

City of Biddeford
School Committee
March 09, 2021 4:30 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 2/23/2021

[Minutes Biddeford 2_23_2021.pdf](#)

F. Consent Agenda

F.1. Appointments:

Clifford Harris ~ Custodian BMS ~ Replacing Elandra Call

Peter Townsend ~ Custodian BMS ~ Replacing Shawn Hasty

Stephanie Jackson ~ Ed Tech II BMS ~ Replacing Seth McKenney who moved to another position in the district

Seth McKenney ~ Ed Tech II JFK ~ Replacing Peter Frederick who resigned

Resignations:

Stephanie Jackson ~ Special Education Teacher APC ~ Moved to another position in the district

Elandra Call ~ Custodian BMS ~ Resignation

G. Student Rep Reports:

H. Superintendent's Report:

- I. Committee Reports: Finance/Building, Grounds; Curriculum; Policy; Waterhouse Advisory Committee**
- J. Old Business:**
- K. New Business: Public participation opportunity after each item listed below (3 minutes per item)**
 - K.1. New Business:
 - Nomination of BHS Principal - Martha Jacques
 - Revision Energy Solar Cost Savings Presentation
 - Draft School Calendar 2021-2022
 - Vaccination Update
 - Reopening Update
 - [BHS Principal Nomination - Martha.pdf](#)
 - [Biddeford Public Schools Presentation.pdf](#)
 - [BSDSchoolyear2021.pdf](#)
 - [Update Increase In-person Learning Grades 9 - 12.pdf](#)
- L. Public Participation: (3 minutes; any item)**
- M. Communications:**
- N. Executive Session:**
- O. Adjournment:**

Instructions for Public Participation

The Biddeford School Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 4:30 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, February 23, 2021
7:00 pm **Agenda**
School Committee - Little Theater BHS in Person
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- A. Call to Order:** ~ The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mayor Alan Casavant
- B. Roll Call:** Alan Casavant, Lisa Vadnais, Karen Ruel, Amy Grohman, Randy Forcier, Nate Bean, Rebecca Henry, Jeremy Ray, 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 [2/9/2021](#) ~ Lisa Vadnais moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Nate Bean seconded and all were in favor.
- F. Consent Agenda:** ~ Nate Bean moved to approve the consent agenda, Lisa Vadnais seconded, and all were in favor.
Appointments:
 - a. Bradley Johnson ~ Lead Custodian BMS ~ Replacing Michael Desrochers
 - b. Elandra Call ~ Custodian BMS ~ Replacing Mark Hodgdon**Resignations:**
 - a. Wayne Hapgood ~ COT Residential Carpentry Instructor ~ Retiring end of the school year
 - b. Shawn Hasty ~ Custodian BMS ~ Resignation
 - c. Donna Powers ~ BHS Visual Art Teacher ~ Retiring end of the school year
- G. Superintendent's Report:** ~ We have a couple of presentations this evening that will cover some of my superintendent reports. As you all know the levels in Maine are going down. Taking the remote week after vacation helped to keep the numbers down in our schools. Although not everyone likes the remote option it does help in

School Committee Members:

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Lisa Vadnais-Vice Chair	Dominic Deschambault
Karen Ruel	Nate Bean
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cc: Mandy Cyr- Dir. Instr. & Innov

these circumstances. There may be some additional federal funds coming our way. So we will start planning for what would be if that is the case. Our administrative team has already begun planning for next year. I'm a firm believer that distance and masks are going to be in our future for a while. We have a good foundation of what a template for next year will look like. We will continue to work on it and hope to have it to the school committee soon. Later tonight I will be sharing the draft budget. This is based on a couple of years ago before COVID so it will need some tweaking.

H. Committee Reports:

I. Old Business:

J. New Business:

- a. [Reopening Presentation BHS/COT/APC](#) ~ Mandy Cyr, Director of Innovation and Instruction presented the information contained in this PowerPoint presentation. She allowed for school committee and public comment. The school committee agreed with the changes put forth in the presentation.
- b. [Draft Budget Presentation](#) ~ Jeremy Ray, Superintendent of Schools presented the draft budget. It can also be found on our website at www.biddefordschools.me. He allowed for school committee and public comment.
- c. [Draft Budget Overview](#) ~ Jeremy Ray, Superintendent of Schools presented the draft budget overview. It can be found on our website at www.biddefordschools.me. He allowed for school committee and public comment.
- d. [BRCOT Cooperative Agreement](#) ~ Jeremy Ray met with the area superintendents regarding this cooperative agreement. They have all agreed that this agreement is something they can all live with. The other superintendents are bringing it to their school committees as well. He will need one committee member to be part of meetings going forward for this agreement.

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

L. Communications:

M. Executive Session:

L. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. Nate Bean moved to adjourn, Lisa Vadnais seconded, and all were in favor



Signed:
Jeremy Ray ~ Superintendent of Schools

Date: 3/2/2021

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To: Biddeford School Committee
From: Jeremy Ray, Superintendent of Schools
Date: March 5, 2021
Re: BHS Principal - Martha Jacques

I am pleased to recommend to the board that we remove the interim title from the Principal position at Biddeford High School and fully name Marth Jacques to serve in this position. During the 2020-2021 school year Martha has displayed outstanding leadership, communication skills, listening skills, and has managed every challenge with a high level of professionalism. When talking to staff members and department heads is crystal clear that Martha is the best person to lead Biddeford High School long term.

While the process used to select Martha was necessarily a little different than in the past and during a more "normal time," it is clear to me that she is the best person to lead BHS. Martha work over the past year has benefited the students, staff, and community of Biddeford. She is willing to tackle any task or opportunity that has come our way and I have no doubt that she will enthusiastically continue to create academic opportunities for our students.

I am confident that Martha will continue to provide top notch leadership for the Biddeford Community.

Jeremy Ray, Superintendent
Christopher Indorf, Assistant Superintendent

Terry Gauvin, Business Manager
Jen Normand, Director of Special Education

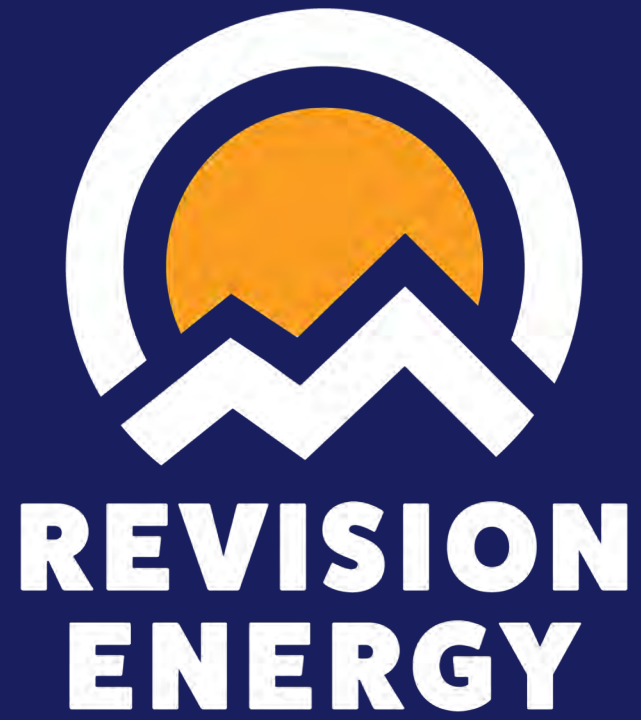
Maine Municipal Solar

An Introduction to the Net Energy Billing Credit Program

Biddeford Public Schools

March 9, 2021

Michael Bartner, ReVision Energy



265+ Employee-Owners



A New Day for Solar in Maine

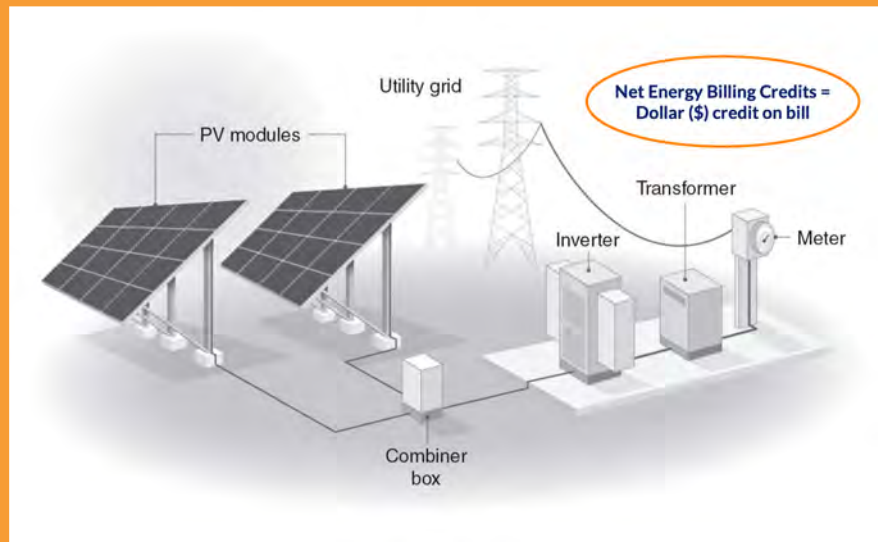


LD 1711 (passed in 2019 with bipartisan support) enables municipalities, schools, and businesses to use Net Energy Billing (NEB) credits for onsite and offsite large commercial projects.

Why Off-Site Solar?

Maine is strongly positioned to further its clean energy goals under the NEB program through offsite projects:

- An abundance of local, affordable land
- Convenient utility infrastructure
- Unique solar insolation



What is a NEB credit?

Net Energy Billing credits are monetary credits associated with solar generation that are applied on your monthly electric bills to reduce the bills' overall costs.



How does the NEB Program Work?

Qualifying municipal and commercial customers can offset their aggregated electric costs in the form of on-bill monetary credits.

NEB Value – NEB Cost = Savings

Year One Example:

Annual Credit Value: \$100,000

Annual Cost of a Credit: \$85,000

Annual Savings: \$15,000



Consistent, Long-Term Solar Savings

Lock in significant electrical cost savings through the purchase of discounted Net Energy Billing (NEB) credits.



Maine's First Multi-Town Solar Project

The 4-MW array generates clean energy for several municipalities at no upfront cost.



Skowhegan Solar Array – Built 2020

Providing clean, local power to:

- Rockland
- Rangeley
- Dover-Foxcroft
- Topsham
- Vassalboro
- Vassalboro Community School

4-Megawatt Solar Array



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Biddeford Public Schools - Proposal Overview

Net Energy Billing Proposal

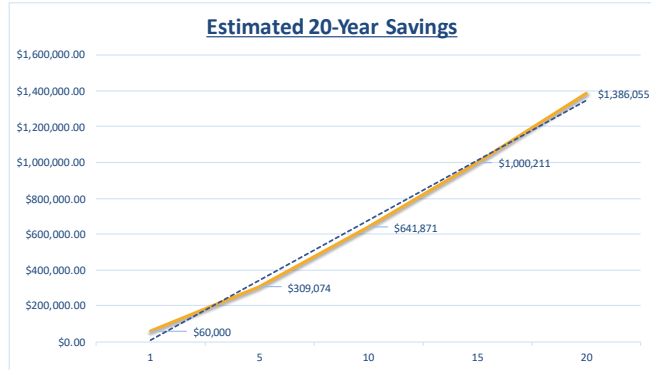
Current Annual Electric Cost	\$	375,000
Recommended % of Cost Offset		80%
Total Value of NEB Credits Required	\$	300,000
Value of Utility NEB Credit	\$	0.1228
Number of NEB Credits Required		2,442,519
NEB Credit Discount Offer		20%
Cost of Discount NEB Credit	\$	0.0983
Savings per NEB Credit	\$	0.0246

Estimated Savings

Total Year 1 Annual Savings	\$	60,000
Total Year 5 Cumulative Savings	\$	309,074
Total Year 10 Cumulative Savings	\$	641,871
Total Year 15 Cumulative Savings	\$	1,000,211
Total Year 20 Cumulative Savings	\$	1,386,055

Utility & Cost Assumptions

Utility Company	Central Maine Power
Utility Rate Class	CMP - MGS
Value of Utility NEB Credit	\$ 0.1228
Annual NEB Credit Escalator	2%
Annual Derate of NEB Credits Required	0.5%



Biddeford Public Schools - Proposal Terms & Overview

Under Maine's new Net Energy Billing regulations, monetary credits can be generated by solar arrays and allocated to utility customers' electric accounts in order to provide energy cost savings. This proposal provides the opportunity to purchase the energy output from a solar project currently under development. Under the terms of the proposal, the customer purchases a specified percentage allocation of the solar generation and in turn receives a commensurate allocation of utility bill credits. To the extent that the energy bill credit value exceeds the customer's rate paid, energy savings are created.

The following terms highlight the specifics of this proposal:

Project Location	Central Maine Power utility service territory. The exact project location is to be determined.
Contract Term	20 years, which matches the term of the Net Energy Billing agreement with the electric utility. There can be options to extend the contract term by 5 or 10 years.
Value of Utility NEB Credit	\$0.122824 - this is the Year 1 Utility NEB credit value.
NEB Credit Discount Offer	20% - this is the percent discount offer that will be applied to the current Utility NEB credit value.
Cost of Discount NEB Credit	\$0.0982592 - this is the Year 1 cost of the discounted NEB credit value that the customer will pay for each kilowatt-hour of solar production purchased.
Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) Ownership	Investor (project owner) retains ownership of the RECs and environmental attributes.

NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in moving forward with this proposal, the next steps are to:

- Sign a Letter of Intent (LOI) formalizing your interest. This proposal will be included by reference, which will memorialize the above terms.
- Upon completion of the solar project's development, enter into a definitive contract agreement with the project owner.
- Begin receiving utility bill credits once the project is placed in service.

Ready to join the NEB program? Here are next steps:

Technical

- Provide us with your annual electric cost history.
- At least one month utility bill will be required for each owned account.
- Determine the amount of net energy billing credits you will want to purchase.



Financial

- A credit review will be required. Please prepare the necessary steps.

Legal

- Review ReVision Energy's Net Energy Billing Purchase and Sales Agreement Template.
- Authorize actual solar project production percentages for Net Energy Billing (NEB) credits.
- Execute Net Energy Billing (NEB) Purchase and Sales Agreement.



ReVision Energy Net Energy Billing (NEB)

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is everyone talking about solar in Maine? What changed?

LD 1711 was signed into law in June 2019, providing updates and significant improvements for commercial/institutional solar development in Maine including increasing the maximum system size, removing any limit on the number of meters or accounts that can be associated with an eligible solar project, and adopting “commercial and institutional” Net Energy Billing (NEB) credits.

What are Net Energy Billing (NEB) credits?

Net Energy Billing credits are monetary credits associated with solar generation that are applied on your monthly electric bills to reduce the bills’ overall costs.



How does the program work?

A customer signs a contract to purchase credits with a company developing a solar project. The solar development company gets enough customers to fill up their solar array, and the solar array gets built. Electricity produced by the solar array generates monetary credits where one kWh of electricity equals one monetary credit. The monetary credit appears on the customers utility electric bill at which point the owner of the solar array will send a separate invoice to the customer for part of the value of the monetary credits.

How is the value of the Net Energy Billing (NEB) credit derived?

The Net Energy Billing (NEB) credit program is regulated by the Maine Public Utilities Commission. The value of credits is recalculated every year by looking at the previous year’s supply and delivery portions of typical commercial electric costs. Accordingly, the price of future Net Energy Billing (NEB) credits will follow the fluctuation of the Maine energy market for 20 years.

How long does the program last for?

Each solar project participating in the program is guaranteed by law to generate Net Energy Billing (NEB) credits for 20-years after the project is turned on.



Frequently Asked Questions Continued...

What if my organization has more than one meter?

There is now no limit to the number of electric accounts/meters that can be associated with a solar project provided the customer and the solar project are connected to the electric grid operated by the same utility. I.e. CMP customers can only receive credits from solar projects connected to the CMP owned grid. The same applies for Versant Bangor-Hydro and Maine

Public customer and solar projects. Determination of your aggregated annual electrical costs will determine the amount of Net Energy Billing (NEB) credits to purchase.

Will we require a financial review?

Like any long-term financial agreement, a standard credit review applies.

What are the legal documents required to participate in the program?

Every customer must sign a 20-year contract with the solar array owner to subscribe to part of the solar array generation.

- Contract must be assigned to interconnected and operational solar site.
- Contract will stipulate percentage of annual production to be assigned for Net Energy Billing (NEB) credit purchase.

Who will support our long-term partnership?

ReVision Energy is both the developer and installation company for our solar projects, and we are committed to providing long term support for our customers. We have developed and built solar energy systems in Maine since 2003, and we plan to be here for the next 20 years.

What's the process? What are the next steps?

How can I take advantage of Net Energy Billing (NEB) credits?

Please see the document titled "Next Steps".

2021 - 2022 School Calendar

August '21				
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September '21				
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First Day of School:

9/1/2021 ~ Grade Level to be determined by CDC recommendations on spacing

Open Houses: TBD

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Parent Teacher Conferences:

11/3/2021 ~ Pre-K-12

Spring Conference Consideration

Other Important Dates:

~ BHS/COT Academic Showcase
6/3/2022 ~ BHS Graduation
6/10/2022 ~ Tentative last day of school pending snow days

February '22				
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Teacher Comp Days:

11/24/2021 and 4/14/2022

Trimester End Dates:

Trimester 1 ~ 11/23/2021
Trimester 2 ~ 3/4/2022
Trimester 3 ~ 6/9/2022

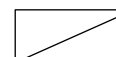
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June '22				
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School Hours: TBD



Early Release



Teacher Comp Day



Teacher Professional Development No School



No School



Teacher After School Professional Development

MEMO

TO: Superintendent Ray
Biddeford School Committee

FROM: Martha Jacques, BHS Principal
Mandy Cyr, Director of Instruction
Chris Indorf, Assistant Superintendent

RE: Phased return to in-person instruction

DATE: March 10, 2021

Proposal for Return to In-Person Instruction
PROPOSED PHASED INCREASE for IN-PERSON LEARNING

PHASE 2 - ORIGINAL		PHASE 2 - REVISED
3/22/21	• Grades 9-12 students return to in-person instruction ◦ Students at BHS, COT & APC return to 4 day in person instruction with Wednesdays remaining as a flex day	• Grades 9-12 students return to in-person instruction ◦ Students at COT return to 4 day in person instruction with Wednesdays remaining as a flex day ◦ BHS Students that take COT courses would remain in their BHS Cohort for one additional week and be able to attend their COT course in person for 4 days.
3/29/21		• Grades 9-12 students return to in-person instruction ◦ Students at BHS & APC will also return to 4 day in person instruction with Wednesdays remaining as a flex day.

**Grades 5 - 8 will continue with the same 4 day per week schedule.*

Rationale for Change in Proposal

- On Friday, March 5, 2021 Governor Mills updated guidance on capacity limits effective 3/26/21.
- Previous capacity limits meant that we could only have up to 50 people per space.
- New limits would allow us to feed up to 104 students in the cafeteria while still adhering to CDC guidelines.
- In order for us to accommodate and feed students prior to 3/26 we would need to change our daily schedule, increase lunch blocks from 3 to 5, shorten lunch blocks to 16 minutes each to allow for passing and disinfecting time while feeding students in their classrooms, cafeteria and Steve White Gym.
- This change would be in effect for 4 days and then we would need to make an additional change to our schedule beginning on 3/26.
- We would like to propose that APC and BHS have a 4 day in person start date on Monday, 3/29. This would allow us to minimize change and transition for students and staff, we could increase occupancy in the cafeteria so that we are doing 4 lunch blocks of 20 minutes each, would be able to feed students in the cafeteria and classroom and eliminate the need to use the Steve White Gym for feeding and would allow us to make this one change for the remainder of the school year.