

Bourne Public Schools

BOURNE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, November 1, 2022

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Bourne High School Media Center

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Emily Berry; Maureen Fuller; Kari MacRae; Paul McMaster; Erin Perry; Kerrie Scofield; Student Representative Isabella Palumbo

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Bagdonas

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT: Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou, Superintendent; Dr. Barbara Starkie, Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching; Jordan Geist, Director of Business Services; Kristin Donahue, Director of Special Education and Student Services; Chris Oliver, Director of Technology

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Emily Berry calls the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

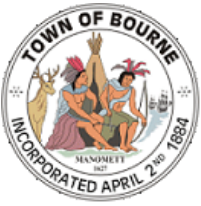
2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

All stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Bourne High School chorus performs the National Anthem.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

No public comments are made.

4. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS



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a. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT, *Emily Berry, School Committee Chair*

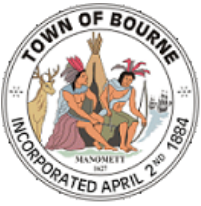
- Announcements and Correspondence
 - Chair Berry says the MASC joint conference begins tomorrow through Saturday and Kari MacRae will be the delegate to represent the school committee's vote on the resolutions presented and voted on later in tonight's meeting. She adds that several members will be attending the conference on different days and will report on the sessions at the December meeting.

b. STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT

- Presentation
 - Bella Palumbo shares an update on happenings at each school along with pictures including:
 - Bournedale Elementary-Spirit Week and Fall Into Reading Night
 - Bourne Intermediate-Spirit Week and Fun Run
 - Bourne Middle School-Spirit Week and Spaghetti Supper
 - Bourne High School-Spirit Week, Pep Rally, Hallway Decorating, Homecoming Dance, and Unified Basketball Team final game
- Student Spotlight - BHS Musicians
 - SRO Connor McAnagh, filling in for Director Lisa Fornier-Donely, introduces the BHS Musicians who are all auditioning for a seat at the Southeast Music Festival next week. The students perform *My Heart is Offered Still to You*. Moose Hoagland then performs *Winston Osborne's Rhapsody for Clarinet in B Flat*.

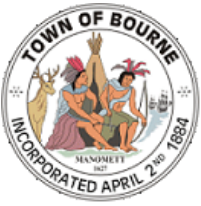
c. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, *Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou, Superintendent of Schools*

- Health & Safety Update
 - Kristin Donahue reports that Covid numbers remain the same with a couple of cases here and there. She says the district has enrolled in a program through the Department of Special Education and the Department and the Executive Office for Health and Human Services that will supply test kits for the holidays to any students and staff who would like them.
- Teaching and Learning Update
 - Dr. Starkie begins with an update on grants and designations:
 - Jessee Clements, Lisa Dix and herself are in the process of applying for a DESE High-Quality Resource Grant for an undefined amount of money, to support teachers' Professional Development around new resources that have been adopted, for example keeping math consultant Alison Mello coming to work with them.
 - Ann-Marie Strode, Kim Ianucci, Jessee Clements, Amy Cetner and she applied for a DESE Teacher Diversification Grant and they have been invited to join the PLC around that grant opening up an opportunity to have an Education Pathway at the High School.
 - Ann-Marie Strode and the Innovation Pathways team submitted an application seeking designation for a Health Career and Social Assistance Pathway for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - Dr. Starkie continues with an update on the October 26th Early Release Day:
 - BHS Subject Area teachers met with Laurie Casna and examined building-based Science MCAS data.
 - Special Education and Inclusion teachers and ESPs continued their work with Dr. Harris, watched a documentary called *Including Samuel*, and discussed existing and possible future practices for Special Ed. Inclusion Students.



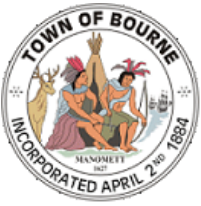
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- Sub-separate Special Ed teachers, ESPs and specialists engaged in Zoom meetings with Dr. Harris and Dr. Fewell
- Unified Arts teachers PK-12 worked with Drs. Nicolucci and Bloc.
- PK-5 Math teachers engaged in a Make-and-Take Workshop with math consultant Alison Mello.
- Grades 2-5 Social Studies teachers engaged in self-guided PD to explore a new Social Studies resource, Inquiry Journeys.
- Nurses had a refresher on school health software, SNAP.
- Guidance and School Adjustment Counselors attended a virtual workshop on Social Anxiety
- Michelle LaFlamme ran training for fellow AAs around military mitigation and Impact Aid data collection.
- At the Middle School, World Language teachers explored DESE World Language modules with their high school counterparts; Math teachers spent time with new resource Blg Ideas; Science teachers planned for implementation of their OpSiEd PD and unpacked equipment received through the Life Science Grant; Social Studies teachers met with Mrs. Borning, and ELA teachers took more time to look at the new SpringBoard resource.
- The day concluded with the entire staff in the district participating in building-based ALICE training with Jordan Geist, Building Principals and Bourne PD.
- Maureen Fuller asks how the feedback was for the Professional Development Day. Dr. Starkie says there was very good feedback. Paul McMaster asks how feedback is collected and Dr. Starkie answers that there's an exit ticket that teachers fill out at the end of the day.
- Facilities and Technology
 - Chris Oliver reports that he briefed the Budget and Facilities Subcommittee on capital projects being considered for the Spring Town Meeting including continuing installation of interactive touch panels, and upgrading the phone system which is about 8 years old and out of line with some new FCC E911 regulations. He says the Technology Advisory Committee met and discussed the server project that was approved using Barnstable County ARPA funding and the integration of the new CrisisGo app. He says they sent 10 staff members to the MassCUE Education Technology Conference and received good feedback from those that attended. He says the E-Rate funding cycle is coming up and he anticipates putting out RFPs to upgrade some wireless access points in the schools at E-Rate's 60% reimbursement rate. The Technology Advisory Committee also started to discuss technology staffing and whether there is a need for a technology integration staff member.
 - Maureen Fuller asks if the touch panels are the same as HoverCams and Mr. Oliver explains that HoverCams are the stands that integrate with the touch panels and they are moving away from using those due to so many being broken and difficult to fix. Mr. Oliver clarifies that the HoverCams are not necessary to operate the touch panels.
- Announcements & Correspondence:
 - MA DESE Accountability Review
 - Dr. Zhou reports that the DESE visit is scheduled for March 20-24, 2023. She says before that they will send their self-assessment, DESE will send back which 3 of the 6 indicators they would like to look at and ask for many more documents such as the District Strategy, and after the visit. DESE will ask follow-up questions and ultimately submit a report.



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- Past and Upcoming Events:
 - Mass Maritime visit-Dr. Zhou says the Leadership Team met with Mass Maritime to brainstorm more ways to collaborate. She says they came up with a hefty list and there's already been some good work through the Innovation Pathways team with internships.
 - Dr. Zhou comments that the Spirit Week festivities were exceptional which is a testament to who we are as a culture and thanks staff, administrators, and parents that were a part of it.
 - Dr. Zhou thanks the Bourne residents for the Fall Town Meeting affirmative vote to support the Performance Contracting in the amount of 5.2 million dollars to help with building envelopes, HVAC, roofs, etc.
- November Events Preview:
 - Bourne Advantage Spotlight Event-Mrs. Cetner says 7th and 8th graders will be brought to the high school on Thursday and given the opportunity to engage in some of the High School's curriculum offerings. She says the students will rotate through 8 stations including Forensics, Math and ASL and stay through lunch.
 - Future Planning and Career Exploration Day-Mrs. Cetner says that when the Middle School students visit, High School students will be given the opportunity to do some future planning. She thanks Dr. Starkie, Tracey Francis and Kim Ianucci for organizing the event and the Nye grant for funding the outings which include: a trip to UMass Dartmouth and Bridgewater State College, exploring Aviation Maintenance Technology with CCCC, a boat trip out of Woods Hole to explore Ocean Science and Technology, an art experience at the Sandwich Glass Museum and Cahoon Museum, tours of Northeast Maritime Institute and MMA, a hike through Four Ponds and Monks Park, a tour of Bourne PD and FD, exploring the Communications field at Cape Cod Radio, Bourne Enterprise and Bourne TV, and team building at Camp Burgess for all Freshman students.
 - Bourne Middle School Events-Mrs. Borning says the Turkey Trot will be taking place at the Middle School the day before Thanksgiving break which includes a can drive for the Food Pantry and door decorating.
 - Bourne Intermediate School-Mrs. Norton highlights events taking place at BIS this month including celebrating the success of the Boosterthon Fun Run, Big Brothers and Big Sisters being relaunched, a Veterans Celebration taking place on November 8th, a Healthy Action Team yoga event planned for November 17th, the B2B Friendship Club bowling tonight, the Bourne FD will be in for Fire Safety lessons next week, 4th graders will be attending the Cape Cod Symphony's Young Person's Concert, 3rd graders are wrapping up their Cataumet Schoolhouse visits, and All Star Revue is up and running. She says they have had many requests for building use and it's good to see groups taking advantage of that as the design was intended to promote community use.
 - Bournedale Elementary School-Mrs. Carpenito says Kindergarten students took a field trip to Coonamessett Farm last week, 2nd graders will attend the Cape Cod Symphony's Young Person's Concert, Veterans Day celebrations will take place throughout the week, PTA Glow Run event will take place on November 17th, and Kindness Week will be celebrated the week of November 14th.
 - [BHS Innovation Pathways Open House](#)-Dr. Zhou highlights the BHS Innovation Pathways Open House taking place on November 29th.

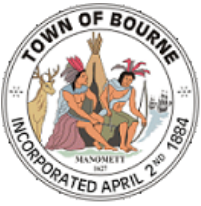


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- [Building Bridges Speaker Series](#) -Dr. Zhou says the Building Bridges Community Outreach Program will host a free webinar on Anxiety and School Performance on November 16th at 6:30.

d. 2022 Spring MCAS presentation (is this available to link? There is a lot of discussion about the graphics and embedded links in the slides but the broadcast doesn't zoom in on the presentation)

- Dr. Starkie presents the district's Fall 2022 MCAS results and says she is proud of the students, staff and administration for their resilience, accomplishments, and recovery during a challenging time to be taking a state-mandated test. She says Bourne and every other community across the state were significantly affected by the attendance rates of students which are reflected in the scores. She says this is a good opportunity to look at what our students could do during a tumultuous time and is a good benchmark to use for this test moving forward but reminds us that MCAS is a tiny piece of what students do every day and a tiny demonstration of their capacity.
- Mrs. Cetner takes over and says 42% of students met or exceeded expectations on the ELA test which is a decrease. She explains comparatively speaking this is typical growth. She highlights the actions and measures in addressing scores including adopting the Pre-AP coursework in English and emphasizing the importance of planning, adjusting WIN blocks, and extending the data team and consultation work. She says the Math scores were similar with a decrease in the meeting and exceeding scores and explains the measures being put in place to address the scores which are similar to those for ELA.
- Mrs. Borning says the biggest overall trend at the Middle School is that a bit of recovery is starting to be seen which can also be seen in school in general through student engagement and attendance rates. She notes: ELA showed an improvement in the average Student Growth Percentile but it is clear that writing is a focus area for the Middle School, Math also increased in average SGP, and Science also saw an increase in SPG and was on par with students across the state.
- Mrs. Norton echoes Dr. Starkie's comments about being proud of students, families and teachers. She says grade level scores show an upward trend from 3rd to 4th to 5th indicating the effect the disruption had on younger learners learning to read. She explains that although there was a decrease in overall proficiency, it's most important to look at the data and identify what the trends are over the grade levels. She says writing has been an aspect that has been challenging for teachers. She notes that Allison Mello is working hard to identify the tools that teachers need in terms of the Eureka math program. She explains that this was the first year Science has been administered to these students and scores were strong in one area but they hope to improve all areas through increased use of Mystery Science lessons. Lisa Dix adds that she is proud they knew, even before they received the scores, what PD they needed to put in place and feels they will see great success after the next MCAS administration.
- Dr. Zhou discusses accountability. She says this year there is no official accountability or targets determined due to Covid. She reiterates that this test administration is the new baseline going forward and anticipates seeing targets next year. She points out some highlights on the accountability link including an increase in advanced coursework, increased access to coursework for subgroups, and an increased 4-year cohort graduation rate which increased from 88.6% to 92.7%. She explains SGP as an individual student's growth from the previous administration of the MCAS and says there was no calculated growth shown last year as it was only a partial administration of the MCAS and it's an achievement that typical growth was reached for every student in the Bourne Public Schools. She explains that 'recovery' is a buzzword heard often and it means that the test scores are starting to turn around.



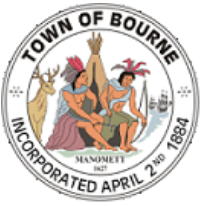
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- Dr. Zhou reiterates that MCAS is important as a tool, but it is only one of many tools available to look at a student holistically and move them to the next level. She says many structures are in place and she is hopeful and confident that there will be a marked improvement in the next few years.
 - Maureen Fuller asks if SGP is determined for each student or the whole grade level. Dr. Zhou answers that it is determined for both individual students and the whole grade level. Mrs. Fuller asks if parent notification about scores has happened and Dr. Starkie says they have all been mailed out. Mrs. Fuller asks if there has been thought given to having something provided to parents if they want to come for further explanation. Mrs. Borning says the score packet provided by DESE is very comprehensive and Mrs. Norton wrote a letter with further explanation that was included. Dr. Zhou encourages any parent that would like help interpreting scores to reach out to Principals. Mrs. Fuller asks Mrs. Norton how she feels taking the test on the computer impacts students. Mrs. Norton says there is a huge impact as they don't have the typing skills yet. Mrs. Borning adds that at the Middle School level, computer skills are not a problem but they are seeing that students do not want to transfer a problem from the screen to a piece of paper so they are discussing ways to encourage them to do that.
 - Paul McMaster comments that he heard a lot about this test being one data point and is curious if the results were a surprise based on what is being seen in the classroom. Dr. Starkie says it is surprising to a degree when you see students showing up and putting in good effort. Mrs. Borning adds that they're seeing stronger academic performance than scores would indicate, but there are trends around standards that might line up. Dr. Zhou says what they noticed that was surprising was the lack of points towards writing when they are seeing good effort in classrooms on writing. She adds that writing was low across the state.
 - Chair Berry adds that students are exhausted and having kids in school, she wasn't surprised by the scores at all and feels the main focus should be on the supports that were already in place before the scores came out.
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- **BMS Field trip to Camp Bournedale-** Mrs. Borning requests approval for a 3-day, 2-night 6th Grade field trip to Camp Bournedale from April 11 to 16th. She explains the trip would be similar to the Nature's Classroom trip students have been offered in the past with team building and recreation activities aligning with the Grade 6 frameworks. She says the cost is approximately \$350 per student.

Paul McMaster motions to approve the Camp Bournedale field trip; Seconded by Maureen Fuller; Roll call vote passes 7-0-0

e. SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUB COMMITTEE & DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Curriculum Sub Committee
 - Chair Berry reports that the committee met today and discussed the BHS Showcase and College and Career Exploration Days and received an update on SpringBoard and Pre-AP courses. She says Lisa Dix is running a voluntary wellness PD course which is a book study on the book *Teaching with Light* by Carol Radford. She adds that a Professional Development handbook outlining what staff should expect for PD for the next 3 years is almost complete.
- Policy Sub Committee
 - Erin Perry reports that the committee met last week and discussed amended policies put forth by MASC and will have 5 policies that will be ready for review by the full School Committee at the December meeting. She says the policy updates are primarily to incorporate edits necessary



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after the passage of Chapter 117, an act prohibiting discrimination against natural and protected hairstyles.

- Budget and Facilities Sub Committee
 - Paul McMaster says the committee met briefly today and talked about the capital projects discussed by Chris Oliver earlier in the meeting.
- SEPAC
 - Kristin Donahue says they are still exploring regional SEPAC opportunities. A meeting with the Cape Cod Collaborative Consortium to discuss this has been moved to a later date.
- District Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
 - Dr. Starkie says the committee met and revised its mission statement and norms, heard an update on student listening sessions, began making plans for a Spring DEI event for the whole community, and started to look at student data from survey responses from 2021 vs. 2022 to see if there are any takeaways to use for future plans. She says their next meeting takes place on 11/21 at 4:30 at BIS.
- District Technology Committee
 - Chris Oliver has nothing additional to add from the previous discussion.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion on [MASC Resolutions](#)
 - Erin Perry reads Resolution 1: Regarding Sanctuary Laws for Trans Students.
 - Chair Berry asks how the resolution is connected to schools. Paula McMaster says sometimes resolutions may be put forth as a statement of position or policy.

Maureen Fuller motions to accept Resolution 1: Regarding Sanctuary Laws for Trans Students; Seconded by Erin Perry; Roll call vote passes 6-0-0 (Student Representative Bella Palumbo no longer at the meeting)

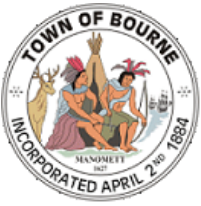
- Erin Perry reads Resolution 2: To Increase the Maximum Balance Allowed By the Special Education Reserve Fund

Paul McMaster motions to accept Resolution 2: To Increase the Maximum Balance Allowed By the Special Education Reserve Fund; Seconded by Maureen Fuller; Roll call vote passes 6-0-0

- Erin Perry reads Resolution 3: Membership of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Maureen Fuller motions to accept Resolution 3: Membership of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; Seconded by Kari MacRae; Roll call vote passes 6-0-0

- Erin Perry reads Resolution 4: Preserving Local Governance of Massachusetts Schools



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- Kari MacRae asks Dr. Zhou whether a school district would need more than 3 years to have to turn something around. Dr. Zhou says that in her opinion it usually takes 3 years to see some level of change but it depends on what they are trying to achieve.
- Paul McMaster says his concern with the resolution is limiting it to 3 years. Kari MacRae agrees.

Maureen Fuller motions to accept Resolution 4: Preserving Local Governance of Massachusetts Schools; Seconded by Kari MacRae; Roll call vote passes 5-1-0 with Kari MacRae voting against

- Erin Perry reads Resolution 5: Personal Finance Literacy Education

Paul McMaster motions to accept Resolution 5: Personal Finance Literacy Education; Seconded by Kari MacRae; Roll call vote passes 6-0-0

- Erin Perry reads Resolution 6: Establishment of a Regional School Assessment Fund

Kerrie Scofield motions to accept Resolution 6: Establishment of a Regional School Assessment Fund; Seconded by Paul McMaster; Roll call vote passes 6-0-0

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Vote to approve Warrants and Payroll

Maureen Fuller motions to approve Warrants and Payroll; Seconded by Erin Perry; Voice vote passes 6-0-0

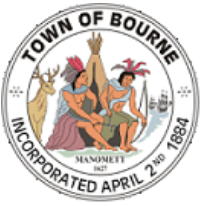
Paul McMaster motions to amend the agenda to allow a vote on approving regular session minutes from September 7, 2022; Seconded by Erin Perry; Voice vote passes 6-0-0

- b. Vote to approve regular session minutes of: ~~October 5, 2022~~ September 7, 2022

Paul McMaster motions to approved regular session minutes from September 7, 2022; Seconded by Erin Perry; Voice vote passes 6-0-0

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Student accolades: AP qualifying scores, John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients, MASS/MASC Conference Report



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8. ADJOURN-MAUREEN FULLER MOTIONS TO ADJOURN; KERRIE SCOFIELD SECONDS; ROLL CALL VOTE APPROVED 6-0-0

Meeting ended at 8:50 PM

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

Agenda Item	Document
0	School Committee Agenda
4c.	BHS Innovation Pathways Open House
4c.	Building Bridges Speaker Series
5.	MASC Resolutions

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jessica Moerman
Recording Secretary