City of Biddeford
School Committee
August 23, 2023 7:00 PM Little Theater at BHS

A. Call to Order:
B. Roll Call:
C. Pledge of Allegiance:
D. Adjustments to Agenda:
E. Consideration of Minutes:
F. Consent Agenda

F.1. Nominations:
Tyler Anderson ~ BHS Teacher ~ Replacing Lydia Wasina
Stephane Pejic ~ BHS Teacher ~ Replacing Katherine Lapre ~ One Year Leave
Gay Myrell Arsenault ~ BMS Teacher ~ Replacing Eric Howell
Appointments:
Courtney White ~ BPS Ed Tech I ~ Replacing Deanna Vigliotta
Sergio Kipwiti ~ Custodian ~ Replacing Bob Linscott
Noemia Kidjana Valentino ~ Custodian ~ Replacing Sean Costigan
Judith Manzambi-Longo ~ Custodian ~ Replacing Mariah Desrocher
James Newenham ~ Custodian ~ Replacing Mark Myers
Elizabeth Simard ~ JFK Ed Tech III
COT Stipends
Eric Wales ~ Teacher ~ Extra Block Stipend
Maureen Redmond ~ Teacher ~ Extra Block Stipend
Holly Scribner ~ Skills USA Advisor Stipend
BIS Stipends
BMS Stipends
Resignations:
Caraline Flaherty ~ BIS Ed Tech II
Janet Lambert ~ JFK Ed Tech Resource
Grace Murphy ~ BHS Ed Tech II
Jennifer Rowland ~ BHS School Counselor
Transfers:
Kathryn Letellier ~ BIS SEL to BMS Ed Tech III
Joyce Stevens ~ JFK Ed Tech III moving to ML Classroom
Dana Karukin ~ BIS Teacher moving to SEL Ed Tech III BIS ~ Replacing Kathryn Letellier

Stipend nominations BMS.xlsx - 2023-2024.pdf
BIS Stipends - 2023.pdf

G. Superintendent's Report:
H. Committee Reports: Finance/Building, Grounds; Curriculum; Policy; Waterhouse Advisory Committee

I. Old Business:

I.1. Second Reading of Policy to revise:
JJIC-R ~ General Rules for Students Participating in Athletics & Extra-Curricular Activities

JJIC-R General Rules for Students Participating in Athletics and in Extra-Curricular Activities.pdf

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

J.1. Grant Update
Funding for English Language Learners
Additional Funding and Positions

Current Grant List.pdf
Funding for English Language Learners.pdf

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

L. Communications:

M. Executive Session:

N. Adjournment:

FALL	Coach's Name	Stipend	Nominated	Approved by Board
Head Middle School Football Grade 8	Gary Pleau	$3,644.73	7/26/2023	8/9/2023
Head Middle School Football Grade 7	Gary Pleau	$3,644.73	7/26/2023	8/9/2023
Football Assistant	Kelly O'Guinn	$2,186.84	7/26/2023	8/9/2023
Football Assistant	Jay Demick	$2,186.84	7/26/2023	8/9/2023
8th Grade Boys Soccer Coach	Robert Martens	$2,429.82	7/26/2023	8/9/2023
8th Grade Girls Soccer Coach				
Grade 7 Field Hockey Coach	Hailey Allen	$2,429.82	8/12/2023	
Grade 8 Field Hockey	Stephanie Coleman	$2,429.82	8/12/2023	
Middle School Volleyball				
Middle School Cross Country Coach	Justin Russo	$2,024.85	8/12/2023	
Athletic Director	Karl Lebreux	$10,500.00	8/12/2023	
Grade 5 Cross Country				
Grade 5 Cross Country				
7th Grade Boys Soccer Coach				
Girls Soccer Coach Grades 6 & 7				
WINTER	Coach's Name	Stipend	Nominated	Approved by Board
Middle School Winter Cheering Co-Coach				
Middle School Winter Cheer Co-Coach				
Grade 7 Boys Basketball				
Boys Basketball Grade 8				
Grade 7 Girls Basketball				
Grade 8 Girls Basketball				
Third Team Boys Basketball BMS				
BMS Wrestling Head Coach				
Middle School Indoor Track Head Coach				
Middle School Indoor Track Assistant Coach				
Middle School Indoor Track Assistant Coach				
Unified Basketball Head Coach				
Unified Basketball Assistant BMS				

SPRING	Coach's Name	Stipend	Nominated	Approved by Board
Grade 7 Baseball Coach				
Grade 8 Baseball Coach				
Grade 7 Softball Coach				
Grade 8 Softball Coach				
Head Outdoor Track Coach				
Assistant Coach Outdoor Track				
Girls LAX Coach				
Outdoor Track Head Coach				
Boys LAX Coach				
Non Athletic Stipends	**Recommended**	**Stipend**	**Nominated**	**Approved by Board**
IA Equipment Maintenance				
Yearbook				
Math Curriculum Leader				
Science Curriculum Leader				
ELA Curriculum Leader				
Social Studies Curriculum Leader				
MS Curriculum Lead				
Jazz Instructor				
Choral Instructor				
Drama Instructor				
Drama Instructor				
Instrumental Instructor				
Civil Rights				
Civil Rights				
Team Leader Grade 7				
Team Leader Grade 7				
STEM Team Leader				
Team Leader Grade 6				
Team Leader Grade 6				
Team Leader Grade 5				
Team Leader Grade 5				
Special Education Team Leader				

Unified Arts Team Leader				

Stipend Position				
FALL	Candidate Name	Stipend	Nominated	Approved by Board
Cross Country Elementary	Joseph Aiken	$809.94	8/14/2023	
Cross Country Elementary	Katherine Kalagis	$809.94	8/14/2023	
Cross Country Elementary	Kayla Keimach	$786.34	8/14/2023	
Drama Elementary	Robert Petit	$1,619.88	8/14/2023	
Yearbook	Telicia Michaud	$1,619.88	8/14/2023	

GENERAL RULES FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETICS AND IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

Eligibility:
All athletes must meet academic and social requirements as set by the school and the Maine Principals Association (MPA).

A student is ineligible for athletics if he/she participates under an assumed name or when he/she attains the age of 20.

Permission:
All athletes must have a permission form completed by their parent/guardian.

Physical Exam:
All athletes must have a medical examination before participating.

Insurance:
All athletes must have insurance coverage before participating.

Training:
All athletes must abide by the training, participation and disciplinary rules set up by the coach.

Alcohol/Drug & Tobacco-Like Products:
The use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol by a participant will result in:

a. Application of the Biddeford High School regulations on chemical use and abuse including suspension from the next scheduled game or activity on the ***first*** incident.

b. In the event of a second incident, the participant will be dismissed from the team/activity for the remainder of the sport season.

c. In the event of a third incident, the participant will be dismissed from all activities for the remainder of the school year.

d. Whenever a student's eligibility status is appealed to the Principal, the student will, during the interim, be allowed to practice but no participate in games or scheduled activities.

Dress:
Representing your team, school and community requires that your appearance be neat at all times.

Attendance:
The student must be in attendance at school on the day of an activity for **2 academic blocks** in order to participate that day.

Programming Stipulations for Return to Play:
1st Offense – student must meet with Substance Abuse Counselor prior to returning to athletic competition during that sport season.

2nd Offense – student must meet with Substance Abuse Counselor prior to returning to athletic competition for the upcoming sport season.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Eligibility:
All students must meet the academic and social requirements as set by the school and the MPA and other appropriate membership rules.

Participation:
All students must abide by the participation and disciplinary rules set up by the advisor or the activity.

Alcohol/Drug & Tobacco-Like Products:
The use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol by a participant will result in:

a. Application of the Biddeford High School regulations on chemical use and abuse including suspension from the next scheduled game or activity on the ***first*** incident.

b. In the event of a second incident, the participant will be dismissed from the team/activity for the remainder of the sport season.

c. In the event of a third incident, the participant will be dismissed from all activities for the remainder of the school year.

d. Whenever a student's eligibility status is appealed to the Principal, the student will, during the interim, be allowed to practice but no participate in games or scheduled activities.

Dress:
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Attendance:
The student must be in attendance at school on the day of an activity **for 2 academic blocks** in order to participate on that day.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDING ATHLETICS

Eligibility:
A student must be passing five courses at the end of the quarter, as well as, mid quarter progress reports.

Academic Probation:
Any student who is determined ineligible using the above criteria must sit out two full weeks.

At the conclusion of the two weeks a student can apply for academic probation by obtaining the grades and signatures from their teacher using a form provided by the athletic department.

The athletic director will then contact the student's teachers to ensure that the information on the form is authentic and accurate.

If it is determined that a student is eligible they may resume playing in athletic contests, but must have the probation form filled out weekly throughout the duration of the athletic season. If at any time, they are deemed to be ineligible, they will be prohibited from participation in athletic contests until the weekly form indicates that they are once again eligible. (A minimum of one week)

Coaches are not to allow a student on probation to participate until they are contacted directly by a school administrator. (This does not include practices or team functions.)

Second Quarter Eligibility on Winter Participation:
The second quarter ends prior to the completion of the winter seasons. Therefore, any student who is deemed ineligible at the conclusion of the second quarter can apply for academic probation after two full weeks of the third quarter.

Eligibility is determined by the following:

- Fall sports: 4th quarter grades from previous school year
- Winter sports: 1st quarter grades from current school year
- Spring sports: 3rd quarter grades from current school year
- All incoming freshmen are academically eligible to play fall sports.

Whenever a student's eligibility status is appealed to the Principal, the student will, during the interim, be allowed to practice but not participate in games or scheduled activities.

Students may practice while on probation, may travel with the team, may not dress in uniform for games, but may not play in regular games. Coaches are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

Extra Curricular Activities Including Athletics – Middle School

Eligibility:
Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students failing 2 subjects will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular programs/sports for the next trimester. Seventh and eighth grade athletes will be ineligible on their sixteenth birthday.

Students who are promoted are eligible the following year, regardless of fourth ranking period. All students who repeat a grade are ineligible for the first ranking period.

A student who participates in a high school contest is disqualified for the remainder of that season in middle school competition.

Adopted: April 27, 1999

Revised: October 24, 2000, October 9, 2007, August 26, 2014,_____

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MEMO

TO: Jeremy Ray, Superintendent

FROM: Chris Indorf, Assistant Superintendent
Mandy Cyr, Assistant Superintendent

RE: **Current Grant List**

DATE: Aug 18, 2023

Grant Name	Awarded Amount	Summary
ARP Homeless Children and Youth II	$81,602.83	Contract with APEX personnel to identify and work with students who are experiencing homelessness. Funds are able to pay a security deposit, locate housing, purchase food, gift cards for food, and clothing, as well as transport students who are experiencing homelessness to and from school, alleviating barriers. Furthermore, additional funds will be allocated towards removing barriers to accessing remote instruction for students experiencing homelessness.
Multilingual Learners and Students Experiencing Homelessness	$197,437.87	Funds are being used to develop the coordination between schools and agencies providing services to children and youth experiencing homelessness. Contracted services are acquired to provide transportation for students and support their involvement in afterschool activities. Funds are also available to provide orientations and training to families to support student's successful learning at home, integration in school, and understanding of the school's systems, supports, and expectations.
Stronger Connections Grant	$449,586.90	This grant is to provide funding for projects in the following three categories: school safety and emergency preparedness, school climate, and mental health/SEL.

Transition Regional Interagency Collaboration Grant	$293,077* Conditional Award	This grant is to provide funding for the creation, development, and implementation of ME Transition Regional Interagency Collaboratives (MeTRICs). MeTRICs are interagency partnerships at the regional, local, and student and youth-levels that assist each other in efforts to support students and youth with disabilities and their families in the transition to adult services. In sum, this grant would provide funding to educate students with exceptional needs ages 17-22 years old, with services targeting prevocational skills, transition-to-work placements and internships, access to leisure, and true independent living skills. If successful and financially sustainable, partnership agreements have been entered into with the Saco School Department, Dayton School Department, and RSU23/OOB School Department, with the collaboration of the UNE.
McKinney-Vento Grants	$94,355	This grant is in partnership with the Saco School Department to hire an additional social worker to focus on the needs of students who are experiencing homelessness.

The following grants have been applied for but have not yet been awarded.

Name	Amount Requested	Summary
MLTI Teach with Tech Grant	$22,643.22	This grant is to provide additional technology resources for for middle school students involved in STEM and technology courses.

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MEMO

TO: Biddeford School Committee

FROM: Jeremy Ray, Superintendent

RE: **Funding for English Language Learners**

DATE: Aug 18, 2023

The following press release notified the Biddeford School Department that we would receive $192,784.56 in additional state funding for English Language Learners. These funds will be available to the school department at the end of October.

AUGUSTA – The supplemental budget passed by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Janet Mills last month will provide a significant infusion of new funds to school districts across the state that have seen an increase in students who are English Language Learners (ELL).

In total, the budget includes $3.5 million for the ELL Hardship Fund, which was established last year by the Legislature. According to Rep. Michael Brennan, D-Portland, the Portland School System will receive an additional $784,174.25 in state funds to assist ELL students. The funds will be available at the end of October.

"Since last September, the Portland School System has experienced a significant increase in the number of students needing ELL services," said Brennan, House chair of the Legislature's Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. "This additional funding will allow Portland to hire staff and provide important services to assist these students. However, the city isn't alone – there are school districts across the state that are working hard to meet the influx of new students, and the Legislature recognized their efforts and stepped up to help. This funding will have a major impact, and I'm looking forward to working with my colleagues to continue funding the program in the coming years."

A partial list of other school districts receiving funds include: Biddeford at $192,784.56, Brunswick at $50,245.57, Freeport at $109,468.98, Lewiston at $630,689.35, Saco at $110,008.94, South Portland at $302,065.63 and Westbrook at $93,365.58.