

City of Biddeford
School Committee
February 06, 2024 5:00 PM Little Theater at BHS

- A. Call to Order:**
- B. Roll Call:**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance:**
- D. Presentation**
 - D.1. Recognition of Two Year Gatorade Player of the Year, Danielle Emerson
Teach with Technology Grant Student Presentation
- E. Adjustments to Agenda:**
- F. Consideration of Minutes:**
 - F.1. Minutes 1/25/2024
[Biddeford Minutes 1_25_2024.pdf](#)
- G. Consent Agenda**
 - G.1. Nominations:
Victoria Cersosimo ~ BMS Special Education Teacher ~ Replacing Mikayla Sintiris
Appointments:
BMS Civil Rights Team Stipend Alison Pickering Tropin
BMS Athletic Stipends
8th Grade Math Team Stipend Jessica Larson
Robin Schildroth ~ Full Time Bus Driver ~ Replacing Robert Caya
Pamela Fay ~ Transportation Admin Assistant ~ Replacing Kelsey Therriault
Denise Lamontagne ~ BHS Food Service
Zachary Michaud ~ BPS Food Service Cook
Stacey Luscomb ~ BHS Custodian ~ Replacing Maria Guttuso
Brian Anderson ~ Full Time Bus Driver ~ Replacing Raymond Porelle
Resignations:
Autumn Gudbrandsen ~ BIS Admin Assistant School Year Only
Audrey Lovejoy ~ Director of Transportation ~ Retirement
Joanne Duval ~ JFK Administrative Assistant ~ Retirement
- 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. ED 279 State Subsidy Review
Second Reading JJE - Student Fundraising Activities

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

M. Communications:

N. Executive Session:

N.1. 4:00 PM before regular meeting

Executive Session:

Legal rights labor contract meeting pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) Consultations between the school unit and its attorney.

Labor contract meeting pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(D) Public employer and negotiators.

O. Adjournment:

Biddeford Schools

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School Committee Meeting Minutes
Little Theater Biddeford High School
5:00 pm ~ January 25, 2024

Public Viewing:

Local Public Access Station

City of Biddeford [Website](#)

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Lisa Vadnais.
- B. Roll Call:** Lisa Vadnais, Michele Landry, Marie Potvin, Meagan Desjardins, Rebecca Henry, John McCurry, and Jeremy Ray were present. Randy Forcier and Mayor Martin Grohman were excused.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge was led by Lisa Vadnais
- D. Adjustments to Agenda:** None
- E. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** [1/10/2024](#) ~ John McCurry moved to approve, Michele Landry seconded, and all were in favor
- F. Consent Agenda:**
 - Nominations:**
 - Appointments:**
 - Resignations:**
 - a. Maria Gattuso ~ BHS Custodian
 - b. Kristen Thompson ~ BIS Ed Tech II
 - c. Karen Forbes ~BMS Ed Tech ~ Retirement

Transfers:

- a. Brian Burke ~ Transferring to BIS Regular Ed-Tech II ~ Replacing Kristen Thompson

G. Superintendent's Report:

COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

It's hard to believe four years have already passed since our district created the "Commitment to Students" in 2019 to guide our priority initiatives. As we look toward updating and revising our educational roadmap to support students, we have sent out parent surveys to seek valuable insight into what they feel is important to their children and how our district can continue to support students and families to thrive. We will share more in the future as we gather survey results.

READ TO ME CHALLENGE

In February, we will again kick off the *Read to ME Challenge*, where we encourage the community to join our district by reading to or with a child for at least 15 minutes each day. Reading aloud helps children yield high literacy achievement, improve their concentration and focus, stimulate creativity and

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Marty Grohman-Chair	Randy Forcier
Lisa Vadnais-Vice Chair	Meagan Desjardins
Michele Landry	Rebecca Henry
Marie Potvin	John McCurry

cc: Jeremy Ray- Superintendent
cc: Chris Indorf-Asst. Supt
cc: Mandy Cyr- Dir. Instr. & Innov.

imagination, and so much more. Please snap a photo or short video and post it with the hashtag #ReadtoME with a challenge for others to read aloud for 15 minutes to a child they know.

FINDING NEMO JR PRODUCTION

The BMS Middle School Drama Club of 66 students will be performing the musical *Finding Nemo, Jr.* on Thursday, February 8th, and Friday, February 9th, at 6:30pm at Biddeford Middle School's Performing Arts Center. It is free and open to the public, so we hope you will mark your calendar now to show support for these talented students.

BUS DRIVER CDL CLASS

It is no secret that bus drivers are in high demand. Please spread the word that Biddeford's Adult Education program is offering a Bus Driver CDL Class B Permit Prep class to prepare potential drivers to pass the permit exam, followed by Biddeford's Transportation Department providing the hands-on training. Bus drivers' starting pay is \$24-\$28 per hour with a 5-hour work day and full-time benefits, including health insurance.

OTHER EVENTS TO NOTE

- a. Biddeford's Winterfest: February 9-11
- b. Saco Grange holds Free Clothing Giveaways every month for those in need.
- c. **More info on these events and others** is included in our Community Events Newsletter, which is featured at the top of our district Facebook page, and a link is included in each Principal and Superintendent newsletter.

H. Committee Reports:

I. Old Business:

J. New Business:

- a. [ED 279 Preview](#)
- b. [Second Reading Overnight Field Trip Winter Guard International Trumbull Percussion Regional ~ February 23rd & 24th ~ BHS Mike Murphy](#) ~ John McCurry moved to approve, Rebecca Henry seconded, and all were in favor
- c. [First Reading JJE - Student Fundraising Activities](#) ~ John McCurry moved to approve, Michele Landry seconded, and all were in favor

K. Superintendent's Report:

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

M. Communications:

N. Executive Session:

O. Adjournment:

Signed: 
Jeremy Ray ~ Superintendent of Schools

Date: 1/30/2024

School Committee Members:

Mayor Martin Grohman-Chair

Lisa Vadnais-Vice Chair

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