS ~ Replacing Seth McKenney
- G. Superintendent's Report:**
- 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. Student Enrollment Count
- School Opening Highlights
- Approval of BRCOT New Program Applications for Culinary Arts, Hospitality Program at a Satellite Site
- Approval of a Math Teacher at BRCOT

[Enrollment Memo Sept 8th.pdf](#)

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

L. Communications:

M. Executive Session:

N. Adjournment:

Instructions for Public Participation

The Biddeford School Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 5:00 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.

Topic: Biddeford School Committee Meeting

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Biddeford School Department
Wednesday, August 25, 2021
7:00 pm **Minutes**
School Committee - Little Theater BHS in Person
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- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm
- B. Roll Call:** Mayor Alan Casavant, Karen Ruel, Amy Grohman, Randy Forcier, Nate Bean, Rebecca Henry, Jeremy Ray, Chris Indorf, and Mandy Cyr were all present
- C. Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge was led by Mayor Alan Casavant
- D. Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
- E. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** Minutes from [8/11/2021](#) ~ Amy Grohman moved to approve the minutes from 8/11/2021, Nate Bean seconded, and all were in favor
- F. Consent Agenda:** Nate Bean asked if the BMS Athletic Stipends could be taken out of the consent agenda. Mayor Alan Casavant approved. Nate Bean moved to approve the Consent Agenda without the BMS Athletic Stipends, Amy Grohman seconded, and all were in favor

Nominations:

- a.** Gabriel Capoferri ~ 8th Grade Social Work BHS ~ Replacing Angela Avery
- b.** Marissa Cassily ~ World Language Teacher - French BHS ~ Replacing Kaitlyn Jarry
- c.** Kristin Fournier ~ 8th Grade PE/Health BMS, BHS ~ New Position

Appointments:

- a.** Emily Harris ~ Food Service BIS ~ Replacing Linda Sevigny
- b.** Patti Patoine ~ Food Service BHS ~ New Position
- c.** Emily Hanson ~ Classroom Teacher BPS ~ Replacing Katie Zarro
- d.** Ashley Albert ~ Classroom Teacher BPS ~ Replacing Julie Montalbano
- e.** Shelley Meyerheim-Reynolds ~ CNA Assistant BHS ~ New Position
- f.** Billie Gray ~ Ed Tech II JFK ~ Replacing Meaghan Brown
- g.** Shelby Tardif ~ Ed Tech II BMS ~ Replacing Jesse Kiesel
- h.** Catherine Lamb ~ Ed Tech II BIS ~ Replacing Sarah Lafortune who moved to a new position in the district
- i.** Sharon Davis ~ Ed Tech II BPS ~ Replacing Lucille Poisson who moved to a new position in the district

School Committee Members:

Alan Casavant-Chair	Randy Forcier
Lisa Vadnais-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. & Innov.

- j. [BMS Athletic Stipends](#) ~ Nate Bean stated that we have stipends at the Middle School for teams, representing six programs. More than a third of the dollar amount that we're spending on stipends goes to the football program and again I have a huge amount of respect for football coaches and athletes and I will always support every program getting what they need to be successful. I have to ask again does that communicate what we want to communicate about our values to the young people in our community. Jeremy Ray provided further information to clarify. Nate Bean moved to approve the BMS Athletic Stipends, Amy Grohman seconded, and all were in favor

Resignations:

- a. Mary Bellavance ~ Literacy Coach BMS
- b. Jillian Cote ~ BIS/BMS Band Teacher
- c. Seth McKenney ~ Ed Tech II BIS

Transfers:

- a. Sarah Lafortune ~ Ed Tech II BIS ~ Grade 3 Teacher BIS
- b. Amanda Olson ~ Sped Ed Tech II BMS ~ Ed Tech III - SEL BPS

- G. **Superintendent's Report:** ~ On August 31st there is a vaccination clinic here for Pfizer and J&J from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm for anyone 12 years old and up. There are no boosters available this is for the vaccine only. The press herald stated today that the vaccination rate of students qualified individuals were between 75 and 79% and will continue to work to hopefully improve that as we know that will keep our students safe. Urge people to fill out those transportation forms and student information request it's hard to make transportation routes if we don't know that you need transportation or if something has changed and we know that the first day of school can be very difficult. There will be a video with detailed information from district nurses that will go out to all three communities and they'll provide an overview of the benefits in the process of pool testing. For people who participate in pool testing that can be the piece that keeps you exempt from after-school activities, sports, and bus exposures. We are trying to do a little bit better job of communicating what that may look like to people and then parents. Once we get this special code from the state parents will receive consent to register if they choose to be part of that. A reminder to fill out your free and reduced lunch form online. This is important for subsidy for our schools. Anyone who fills out the form will be automatically entered in to win one of five Hannaford gift cards. The CDC has a 60-day eviction moratorium. We are still looking for substitute teachers for anyone's interest. A big thank you to our custodian and maintenance staff as the buildings are getting ready. With summer programs going on in buildings that had to work around those hours which made it a little more challenging. We are looking forward to starting fall sports and activities for kids and keeping them safe. We are hoping we can bring the elementary cross country back again this year. We've worked hard with the marching band and this year we are hoping to boost our numbers.

H. Committee Reports:

I. Old Business:

J. New Business:

- a. [Updated Students Counts as of 8/20/21](#)
- b. [Updated information on Immunization Law](#)

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

L. Communications:

- M. **Executive Session:** The school committee adjourned at 7:34 pm for executive session
 - a. Labor contract negotiations for Teamsters Local 340 Bus Drivers & Bus

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Aides pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(D) ~ The school committee was all in favor to accept the labor contract for the Teamsters Local 340 Bus Drivers and Bus Aides

- N. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm ~ Nate Bean moved to adjourn to enter into executive session, Amy Grohman seconded and all were in favor

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Signed: 
Jeremy Ray ~ Superintendent of Schools

Date: 8/26/2021

School Committee Members:

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TO: Biddeford School Committee
FROM: Jeremy Ray, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: September 8, 2021
RE: Enrollment Update

Biddeford	
Grade	ENROLLMENT
HS	10
PreK	55
K	199
1	175
2	189
3	174
4	153
5	153
6	195
7	153
8	165
9	171
10	177
11	179
12	212
	2360