



Bourne Public Schools

BOURNE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, March 17, 2021

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Remote Access Meeting

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Emily Berry; Paul McMaster; Erin Perry; Steven Strojny; Chris Hyldburg; Maureen Fuller; Ryan Bagdonas; Student Representative Viveca Stucke

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT: Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou, Superintendent; Melissa Ryan, Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching; Jordan Geist, Director of Business Services; Dr. Ryan Place, Director of Special Education and Student Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Emily Berry calls the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. PUBLIC INPUT

Teacher Loretta Snover would like to let everyone know how amazing the staff, administration, school nurses and everyone else has been in helping us find COVID vaccine shots.

3. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Superintendent's Report, Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou, Superintendent of Schools

- Updates on Reopening
 - Dr. Zhou begins her report about the return of in-person learning plan.
 - Bournedale Elementary plan for in-person learning (timelines) – Principal Liz Carpenito shares the BES full in-person learning presentation. By next week, Mrs. Carpenito announces all of the students will be back in the building. She discusses the phased in transition of students to in-person learning. Mondays will continue to be remote days, at this time.
 - Chair Berry asks if Principal Carpenito will be sending out another reminder to parents regarding the informational meetings. They will send another notice via email, phone and it will also be posted on the website and Facebook page.



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- Ryan Bagdonas asks if there will be an updated bus schedule sent out. The school has reached out to families with revised schedules to notify them.
- Current Planning for BIS, BMS, BHS – Dr. Zhou talks about the surveys that were sent out to families. Updated reopening plans were sent to each school so that everyone has the information needed.
- Kerri begins her presentation with the district return planning for Spring 2021. She discusses the aspects of this update along with results of the feasibility study.
- They are recommending that students be at a 3 ft. distance from each other which may require classrooms to be in the gymnasium. What's important for anyone to know is that teachers will have 6 ft. distance from students and students will be at 3 ft. distance from each other. Mask wearing and hand washing is a priority. Kerri thanks families for using the RAVE app daily.
- Dr. Zhou talks about the different learning models and if a family doing remote learning only decides to change to in-person learning, time will be needed to place students. Dr. Zhou hopes that Friday they will have more information regarding transportation.
- At the Intermediate School students will be 4 ft. apart and there will not be much student movement. Kerri presents a chart and diagram with specific information.
- At the Middle School, there are similarities to the Intermediate School. The BMS schedule may have some minor changes but hope to have minimal impact. They will keep the remote multi-block for remote only students.
- Kerri talks about updates at the High School. They are still looking at safety and guidelines as the students are more independent. Many areas will be used for classrooms.
- Chair Berry asks what happens if a student needs to quarantine if they are in-person learning? Kerri says they are still working on this and there may be different solutions per school building. She explains the differences by school building.
- Chat question: Please explain how contact tracing and quarantine requirements will be followed if there are close contacts? Also, if students and staff are made to quarantine will they be allowed to attend school via remote? Depending on the level and scheduling, we will have either a synchronous work model or continue working on their schedule remotely. There is some discussion on quarantining such as a classroom doing remote work for a week. We are weighing out options.
- Chat questions: What happens when a family has to quarantine outside the school and do they have to follow the same procedures? Dr. Zhou says yes, if a family is quarantining they would follow the same procedures.
- Mrs. Ryan states that they work very closely with the Board of Health and the Cape Cod VNA especially on close contact tracing outside of school. She states that families completing the RAVE app is an important part of this process among other procedures.
- Chat question: Do all classrooms in each school have windows that can open? Kerri says that no there are some windows that do not open but we do HVAC systems in all the schools. Jordan Geist says that 90% of classrooms do have windows that open. He also says that they do have air purifiers in all spaces.
- Chat question: Will students be able to use the playgrounds as in the past? Kerri says yes, we have been using the playground equipment and have hydrostatic cleaners that spray cleaner on the equipment. Principal Norton states that they have not been using the hydrostatic machines at BIS as there is not enough time between use of the spray and it drying before students can play on it.
- Paul McMaster asks if they are keeping track of staff that have been fully vaccinated? Right now we are thrilled to know that people are getting vaccinated but we are not tracking it.
- Information from DESE re: MCAS; reopening guidance
 - Dr. Zhou states DESE has taken our advocacy and have postponed MCAS testing until May, although it was requested that testing be postponed for a year.



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- The re-opening guidance has been posted on the website.
- Chair Berry asks if there has been any discussion at the state level in having the scores be private and only used at the state level. This has been discussed and advocated for but once scores go to the state it becomes eligible for public request and viewing.
- Maureen Fuller states that MASC put out a great graphic on why the MCAS scores will not mean anything this year. She notes that these scores are invalid and to think they have any value at all. Kerri notes that there are documents available on the MASC site for review.

B. Chairperson's Report

- Correspondence and Announcements
 - Reminder about nomination papers for School Committee – Chair Berry reminds everyone that the deadline to turn in nomination papers is March 31st.

C. School Committee Sub Committee Reports

- Policy Sub-Committee – N/A
- Facilities and Budget Sub-Committee – N/A
- Curriculum Sub-Committee – N/A

D. Other Announcements

- Facilities – Bid Process for BMS – Jordan Geist will be having a Facilities Budget Sub-Committee meeting next week. He is asking the School Committee to allow the Sub-Committee to award a contract to complete this work.

Chris Hyldborg motions the School Committee to authorize the Facilities Budget Sub-Committee to enter into a contract for Envelope Repairs at BMS not to exceed \$450,000; Seconded by Paul McMaster; Roll call vote 7-0-0

- Jordan Geist announces that the Grab-N-Go service will only be available at Bournedale Elementary once students return to in-person learning. There will be more information coming out for families soon.
- Student Achievements Project 341 – Dr. Zhou shares this exciting news and asks Christine Borning to explain the award and announce the selection. This was a project about volunteering and service. Kelvin Frye was chosen this year to represent the Bourne Public Schools.
- Science and Engineering Fair – Amy Cetner announces that Emily DeGowin received an Honorable Mention at the most recent South Eastern Massachusetts Science and Engineering Fair. Emily will move onto the State Fair this spring.
- Amy Cetner would like congratulate Bridget Berestecky, Delaney Jensen and Grace Smalley for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in the Beginnings On-Line Art Exhibit through the Cape Cod Arts Center.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Continued discussion on the Bourne Public Schools Proposed FY22 Budget



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- Maureen Fuller asks about a couple of the line items. On the tech consultant line item, which doesn't support a salary, she wonders what the funds are for. Jordan states that this was used to capture all expenses including subscriptions, network maintenance and fees associated with the fiber optic work along with support from our providers.
 - Maureen asks if this includes ARC or is it put under textbooks. Jordan says that if it is in the student's hands it falls under textbooks, if not it would fall under digital costs.
 - Maureen asks what is contracted services for maintenance. Any time a vendor comes in to repair something it would fall under this line item.
 - Maureen asks about the Collaborative Program line item. She asks if these funds are only from our partnership with the Cape Cod Collaborative. Dr. Place states that no, there are other collaboratives that our students attend which is included here. Does transportation fall under this too? Jordan says that no, transportation costs would fall under transportation only and sometimes under the Out of District line item.
 - Maureen asks if Collaborative funds are used for summer programs. Dr. Place states that only a couple of students have summer programs but the funds would not come from there. Maureen asks if we contract them for services, which Ryan says BPS is currently servicing these students but there is open discussion with the Collaborative.
 - Mrs. Ryan talks about the ARC cost and that it is an annual cost of about \$20,000.00.
 - Paul McMaster asks if this budget proposal is based on our enrollment figures from October 2020. Dr. Zhou clarifies that this is correct but they are advocating for using the June 2021 figures. He asks if there is a rough idea on what the calculations would be. Kerri says it's not just enrollment figures used to calculate. She talks about the Student Opportunity Act and how it could impact us.
- Kerry announces that her and Jordan attended the FinComm meeting last night and presented the budget. They are waiting for us to approve it before they can take it up with the Town.

*Maureen Fuller motions to approves FY 22 BPS Proposed Budget as presented for \$24,251,247.00;
Seconded by Erin Perry; Roll call vote 7-0-0*

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Vote to approve Minutes: N/A
- d. Vote to approve Warrants and Payroll

Maureen Fuller motions to approve Warrants and Payroll; Seconded by Chris Hyldborg; Roll call vote 7-0-0

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items are discussed among Members and Administration

7. PAUL MCMASTER MOTIONS TO ADJOURN; SECONDED BY CHRIS HYLDBURG; ROLL CALL VOTE 7-0-0

Meeting ended at 7:50 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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Teresa Vicente
Recording Secretary

List of documents and exhibits used (GL c.30A, sect 22(a))

Agenda Item	Document
	School Committee Meeting Agenda
3a	3/10/21 Slides for Waiver Process for Expanding In-Person Learning
3a	BES Phased in Approach
3a	MA 3_6 Distancing Research
3a	District Return Planning Document
3a	DESE In-Person Presentation
3a	MASC Testimony Ways and Means
3a	MCAS Access Talking Points
3a	2019 Enrollment Talking Points