

**Berkley School Committee
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2021**

AGENDA ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting of the Berkley School Committee was held in the Berkley Middle School Library on Monday, December 13, 2021. Mrs. Weber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present

Jennifer Vincent
Jilleen Solomon
Daniel Fagan
Tara Weber

Excused

Kaitlyn Robichaud

Other

Melissa Ryan, Superintendent
Patricia Silvia, Executive Assistant to Supt. & SC
Jennifer Francisco, Principal, BCS
Kimberly Hebert, Principal, BMS
Andrea Porter, Business Administrator
BTA Co-Chairs: Michelle Bringle, Dona Andreasen
Public

Read by Mrs. Weber: "Let the record show that this meeting is being electronically recorded. If anyone in the audience wishes to electronically record this meeting, you should notify the Committee at this time. Any such recording may be subject to reasonable restrictions imposed by the Chair to the extent permitted under the Open Meeting Law. "

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVE BILLS AND PAYROLLS

It was moved by Mrs. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Fagan and VOTED to approve bills and payrolls.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

AGENDA ITEM #3: APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Solomon, seconded by Mrs. Weber and VOTED to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 15, 2021 as written

Vote: UNANIMOUS

AGENDA ITEM #4: CORRESPONDENCE AND ENCLOSURES

- School Committee minutes (11/15/21)
- Principals' Reports
- Budget expense report (12/4/210
- Budget transfer (12/13/21)
- Policy for 2nd reading: Administrative Positions #2000
- Surplus List (12/13/21)
- Enrollment, 12/1/21

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- BMS & BCS Newsletters (Dec. 2021)
- School Committee Newsletter
- Holiday Office Schedule
- Bristol County Agricultural HS Attendance
- COVID vaccine stats

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- 2022/23 Proposed Budget
- Executive session envelope/materials

Mrs. Ryan reviewed our district COVID information that was obtained from the state website. BMS students have a 26% vaccination rate with 6% waiting for their 2nd vaccine; there is no data for BCS as they just started to give vaccines to that age group. Our staff vaccination rate is close to 80%. We have had 59 positive student cases and 4 positive staff cases. A vaccine clinic will be offered, as a convenience to families, at BMS on December 29 from 9 AM – 1 PM; registration information is posted on the BPS website.

AGENDA ITEM #5: PUBLIC INPUT

AGENDA ITEM #6: EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM #6a: PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

BMS: Mrs. Hebert reported that Computer Science classes began again and students are now back to their original schedule. First trimester just ended and report cards were available today. Big Buddy days at SBRHS are this week, as are BP & BA presentations to grade 8 students. The annual chorus concert is Wednesday and they did a wonderful job at the Lights On Ceremony. The middle school theatre club has been invited to participate in the SBRHS production Friday evening.

BCS: Mrs. Francisco reported that Trimester one is complete and she acknowledged the efforts of the teachers in preparing report cards and their reflective comments for each student, teacher conferences were well attended, 1,558 pounds of food were collected for the Open Shelves Food pantry this month, many students have been recognized for earning milestone awards through PBIS, and this year's Santa Drive Thru was a great success!

AGENDA ITEM #6b: CURRICULUM ACCELERATION TEAM (CAT)

No new updates at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #7: ADMINISTRATIVE & SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM #7a: BCS BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee met this evening. The town voted at the special meeting to appropriate the necessary funds for the feasibility study. The two remaining steps in the eligibility process are to certify enrollment and to submit capital budget planning information by the end of January to MSBA.

AGENDA ITEM #7b: READS COLLABORATIVE ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs. Ryan noted there was a small decline in their budget as a result of COVID but it is coming back up now that students have returned to school.

AGENDA #7c: SOMERSET BERKLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Vincent reported that the high school will begin participating in the test and stay program. A Regional Planning meeting is scheduled for January 25 at 6 PM via Zoom to share the results of the grant-approved study that was done last year with the three districts. SBRHS School Committee has a retreat planned on January 29 to discuss the Vision of the Graduate and College/Career Readiness at the high school. It was noted that the high school production of A Christmas Carol features seven students who reside in Berkley.

AGENDA ITEM #7d: SUPERINTENDENT'S MID-CYCLE EVALUTION

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AGENDA ITEM #8: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #8a: POLICY READINGS

It was moved by Mrs. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Fagan and VOTED to approve 2nd reading for the policy, Administrative Positions #2000.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

AGENDA ITEM #8b: BERKLEY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET 2021/22

It was moved by Mrs. Solomon, seconded by Mrs. Vincent and VOTED to approve transfers as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

AGENDA ITEM #9: NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #9a: SURPLUS LIST

It was moved by Mr. Fagan, seconded by Mrs. Solomon and VOTED to approve the circulated list as "surplus".

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

AGENDA ITEM #10: SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #10a: RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION

None at this time.

AGENDA ITEM #10b: APPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS

Angela Penacho, Paraprofessional, BCS

Kimberly Gabrielle, Paraprofessional, BCS

Caroline Sedell, Building-Based Substitute, BCS (LT Grade 2 Sub. Jan-April)

AGENDA ITEM #11: EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Fagan, seconded by Mrs. Vincent and VOTED to enter Executive Session at 6:43 PM in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Sec. 21 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and/or litigation with union personnel and to return to Open Session.

**VOTE: Mr. Fagan – AYE
Mrs. Solomon – AYE
Mrs. Vincent – AYE
Mrs. Weber – AYE**

It was moved by Mrs. Vincent, seconded by Mrs. Solomon and VOTED to exit Executive Session at 7:04 PM and to return to Open Session.

**VOTE: Mr. Fagan – AYE
Mrs. Solomon – AYE
Mrs. Vincent – AYE
Mrs. Weber – AYE**

AGENDA ITEM #12: BTA MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Fagan and VOTED to approve the BTA Memorandum of Agreement as presented and voted in Executive Session.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

AGENDA ITEM #13: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Fagan and VOTED to adjourn at 7:05 PM.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Vincent, Secretary