

BOZRAH BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA

Special Meeting

ZOOM Platform

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Join ZOOM Meeting:

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1. Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment (15 minutes)

3. Discussion:

A. Discussion of the plans for full, in-person learning and full-time distance learning that will be implemented, as appropriate, for community COVID conditions.

4. Action:

A. Vote of BOE concurrence for COVID Learning Plans *

B. Approve updated Education Specification for Oil Tank replacement. *

5. Public Comment (15 minutes)

6. Adjournment

Full Return of All Students

Earliest Phase 2 Start Date = Monday, November 9th, 2020 *pending review of Covid - 19 Data.*

Phase 3, All students 5 days a week, Monday, January 4, 2021

Schedule - Phase 2

- A traditional daily schedule for all students 8:25am - 3:05pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
 - MS would have a full schedule of classes or 7/8 periods a day including Academy.
 - Choral & Instrumental music would continue to be on hold.
- Wednesday would remain a distance Learning Day for all students and staff.
- Transition time between Middle School periods would increase to allow for teachers to travel between classrooms that will be at different levels of the building.
- All students would receive 4 Special area classes each week. (P.E., Art, Music & Health).
- Kindergarten would remain on an AM and PM schedule. There are 17 students enrolled in Kindergarten. To have all K students in school at the same time, the class would need to be relocated to a larger space. As the teacher is able to deliver the curriculum successfully in the morning and afternoon sessions, we will continue with this schedule.

Logistics

- If all learners, including FTRLs, return, we will need to relocate Grades 3 - 7 to larger spaces as each of these classes has a total enrollment of 14 - 22 students.
 - It is not possible to safely distance students from each other in the classroom footprint. *We would have to reduce space between desks to 2-3 feet. Even with masks and shields this is not recommended by the CDC or UHD.*
- Larger spaces available at FMS have been identified as; the cafeteria, the gymnasium, -and the Library.
- The cafeteria and gymnasium need to be assessed for Wifi infrastructure and connectivity. Additional outlets may be needed to meet fire codes and to support 16-35 students with devices utilizing a single space. *Time needed to assess and correct issues is unknown.*
- Student desks (66) would need to be moved to the identified spaces to allow for distancing between students. Some teacher desks, manuals and supplies would need to be moved to identified spaces to allow for ease of access. *Moving student desks and teacher materials will take place on non school days and may require custodian overtime.*

Advantages

- All students will be in school 4 days a week for a full day of direct instruction.
- Maintaining Wednesdays as a distance learning day for all allows for deep cleaning to continue and teachers to connect with full time remote learners for longer periods of time.
- Those students who need more consistent, face to face academic, emotional & behavioral support will be in school 4 days a week increasing the face time with support personnel.
- Students will have easy access to free breakfast and lunch being offered to all students as of Nov. 2nd.
- No additional Certified Teachers under this plan, only 1 paraprofessional.

Concerns

Time Factors

- To relocate, minimally grades 6 & 7, potentially grades 3 - 7 if all students return, would be labor and time intensive requiring custodian overtime, possible electrical work and teacher prep time.
 - Classes needing to relocate would do so on a Wednesday, distance learning class meetings and Zoom sessions will be cancelled so that teachers may set up spaces.
- The ability to get needed supplies in time to make the transition from Hybrid to Full Day.
- Replacement of RTU above the MPR needs to be done before we can have students occupy those spaces 6+ hours a day.

Student Support Concerns

- Currently, our 3 special area teachers are providing push in support to IEP and Tier 2 & 3 students. Once we move to having all students back, this support will be reduced significantly as they will be teaching more classes each day.
- Teacher time with FTRLs will be reduced because there would not be time during the school day for MS teachers to conduct Zoom meetings on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.
- Currently, Ms. Brown provides support to FTRLs in grades PK - 5. Her role would likely need to change to provide support for students in the building in need of Tier 1 & Tier 2 intervention. Leaving FTRLs at risk.

Infrastructure Concerns

- Ensuring sufficient wifi connectivity in the Gymnasium, Cafeteria and MPR would need to be assessed. Wifi bandwidth will be assessed by Mrs. Leask.
 - Faculty & Staff are concerned about losing larger indoor spaces for mask breaks during colder/inclement weather.
 - Displacing P.E. could be very problematic. P.E. & Health Education federal requirements have not been waived.
 - Conducting P.E. in a classroom space is difficult.
 - Conducting P.E. outside may not be possible in cold temperatures or inclement weather.
- ★ Gymnasium and Cafeteria would need to have the # of electric outlets for use assessed.
- Extension cords?

- Cord protector strips?
- Additional outlet access points?

Health Concerns

- Putting a large number of students into 1 space, even a larger space, increases the possibility of contact with a Covid-19 carrier at a time when Covid positivity rates are increasing.
- We are approaching flu season and cold weather increasing the probability of high absenteeism among students and staff.
- The larger spaces are not adequately heated as they were never intended to be spaces in which students would spend 6+ hours a day.
- Room Air Purifier Units have been ordered and will be installed in all classroom spaces. In the event that a classroom space will be empty and not used for instruction, the unit will be relocated to one of the larger spaces where multiple units might be in operation.

Mental/Emotional Health Concerns

- Grade 6 functions best as 2 smaller cohorts due to the magnitude of student emotional & behavioral support needs.
- Moving them into one shared larger space is of great concern to the team of teachers who work with these students.
- Suggestion to split Grade 6 into 2 smaller cohorts and use Room C16 with a para to supervise will allow us to potentially put grade 7 or 3 in the library, and grades 4 & 5 in either the gym or the cafe.

Current Class Sizes as of October 20, 2020

Grade Level	Cohort A	Cohort B	Combined Cohorts	FTRL	Total
PK	6	8	/	1	/
K	8	6	/	3	17
1	10	/	10	2	12
2	7	/	7	4	11
3	12	/	12	5	17
4	8	6	14	4	18
5	8	6	14	2	16
6	7	9	15	6	21
7	9	8	17	2	19
8-1*	4	5	9	2	11

8-2*	8	6	14	1	15
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*Eighth grade cohorts will be adjusted so the split is evenly distributed.

Spaces to be Converted

Grade Level	Room # Space	Ready Now	What is Needed?	Cost	Vendor	ETA of Supplies
3	Library	Yes	Student belonging storage	\$51.27/6 pk x 2	Walmart	<72 hours after ordering
				TOTAL \$102.54		
4 & 5	Gymnasium	No	Large white board (2)	\$227.96 (96x48in) X 2	School Specialty	
			Large Bulletin Board (2)	\$157.46 (4'x8') x 2	School Specialty	
			Storage (shelves/cabinet) (2)	\$469.99 (36wx18dx78h) X 2	WB Mason	
			Mobile whiteboard &/or projector (2) SMART Board SB660 64-Inch Interactive Whiteboard	\$1,195.00+ X 2	Amazon	
			Rolling stand for SmartBoard(2) Tripp Lite Mobile TV Stand with Mount, for LED/OLED/LCD Flat Screen Monitors, 60" - 100" Televisions, Shelf & Locking Wheels	\$425.60 X 2	Amazon	
			Student belonging storage	\$51.27/6 pk x 5 =	Walmart	<72 hours after ordering
				TOTAL \$5,208.37		
6	Room C6 Room C16	Yes Yes	1 Paraprofessional	\$15.97/hr X 6.5 hrs \$103.81/day X 90 days	NA	Unknown as there is difficulty finding candidates.
				TOTAL \$9342.90		
7	Cafeteria	No	Large white board	\$227.96 (96x48in)	School specialty	

			Storage (shelves/cabinet)	\$469.99 (36wx18dx78h)	WB Mason	
			Mobile SMART Board &/or projector	\$1195+	Amazon	
			Rolling stand for SmartBoard	\$425.60	Amazon	
			Student belonging storage	\$51.27/6 pk	Walmart	
			6-8 Large Dividers to create a corridor for cafeteria staff to move food carts	\$176 Economical Rolling Room Divider 6'x6' (6)	Amazon or WB Mason	
				TOTAL	\$3425.82	
?	MPR	No	Replace RTU (covered under Grant)	\$205,000	-----	
			Large white board	\$227.96 (96x48in)	School Specialty	
			Storage (shelves/cabinet)	\$469.99 (36wx18dx78h)	WB Mason	
			Mobile whiteboard &/or projector	\$1195+	Amazon	
			Rolling stand for SmartBoard	\$425.60	Amazon	
			Student belonging storage	\$51.27/6 pk	Walmart	
				TOTAL	\$2369.82	

Ideally, the gymnasium could remain the PE space and the MPR put into services as a classroom space. If that is not possible, using the MPR as a PE space would be practical.

Total Cost to the BOE/Town for outfitting larger spaces (Cafeteria, Gymnasium, & Library) is \$10,592.70
(not including any electrical work that might need to be done)

Total Cost to the BOE/Town for additional paraprofessional is \$9342.90

Total Cost to the BOE/Town for preparing the MPR is \$2369.82

Replacement of RTU is \$205,000 (covered by grant)

GRAND TOTAL = \$22,305.21

Technology Solution with SMARTBoards					Notes
Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost		
Surge Protectors - 3 per side	6	\$30.00	\$180		Layout of the Gym is not known at this time.
Floor Raceway - 18 6 foot sections	18	\$20.00	\$360		
Extension Cords - 20 ft	6	\$15.00	\$90		
SMARTBoard 4k - MX 275 75" - Value Board	3	\$3,195.00	\$9,585	Pricing for SMARTBoard is based on state contract. Less expensive brands are available. The principal has requested SMARTBoards. Annual recurring cost for SMARTBoard software is \$1547 (13 boards) They will offer free training. SMART charges \$720. The board supports HDMI and display port. VGA can be added if needed.	Quote from RnB - based on State Contract
Mobile Stand	3	\$750.00	\$2,250		Figure below is unit cost per SMARTBoard
Cable Package for SMARTBoard	3	\$159.00	\$477		\$4,718
SMARTBoard Installation and delivery	3	\$495.00	\$1,485		Figure below is cost for 3 SMARTBoards
SMARTBoard Software	3	\$119.00	\$357		\$14,154
Anker Chargers	50	\$11.00	\$550		
Paid accounts for software like screencastify, PearDeck, Edpuzzle or Nearpod			\$2,000		ballpark estimate
			\$17,334		

Technology Solution with Projectors					
Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Notes	
Surge Protectors - 3 per side	6	\$30.00	\$180	Layout of the Gym is not known at this time.	
Floor Raceway - 18 6 foot sections	18	\$20.00	\$360		
Extension Cords - 20 ft	6	\$15.00	\$90		
Projector cart2 (projector in computer lab and new projector)	2	\$150.00	\$300	Approximate - Specific cart has not been selected.	
Projector (WXGA)	1	\$850.00	\$850	Approximate - Specific projector has not been selected.	
Anker Chargers	50	\$11.00	\$550		
Paid accounts for software like screencastify, PearDeck, Edpuzzle or Nearpod			\$2,000	ballpark estimate	
			\$4,330		

It is anticipated the infrastructure upgrade will be covered by the erate funding applied for last year and the additional COVID funds of \$7,300 for technical services. The process of completing these services will have an impact on the availability of Internet Access.

EDUCATION SPECIFICATION

UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT

FIELDS MEMORIAL SCHOOL

BOZRAH STREET EXTENSION

BOZRAH, CT

Project Scope

Existing fuel will be transferred to temporary fuel tank(s) and temporary piping connections installed.

Existing 10,000-gallon underground tank and piping located on the North side of the school building will be removed.

A new concrete pad will be installed adjacent to the rear wall of the East side of the school building and a new, 10,000-gallon above ground, double wall concrete storage tank placed on the pad. The new, above ground piping will be routed around the building to the pump room on the North side of the building. Internal piping connections will be made.

A new inventory control system will be installed

Fuel will be transferred from the temporary tank(s) to the new storage tank.

Restoration of site, including paving and lawn restoration will be completed

