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BEDFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 9, 2026

SAU Office Board Room

103 County Road, Bedford NH 03110

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES-Final

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Sue Jennato called the March 9, 2026 Bedford School Board meeting to order at 6:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at that time.

Present were: School Board members Andrea Campbell, Bill Foote, Sue Jennato, Kara LaMarche and Stephanie Nichols; Superintendent Michael Fournier, Assistant Superintendent Tom Laliberte, Business Administrator Lisa Ambrosio and Student School Board Representative Andie Nugent.

2. Affirm Agenda Items

There were no agenda revisions.

3. Participation at School Board Meetings

There was no public input.

4. Community Senate

BHS Community Senate Member Sam Dooley updated the Board on the items they have been discussing including: NEASC plan for next year; Digital Literacy requirement; and testing incentives.

5. RBS Principal Nomination

Mr. Fournier nominated Matt Munsey for Board approval as the new Principal of Riddle Brook School for the 2026-2027 school year effective July 1, 2026. Mr. Fournier gave the history of the nomination process and thanked all who participated. Mr. Munsey said it was an honor to be nominated and spoke about his background in the District and thanked staff.

Andrea Campbell made a motion to approve the nomination of Matt Munsey as Riddle Brook School Principal effective July 1, 2026. Kara LaMarche seconded the motion. Motion passed 5:0.

Supporting Documents:

- [RBS Principal Nomination](#)

6. Bedford Curriculum Committee (BCC) Recaps

Mr. Laliberte shared highlights from the January and February 2026 Bedford Curriculum Committee (BCC) meetings, including student performance data and upcoming curriculum initiatives. Highlights included:

1/13/2026: information shared on student achievement. The BSD Assessment Performance report was reviewed. It was noted that BSD often outperformed other Districts. SAT testing was looked at as well as the Saturday test, APs, IB exams. All BSD schools were in the top 10 of the US News and World Reports (RBS was #1 elementary school; BHS was #3 high school). Defying national trends would be reviewed: as kids got older, standardized test scores decreased in proficiency levels. There was a report on the amount of time (high school) students spent on testing which should take around 2 hours (13% of students spent 1 hour on the test and 87% of them were proficient; 60% spent less than 20 minutes on the test). Statewide, science proficiency levels were higher than scores showed. It was uncertain that students who opted out counted as zeros (if a benchmark was not reached). Mr. Laliberte would look into that. Bedford was 83 in science and 90% in the SAT. It was a Federal requirement to reach 95% but the State mandated that parents could opt out.

2/10/26: BHS received feedback from other high schools regarding incentivizing students to put forth their best effort on state tests. It was noted that Windham had incentives and their scores were good; incentive ideas included being exempt from the science final exam. It was noted that moving the test to 10th grade would make a big difference. The Wonders Program would retire after the spring of 2028. There would be an adoption team created to collect samples and review them, invite vendors to represent to the Board, and choose a program (for the fall of 2028).

Supporting Documents:

- [BCC Meeting Recaps](#)

7. Policy Updates

Mr. Fournier presented the Board with policy updates.

Second Read:

Policy GCCAD: Leave for Uniformed Service Members or Their Spouses

(Line deletion intended for internal use only).

- [Clean GCCAD \(Recommended by NHSBA\)](#)

Policy IHCD/LEB - Advanced Coursework/Advanced Placement Courses & STEM Dual & Concurrent Enrollment Program

- [Current Version IHCD/Current Version LEB](#)
- [Side by Side Comparison](#)
- [Clean IHCD/LEB \(Recommended by NHSBA\)](#)

Kara LaMarche made a motion to approve Policy GCCAD: Leave for Uniformed Service Members or Their Spouses. Stephanie Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed 5:0.

Stephanie Nichols made a motion to approve Policy IHCD/LEB: Advanced Coursework/Advanced Placement Courses & STEM Dual & Concurrent Enrollment Program Kara LaMarche seconded the motion. Motion passed 5:0.

First Read:

Policy GBE: Staff Rights and Responsibilities

- This policy was not reviewed since 2016; updates were done, such as adding the code of conduct. It would be confirmed if the policy was referenced in disciplinary letters. Mr. Fournier would ask the NHSBA where this came from, possible consolidation, and if BSD would be covered if this policy was discontinued for redundancy.
 - [Current Version](#)
 - [Side by Side Comparison](#)
 - [Clean GBE \(Recommended by NHSBA\)](#)

Policy GBEA: Staff Ethics

- This policy was not reviewed since 2016; updates were done, including conflict of interest (Board members and finances). There was discussion about linking policies/RSAs.
 - [Current Version](#)
 - [Side by Side Comparison](#)
 - [Clean GBEA \(Recommended by NHSBA\)](#)

8. Employment Nominations

Mr. Fournier presented the list of teachers and administrators that were eligible to be nominated for the 2026/2027 school year.

Supporting Documents

- [Memorial](#)
- [Peter Woodbury](#)
- [Riddle Brook](#)
- [McKelvie](#)
- [Lurgio](#)
- [BHS](#)
- [Nurses](#)
- [District Wide](#)
- [District Administration](#)

Andrea Campbell made a motion to approve the nominations of teachers and administrators for FY27 as presented. Kara LaMarche seconded the motion. Motion passed 5:0.

9. Minutes

Ms. Nichols and Ms. Nugent would be marked as present for the minutes of February 16, 2026.

Andrea Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2026 as amended. Kara LaMarche seconded the motion. Motion passed 5:0.

- [Draft Minutes of 02.16.2026](#)

10. Materials Included

March enrollment report: overall increase of 3 students since the fall.

February discipline:

- ❖ ISS: BHS: 2 incidents for 2 days; RAL: 3 incidents in 3 days; PWS: it was noted that there were 2 incidents for 2 days.
- ❖ OSS: BHS: 11 incidents for 25 days.
- ❖ Threat Assessment: 1 at RAL.
- ❖ Saturday School: 2.
- ❖ Bullying: none.

- ❖ [02.09.2026 Manifest](#)

- [March Enrollment](#)
- [February In School Suspensions](#)
- [February Out of School Suspensions/Threat Assessments](#)
- [February Saturday School Report](#)
- [February Bullying Report](#)

11. Consent Agenda

Bill Foote made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2026. Kara LaMarche seconded the motion. Motion passed 5:0.

- [Manifest of 03.10.2026](#)

12. Short Subjects and Good News Notes

Ms. LaMarche encouraged residents to vote tomorrow.

Mr. Fournier participated in an Senior Advisory field trip; he was impressed by the relationships that the students had with each other and staff. It was a great day.

Ms. Campbell thanked Ms. Nichols for serving and hoped she would continue. She also noted that her son was on the Robotics Team and the first meet would be on Saturday and Sunday; she encouraged people to attend for free.

Ms. Jennato mentioned that the PTG would be doing the Color Blast again and registration opens on March 13th.

Mr. Laliberte reported that, under Federal accountability, school performance was measured on four indicators: achievement MAY be negatively impacted if fewer than 95% of the students required to take the assessment; the 95% rule applied at the school and at each subgroup level. There were formulas that applied.

Ms. Ambrosio started negotiating the extension for STA for transportation. A proposal was put out.

Ms. Nugent said it was championship season and boys and girls basketball would have their championships this weekend if they won games tonight in Portsmouth.

Ms. LaMarche congratulated the hockey team for making it to the playoffs though they lost to Concord. Ms. Nichols said the Bedford students in the stands were supportive and well-behaved.

13. Nonpublic Session Per [RSA 91-A:3,II](#) (N/A)

14. Adjournment

Bill Foote made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm. Kara LaMarche seconded the motion.
Motion passed 5:0.