

MINUTES

BANGOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021

School Committee members present: Chair Carin Sychterz, Warren Caruso, Timothy Surette, Clare Mundell, Susan Sorg. Via ZOOM: Vice Chair Marwa Hassanien.

By roll call vote, VOTED 6-0 to enter executive session for the purpose of a personnel matter pursuant to MRSA §405(6)(A) at 6:30 p.m.

Return to public session at 7:00 p.m.

A. 1. & 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Sychterz, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

C. Public Comments:

Dr. James Jarvis, of Bangor, Clinical Lead Doctor. Supports wearing of the masks. There has been an increase in COVID-19.

Monique Schwartz, Bangor, Nurse, shared she was opposed to wearing masks.

Rachel Booker, of 35 Willey Street, a student at James F. Doughty School, shared that she would like remote learning option.

Dr. Noah Nesin, of Glenburn and a family doctor at PCHC, expressed that children are increasingly becoming infected. The Delta variant is of grave concern and higher risk. Don't put our children at high risk.

Margaret Riley, Doctor, questioned whether Bangor was testing students and staff and why social distancing was not being continued.

Carrie Smith, of 22 Blaine Street, Bangor, asked what the options are for students with mask-wearing issues. Will there be remote option if children are sent home?

Jackie Smallwood, of 211 Essex Street, daughter at Bangor High School, asked if students wear masks do they need to quarantine? What happens if there is a case?

Jamie Thomas, of 40 Dirigo Drive, student at James F. Doughty School, expressed that there is no scientific data to support wearing masks. She would like remote learning plan. She did not receive Special Educational Services with remote learning last year.

Jackie Smalls, a parent of Bangor, expressed concerns with remote learning.

- D. 1. a. Superintendent Tager recommended conceptual approval of the reopening plan. Given the changing conditions related to COVID-19 and expected revised guidance from the Maine Department of Education and Maine CDC, it must be understood the reopening plan will need constant review and revision.

By roll call vote, VOTED 6-0 to approval reopening plan as presented.

- D. 1. b. The Committee should nominate a local delegate and alternate to the MSBA Annual Delegate Assembly scheduled virtually for October 23, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. The Delegate Assembly is responsible for proposed Constitution and Bylaw changes and considers resolutions of the Association

By roll call vote, VOTED 6-0 to table this to the next meeting.

- D. 1. c. Superintendent Tager recommended approval to appoint Bangor High School Assistant Principal, Brian Doyle, as Interim Principal temporarily.

By roll call vote, VOTED 6-0 to approve Bangor High School Assistant Principal, Brian Doyle, as Interim Principal temporarily.

- D. 2. a. Superintendent Tager accepted the resignation of School Committee Member John Hiatt as of August 9, 2021.

- D. 2. b. Superintendent Tager shared he will provide information regarding students on the School Committee as non-voting members.

- D. 2. c. Assistant Superintendent Kathy Harris-Smedberg provided a report to the Committee on the ESSER Grant.

- D. 2. e. Superintendent Tager provided an update on the Mentoring Coordinator and Graduation Coach.

- D. 2. f. Superintendent Tager reported the following reassignment(s):

Emily Robinson from Self-Contained Teacher at Vine Street School to PreK Teacher at Vine Street School.

Michelle Jacobson from Self-Contained Teacher at Mary Snow School to Special Education Teacher at Acadia Educational Unit.

Pamela Fox from Special Education Teacher at Acadia Educational Unit to Self-Contained Teacher at Mary Snow School

Denise Vittum from Self-Contained Teacher at Mary Snow School to Resource Room Teacher at William S. Cohen School.

Angela Lundy from Resource Room Teacher at Fairmount School to Resource Room Teacher at (.5) Fairmount School and (.5) Mary Snow School.

Jennifer Pratt from Art Teacher at (.5) Downeast, (.3) Vine Street, and (.2) Bangor Regional Program to Art Teacher at (.45) Downeast, (.45) Vine Street and (.1) Bangor Regional Program.

Jenna Caler from Art Teacher at (.7) Fairmount and (.3) 14th Street to Art Teacher at (.6) Fairmount and (.4) 14th Street Schools.

Joshua Johnson from Music Teacher at (.5) Downeast School, (.4) Abraham Lincoln School and (.1) 14th Street School to Music Teacher at (.4) Downeast School, (.4) Vine Street School and (.2) 14th Street School.

Jason Pangburn from Physical Education Teacher at (.2) Vine Street and (.8) Abraham Lincoln Schools to Physical Education Teacher at (.4) Vine Street and (.6) Abraham Lincoln Schools.

Joel Bragdon from Physical Education Teacher at Downeast School to Physical Education to at (.9) Downeast School and (.1) Bangor Regional Program.

Zackery Phinney from Physical Education Teacher at (.5) Vine Street and (.5) 14th Street Schools to Physical Education Teacher at (.4) Vine Street, (.5) 14th Street and (.1) Bangor Regional Program.

Deborah Friedman from Title I Teacher at (.45) 14th Street School, (.26) Mary Snow School and (.29) Private Schools to Title I Teacher at (.2) 14th Street School, (.5) Mary Snow School and (.3) Private Schools.

Anne Chamberlain-Small from Music Teacher at (.5) Fruit Street School, (.3) Vine Street School and (.2) 14th Street School to Social Worker Districtwide.

Kristi Charette from Literacy Coach at (.8) Fairmount School and (.2) 14th Street School to Literacy Coach at Fairmount School.

Shana Curtis from Literacy Coach at Vine Street School to Literacy Coach at (.9) Vine Street School and (.1) 14th Street School.

Shelly Morin from Literacy Coach at (.5) Abraham Lincoln School, (.2) Fruit Street School and (.3) Mary Snow School to Literacy Coach at (.2) Abraham Lincoln School, (.6) Fairmount School and (.2) Fruit Street School.

Katrina Rutherford from Literacy Coach at (.9) Downeast School and (.1) Bangor Regional Program to Literacy Coach at Downeast School.

Debra Swett from Literacy Coach at (.6) Downeast School and (.4) Fairmount School to Literacy Coach at (.7) Downeast School, (.1) Bangor Regional Program and (.2) Mary Snow School.

E. 1. a. 1. By roll call VOTED (6-0) to approved the Minutes of the July 21, 2021 Regular School Committee Meeting.

E. 1. a. 2. By roll call VOTED (4-2) to approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2021 Special Committee Meeting. Yes: Member Marwa Hassanien, Sue Sorg, Timothy Surrette and Chair Carin Sychterz. Abstained: Member Warren Caruso and Clare Mundell.

b. 1. Superintendent Tager recommended approval of the Unaudited June Financial Report.

By roll call VOTED (6-0) to approve the Unaudited June Financial Report as presented.

2. Superintendent Tager recommended the approval of the Corporate Authorization Resolution for Bar Harbor Bank and Trust.

By roll call VOTED (6-0) to approve of the Corporate Authorization Resolution for Bar Harbor Bank and Trust.

c. 1. a. Superintendent Tager recommended the following teacher nomination(s) for the 2021-2022 school year with a one-year Probationary Contract:

Lindsay Chadbourne	(.5) Social Worker	Districtwide
Vanessa Bean	Special Ed Teacher	Vine Street School

By roll call vote, VOTED (7-0) to approve the nominations as presented.

c. 2. Superintendent Tager recommended Committee approval of the following Extra-Duty Assignment(s) for the 2021-2022 school year:

Mathew Leland	Debate Team Advisor	Bangor High School
Madison Arno	Coach, JV Field Hockey	Bangor High School
Tracy Reardon	(.25) IEP Coordinator	Fourteenth Street School
Page Cadorette	(.5) IEP Coordinator	Downeast School
Emma Rapaport	(.5) IEP Coordinator	Fruit Street School
Erika Hutchins	(.5) IEP Coordinator	Vine Street School
Suzanne Whitmore	(.5) IEP Coordinator	Vine Street School
Deidre Yeo	(.5) IEP Coordinator	Vine Street School
Anthony Crabtree	Freshman Class Advisor	Bangor High School
Evan Marshall	Freshman Class Advisor	Bangor High School
Jacob Gebhart	Band Advisor	WSCS/JFDS
Jacob Gebhart	Instrumental Advisor	WSCS/JFDS
Kurt Forcier	(.5) IEP Coordinator	Downeast School

Jennifer Kolvoord (.5) IEP Coordinator Downeast School

By roll call vote VOTED (6-0) to approve the nominations as presented.

- E. 2. a. Superintendent Tager recommended the first readings of Revised Policy BDDF – Voting Method and New Policy BDDJ – Remote Participation.

By roll call vote, VOTED (6-0) to approve both policies as presented.

- F. Comments and Questions from the Committee:

Member Mundell inquired about Suicide Prevention Policy. Are we able to expand to a student wellness committee?

Member Surette asked about Pfizer vaccination for children under the age of 12. Ray Phinney was able to answer his questions.

Member Mundell asked if we will mandate vaccines for staff and students. Jim reviewed the reporting procedure. Will the school department participate in pool testing? Superintendent Tager is not in favor.

Member Surette encouraged coaches to get bus driver certification/licenses. Steve Vanidestine is not pushing a lot of the responsibility on top of coaching. If we do, more thought needs to be given.

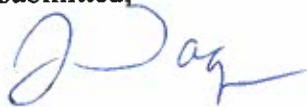
Member Hassanien asked why masks students are not quarantining. Superintendent Tager stated 3 feet apart and no contact, requires no quarantining. Vaccinated students do not need to miss sports or extra activities but it is recommended a test be done if in close contact. Superintendent Tager stated if we do have to go remote, we have a plan but will use remote only as a last resort. Nurses will keep track of students who are evaluated. They will have access to a state data base.

Member Caruso is against coaches being a bus driver.

- H. Chair Sychterz reviewed the important dates.

- J. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James Tager
Superintendent of Schools