

City of Biddeford
School Committee
May 26, 2020 7:00 PM Virtual ~ Zoom Meeting

A. Instructions for the Meeting

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B. Call to Order:

C. Roll Call:

D. Pledge of Allegiance:

E. Adjustments to Agenda:

F. Consideration of Minutes:

- F.1. Minutes 5/12/20
[Meeting minutes 5_12_20.pdf](#)

G. Consent Agenda

- G.1. Nominations:
Ashley Grob ~ 5th Grade Teacher BIS ~ New Position
Joann Palladino ~ 4th Grade Teacher BIS ~ Replacing Jessica Aberle
Allyson Lambert ~ School Counselor BIS ~ Replacing Nicole Breton
Jessica Aberle ~ Resiliency, Resource & Trauma Coordinator BIS ~ New Position
Appointments:
Gay Arseneault ~ Ed Tech II JFK ~ Replacing Millie Arrowsmith who moved to a new position within the district
Resignations:
Leslie Horne ~ Chemistry Teacher BHS ~ Resignation
Joann Palladino ~ Ed Tech II BIS ~ Resignation moved to a new position in the district
Jessica Aberle ~ Grade 4 Teacher BIS ~ Resignation moved to a new position in the district
Emily Weeks ~ Ed Tech II BPS ~ Resignation

H. Student Rep Reports:

I. Superintendent's Report:

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

K. Old Business:

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

- L.1. Nasson Healthcare Partnership ~ Chris Indorf
Cares Act Funding Update

Technology Update
Fall Reopening Planning and Update

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- M. Public Participation: (3 minutes; any item)**
- N. Communications:**
- O. Executive Session:**
- P. Adjournment:**

Instructions for Public Participation

The Biddeford School Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 7:00 PM.

This meeting 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

Time: Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 7:00 PM Eastern Time

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Biddeford School Department
Tuesday, May 12, 2020
4:30 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Minutes

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Meeting ID: 923 0684 6784

- A. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm
- B. Roll Call:** Lisa Vadnais, Karen Ruel, Randy Forcier, Amy Grohman, Dominic Deschambault, Rebecca Henry, Nate Bean, Chris Indorf, Mandy Cyr, Jeremy Ray were all present. Alan Casavant joined at 4:40 pm
- C. Pledge of Allegiance:**
- D. Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
- E. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** Minutes from [4/28/20](#)
- F. Consent Agenda:** ~ Nate Bean moved to approve the consent agenda, Randy Forcier seconded, and all were in favor.
- Nominations:**
- Tim Guillerault ~ 3rd Grade Classroom Teacher BPS ~ New Position
 - Rachel Pearson ~ Special Education Teacher BMS ~ Replacing Ruth Smith
 - Approval of Fulfillment of [Stipends for Mentors](#) PLCSS
- Resignation:**
- Joshua Wynne ~ Custodian ~ Resignation
- G. Student Rep Reports:** None
- H. Superintendent's Report:** ~ Jeremy Ray stated that we are working on plans for the Fall. Right now we are working on three plans, one being the reopening for all with guidelines and safety in place, the second being a modified plan with guidelines and safety in place, and the third a distance learning plan. As soon as we know more we will choose the plan that works the best. Bus drivers and food service are still delivering and preparing food. Our plan is to continue that program through the Summer. Summer school is still on hold. We are working on plans for that as well if it needs to be distance learning.

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I. Committee Reports:

J. Old Business:

K. New Business:

- The nomination of [Interim Biddeford High School Principal](#) ~ Jeremy Ray recommended the hiring of an interim principal for the Biddeford High School. With Jeremie Sirois being the principal for seven years that makes it hard to replace in itself. Add to it the situation we are currently in and trying to find someone outside of the District is a challenge. Jeremy feels that Martha Jacques would be the best person for the position. She has the skills needed. Not only has she done a tremendous job at the APC but she stepped up to head up the coordination of food distribution for the District over the past two months. The position will be re-evaluated in January or February. Nate Bean moved to approve Martha Jacques as the interim principal, Lisa Vadnais seconded, and all were in favor. Lisa Vadnais spoke and said she was happy to see Martha take this interim position. Based on what she has seen of Martha she thinks she would be great. Dominic Deschambault spoke and said he wanted to make sure that it would be revisited in February. Jeremy agreed that it would. Martha Jacques thanked the School Committee and Jeremy Ray for the opportunity. She also thanked Jeremie Sirois for guiding her through the past couple of years.
- Nasson Healthcare Partnership ~ Chris Indorf ~ This will be addressed at the next meeting on May 26, 2020.
- [BPS/BIS](#) Academic Support Plans 2020-2021~ Margaret Pitts, Lindsey Nadeau, Chris Indorf, and Mandy Cyr have been working on proposed plans for next year. Meghan Schrader and Lisa Duchaine were consulted as well. Lindsey stated that they have all worked together to come up with a plan they think will accommodate all. There are skill sets built in to ensure it takes into consideration the Summer slide that often takes place. This program would be federally funded. Small groups would be formed and teachers would help with targetted intervention. We will need people in our community to help with this. This plan wouldn't be put into place until around October. Amy Grohman asked if we could possibly set this up for online learning if we don't start back in the Fall. Jeremy said that is something he would have to look into. Spending the CARES money in the wrong way could impact money we receive the following year. Therefore we need to be careful to follow the rules set forth.
- [Graduation Plans](#) ~ Jeremie Sirois shared the graduation plan that has been formed for the High School Seniors. The Saco Drive-In has offered to allow us to use their establishment. While we wish we could have in-person graduation we don't believe that will be possible this Summer. We know that some families will have transportation issues but we are prepared to help those families. Amy Grohman stated that she really likes the idea and thanked them for taking the time to make this happen. Jeremie Sirois met with class officers and other students along with Jeremy Ray and those students felt it was good

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to have it sooner rather than later. There are students who are going off into the military and workforce and to wait until August wouldn't be feasible. Lisa Vадnais asked about security. Jeremy Ray said he spoke to the Saco police department and they plan to step in if needed. Help may be needed to park 250 cars. Dominic Deschambault and Rebecca Henry both wondered about the security as well. Rebecca thanked them for the hard work and hopes that everyone can see the positive side of it all. Karen Ruel agreed with Rebecca. She did, however, feel that professional security should be available. Emotions will be high and during this time it will make them even higher.

L. Communications:

M. Public Participation (3 minutes; any item)

N. Executive Session:

O. Adjournment: Randy Forcier moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 pm, Rebecca seconded and all were in favor.

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Signed:

Date: 5/20/20

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MEMO

TO: Jeremy Ray, Superintendent

FROM: Chris Indorf, Asst. Superintendent

RE: Federally Funded Healthcare Program for Biddeford Students

DATE: May 20, 2020

For approximately 8 months, Director of Community Outreach Karen Chasse and I have explored various partnerships with Nasson Healthcare. Nasson is a program of York County Community Action and principally operates in the Sanford area. Nasson is one of a handful of federally funded community health centers around the United States, urban and rural, which serve Medically Underserved Populations (MUPs).

The demographics of Biddeford also meet the standard of MUP. Our initial inquiry was to Southern Maine Healthcare (SMHC). SMHC's physician tree is stretched, and VP Joanne Ried referred us to Nasson after we asked to partner in expanding student access to low-barrier, inexpensive, quality healthcare in Biddeford.

The Biddeford School Department proposes to enter in an MOU with Nasson to provide the following services to students in the school year 2020-2021:

1. **Distance dental** (portable, on-site primary dental care periodically performed in schools)
2. **Behavioral Health Services**, as is currently provided by partners like Sweetser and Spurwink
3. **Vaccine Clinics**

These services will be provided at low-cost or no-cost (sliding scales), or to students who have insurance.

The objectives of this partnership include:

- a. Provision of low- or no-cost healthcare to underserved students.
- b. Increase school-to-home connections with families who are traditionally unschooled or have difficulty navigating healthcare and education bureaucracy (e.g., New Mainers)
- c. Proof of Concept: if this program is successful, we'd be interested in expanding healthcare offerings in the future, including the more fully exploring a School-Based Health Center, akin to Nasson/SAD #60.

For additional detail, please review the descriptors below. I'm pleased to address any questions from the Board; for any, I'm not able to immediately address, I will follow up with Nasson.

In-school Dental services reduce the time kids are out of the classroom. It allows for the identification and resolution of dental issues students may be having that may impact their learning. It also is a low-cost way of accessing needed dental services that most families can not afford.

In-school behavioral health services allow for the treatment of mental health issues that otherwise may not be addressed as parents often do not have the time to bring the student to appointments.

In-school vaccine clinics allow for the prevention of disease and increase state compliance for required school vaccines.

All services are portable and Nasson takes care of the cost and billing associated. The BSD's obligation is to provide a non-permanent space within the schools to provide the services. The BSD will also provide assistance in identifying students and informing the community that the services are available. The school nurses have been consulted and endorse the program.