



**Subcommittee Reports**

Ms. Simon reported on the Youth and Family Services meeting and thanked Ms. Cicolini, Director of Special Education, who helped families of students with special needs to access the All Town Chorus and PTO events. Ms. Simon also noted that the Police Department had a Threat Assessment Training and the school sent a representative, which was described as being very helpful.

Mr. Brooks reported on the Recreation Commission, who voted in favor of the Francis Wyman Field warrant.

**Ways & Means**

No Report.

**Other Announcements**

Ms. Massardo stated it was Teacher Appreciation Week and she wanted thanked the teachers for all that they do.

Dr. Conti thanked Town Meeting for approving the operating budget and the accommodated account budget. The warrants articles coming up on Wednesday is the BHS feasibility study. Dr. Conti noted we couldn't do any of this without Town Meeting support and they are generous supporters of the BPS.

Ms. Simon also thanked Town Meeting for passing the budget.

Ms. Simon stated that the BHS sports teams are doing great noting that students, Alyvia Pena and Grace Hanifan, both broke state records. Ms. Simon also recognized the softball team as they are having a fabulous season and she was able to finally attend one of the games, as well as attending a Unified Basketball game last week and thanked all the students for their participation! Ms. Simon asked for a volunteer to help nominate the Burlington Chamber of Commerce for the MASC award for Outstanding School Partner and asked for a volunteer from the committee to assist.

Ms. Massardo volunteered to assist Ms. Simon with this nomination award.

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**LEARNING, EQUITY, THRIVING**

**National History Day**

Dr. Conti stated the Principal of MSMS, Dr. Cari Perchase, is here this evening to recognize some teachers and students relating to National History Day.

Dr. Perchase stated it is her pleasure to have three teachers here tonight, who are advisors to the MSMS National History Day, Ms. Barbara Sturtevant, Mr. John Carroll and Mr. John Walsh. National History Day is a program started in 2018/2019, with the support of the School Committee. The program produced amazing results and engaged learners throughout. Dr. Perchase noted that Mr. Walsh is actually here for a dual purpose this evening. Mr. Walsh is the Latin Teacher at MSMS and will be discussing the National Latin Exam and the honors our students have earned through that program. Dr. Perchase stated since it is Teacher Appreciation Week, she would like to recognize Ms. Sturtevant for being nominated to the Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year award. This award is an award sponsored by Patricia Behring in recognition of the pivotal role teachers play in the lives of students. Ms. Sturtevant is representing all the middle school across Massachusetts as a National History Day representative.

Ms. Sturtevant, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Carroll stated there were nine MSMS students who won metals for the National History Day Competition of the Junior Division. At that point, the students introduced themselves, described their reports/exhibits/performances and had pictures taken with the School Committee.

**MSMS National Latin Exam Awards 2023**

Mr. John Walsh, the Latin teacher at MSMS, stated that every year the students in the Latin classes take a National Latin Exam. These students are tested on language, grammar, Roman history, culture and mythology. Mr. Walsh stated he is pleased to announce that out of the 51 students at MSMS, 26 qualified for awards.

Ms. Simon and the School Committee congratulated all the students, teachers and families.

Dr. Conti stated that not every school offers Latin and congratulated Mr. Walsh and Mr. Stringer, at the High School, for providing the students with a top notch Latin experience.

**BEAM Update**

Dr. Conti stated Dr. Perchase and Dr. Athinelis have a presentation that is very informative for the current BEAM Program, as it identifies some of the history, details and challenges.

Ms. Purchase noted that the BEAM independent program review was to look at gathered data, comprehensive documents, and themes in order to understand BEAM students and schedules, as well as considering the parents and families' thoughts and input. Dr. Perchase and Dr. Athinelis shared information explaining their findings and recommendations as they proceeded through the presentation.

After the presentation, questions, answers and discussion ensued.

### **MASC Policies Section C & D – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Dr. Conti stated this the first reading of sections C & D of the policies and reiterated that he and MASC are going through each section and by the end of the calendar year, all sections will be complete. Dr. Conti and our MASC rep have recently reviewed sections C, D & E, although Dr. Conti stated he only wanted to go through sections C and D, this evening. Section E will be reviewed once sections C & D are complete with a second reading by the committee. Dr. Conti noted that Section C is about general school administration and is a straight forward review for the committee because Burlington does not have this section in their manual. This section is only MASC policies and basically the responsibilities of the superintendent, that the MASC recommends Burlington add their policy manual. Dr. Conti proceeded to go through Section C and Section D, reminding the committee that they can always go back and make changes, etc., once the complete manual is in place.

### **School Committee Summer Dates Proposed – Discussion**

Dr. Conti proposed two dates for the summer, which are July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and all committee members agreed to those two summer dates. Dr. Conti requested changing the Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting date to Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, and all committee members agreed to change the date to Monday, June 26, 2023.

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## **FACILITIES / FINANCE**

### **Financial Update – Discussion**

Ms. Coscia stated all the accounts are in good standing and there are no changes since last month.

### **Fall Transportation**

Ms. Coscia stated that at a recent conference she attended, there were suggestions for transportation within the districts because there hasn't been much competition. These suggestions included advertising, age of buses, the best way to get competitive pricing, etc.

Ms. Coscia noted that she will nail down what we will be advertising during the summer in order to get the RFP's out early. There is a two-week advertising requirement, although Ms. Coscia suggested at least a 4-week advertising notice. Ms. Coscia explained that to advertise for a longer time may gain more interest and competition. Sometime over the summer the Transportation RFP will be drafted.

Mr. Brooks offered to look at the RFP before it goes out.

Ms. Simon discussed turning the fleet over to electric buses and suggested having a subcommittee discussion prior to the Transportation RFP being sent out.

Discussion ensued, including the BHS start time going back to the original time of 8:30 a.m., and the suggestion to have a Transportation Subcommittee meeting scheduled sooner rather than later.

Mr. Cunha will schedule a Transportation Subcommittee meeting.

### **Summer Work Schedule**

Mr. Cunha explained that the summer work schedule includes working 40 hours in a four-day week, thus, 10 hour days. The Clerical and Custodial unions and administrative are flexible on this schedule. There is a side letter for the union voting and accepting on that change.

**Mr. Brooks made a motion to approve the summer work schedule; Ms. Monaco seconded.**

**Ms. Monaco - aye, Ms. Simon – aye, Mr. Brooks – aye, Ms. Massardo – aye, Ms. Bond - aye.**

**Motion Carried 5:0:0 by Roll Call Vote.**

### **Memorandum Agreements for School Year 2023-2024 - Custodian, Cafeteria, IA, and Clerical**

Dr. Conti thanked Mr. Cunha for working with the unions and reaching an agreement with their current Contract through FY'24, as well as thanking the unions for their participation and willingness in agreeing to a one-year contract.

Mr. Cunha thanked unions for their cooperation in order to bring all the contracts in alignment for a 3% increase and for all contracts to end at the same time next year.

**Ms. Monaco made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreements with AFSCE 93, Local 1702 Burlington Office Personnel and the BPS. Ms. Bond seconded.**

**Ms. Monaco - aye, Ms. Simon – aye, Mr. Brooks – aye, Ms. Massardo – aye, Ms. Bond - aye.**

**Motion Carried 5:0:0 by Roll Call Vote.**

Ms. Monaco made a motion to approve the Memorandum Agreements with AFSCE 93, Local 1702 Burlington School Cafeteria Employees and the BPS. Ms. Bond seconded.

Ms. Monaco - aye, Ms. Simon – aye, Mr. Brooks – aye, Ms. Massardo – aye, Ms. Bond - aye.

Motion Carried 5:0:0 by Roll Call Vote.

Ms. Monaco made a motion to approve the Memorandum Agreements with AFSCE 92, 1702 Burlington Custodial Staff and the BPS. Ms. Bond seconded.

Ms. Monaco - aye, Ms. Simon – aye, Mr. Brooks – aye, Ms. Massardo – aye, Ms. Bond - aye.

Motion Carried 5:0:0 by Roll Call Vote.

Ms. Monaco made a motion to approve the Memorandum Agreements with AFSCE 92, 1702 Burlington Instructional Assistant Employees and the BPS. Ms. Bond seconded.

Ms. Monaco - aye, Ms. Simon – aye, Mr. Brooks – aye, Ms. Massardo – aye, Ms. Bond - aye.

Motion Carried 5:0:0 by Roll Call Vote.

#### **Fox Hill School Building Committee – Standing Agenda Item**

Mr. Cunha stated FHSBC had a meeting with the design team and OPM on May 2, 2023, and were informed they are still in the collection phase. The design firm is further looking into some concerns regarding the wetlands. Mr. Cunha stated the next meeting is on 5/16/23 at the BHS. There is also a Community Forum on 5/18/23, this is a virtual meeting and will be shared at Town Hall Meeting.

Dr. Conti noted that Pine Glen will be added to the agenda moving forward, as a standing agenda item.

Residents of the Pine Glen area (Mr. Woodilla, Ms. Laura Parrillo, Ms. Nichole Niedermeier, and Ms. Amanda Hanafin) shared their concerns and opinions relative to combining the two schools, Fox Hill and Pine Glen, and how that would impact the students.

A lot of discussion ensued.

Ms. Simon stated this is an important topic and will be on the FHSBC meeting agenda for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **BHS Update – Standing Agenda Item**

Dr. Conti reminded the committee that warrant articles are coming up on Wednesday, including the BHS feasibility. Dr. Conti also distributed the projected 2023-2024 enrollments.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Simon asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session.

**Motion was made by Ms. Monaco to enter into Executive Session at 9:41 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Brooks.**

Ms. Monaco - aye, Ms. Simon - aye, Mr. Brooks - aye, Ms. Massardo – aye, Ms. Bond - aye.

Motion Carried 5-0-0 by a Roll Call Vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Ms. Monaco to adjourn at 9:58.; seconded by Ms. Massardo.**

Ms. Monaco - aye, Mr. Brooks – aye, Ms. Massardo – aye, Mr. Bond – aye, Ms. Simon - aye.

Motion Carried 5:0:0 by Roll Call Vote.

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#### **SUBMITTED**

Respectfully,  
Marianne Fabbri  
Recording Secretary

Date Submitted: 5/23/23

Date Approved: 5/23/23