# BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting

# **AGENDA**

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 6:30 p.m.

#### **Via Zoom Webinar**

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We inspire and empower children to thrive in the world of tomorrow.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 6:30 p.m.
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT (Policy 1120 & Bylaw 9325)

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- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Bylaw 9326)
  - a. July 8, 2020 Regular Meeting ...... Action Item
- 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Bylaw 9300)
  - a. None.

- 5. NEW BUSINESS (Bylaw 9300)
  - a. Policy Revision Approvals ...... Action Item
    - i. Policy 1120 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings
    - ii. Policy 4131 Staff Development
    - iii. Policy 5124 Report to Parents
    - iv. Policy 5133 Use of Private Technology Devices by Students
    - v. Policy 6141.3291 0 One-to-One Technology Device Program
    - vi. Bylaw 9321 Time, Place, and Notification of Meetings
    - vii. Bylaw 9323 Agenda Construction/Meeting Materials
    - viii. Bylaw 9325 Meeting Conduct
  - - i. Policy 1317 Health and Safety Protocols
    - ii. Policy 4000.1 Title IX
    - iii. Policy 5141 School District Medical Advisor
    - iv. Policy 5145.44 Title IX
    - v. Policy 6114.8 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness
    - vi. Policy 6114.81 Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies
    - vii. Policy 6172.61 Remote Learning
  - c. BCS Reopen Plan Discussion
- 6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (Policy 2500)
  - a. Superintendent
  - b. Director of Special Services, Curriculum and Instruction
  - a. Principal
- 7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Bylaw 9121)
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT (Policy 1120 & Bylaw 9325)

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- 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION
  - a. Personnel Matter Superintendent Performance
- 10. REGULAR MEETING RECONVENES
- 11. MEETING ADJOURNED

# Memorandum

To:

**Board of Education Members** 

From:

Colleen Murray, Superintendent

Date:

August 12, 2020

Re:

**Meeting Minutes** 



# **Recommended Motion:**

a. Move the Bethany Board of Education accept the July , 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.



# BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION

# Regular Meeting Minutes Via Zoom Meeting July 8, 2020

Present
Doreen Fox
John Paul Garcia

Lisa Gaw EJ Maher

Christopher Pittenger

Dorothy Seaton Lynette White Namita Wijesekera Administration

Colleen Murray

Absent

Shawn Uscilla

#### Call to Order

Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

<u>Motion</u> by Garcia, seconded by Seaton to amend the agenda to add Public Comment after the Call to Order and after the Chairman's Report. The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Uscilla).

Motion by Pittenger, seconded by Gaw to amend the agenda to move Executive Session to the end of the agenda. The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Uscilla).

<u>Motion</u> by Pittenger, seconded by White to amend the agenda to move the Superintendent's contract motion to the end of the agenda. The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Uscilla).

<u>Motion</u> by Pittenger, seconded by Seaton to move the Professional Development Presentation to Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing a confidential attorney/client privileged communication addressing legal issues related to the return to work and school in the 2020-21 school year in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Uscilla).

# **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Minutes**

Motion by Seaton, seconded by Gaw to accept the June 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Uscilla).

#### **Unfinished Business**

None.

#### **New Business**

In response to a letter sent to the Board and administration from the Community Alliance for Racial Equity (CARE), Dr. Pittenger and Mrs. Murray led a discussion on the District's past and current efforts, as well as future plans to address race equity at BCS. Board members offered suggestions to add access and equity to future curriculum committee meetings and to review Board policy on race equity at the next policy committee meeting. The Board also agrees that increasing communication with the school and community on this topic would be beneficial. Dr. Pittenger and Mrs. Murray will compose a letter in response to the CARE letter received.

The Board conducted their annual self-evaluation.

The Board reviewed a draft of the 2020-2021 Goals. The Board agreed that changes did not need to be made to the goals.

#### **Superintendent Report**

Mrs. Murray discussed the current enrollment numbers and class sizes by grade with a current total of 346.

Mrs. Murray provided an update on facility projects.

Mrs. Murray provided an update on Personnel who have resigned from their positions and the status of the hiring process.

Mrs. Murray stated that on June 30th the 2019-2020 budget allowed the District to fund all their needs, purchase personal protective equipment, invest in the Annex renovation, set aside 2% in a non-lapsing account, and will return approximately \$16,000 to the Town.

Mrs. Murray provided an overview of the State's Reopen Plan. She discussed the creation of the BCS Executive Committee and their role in gathering information and making informed decisions to complete Bethany's Reopen Plan meeting the requirements of the State's Plan by the July 24th deadline.

#### **Chairman Report**

Dr. Pittenger stated that the Negotiations Committee will be meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> to prepare for teacher negotiations.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Executive Session**

Motion by Pittenger, seconded by Seaton that the Board of Education enters into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing a confidential attorney/client privileged communication addressing legal issues related to the return to work and school in the 2020-21 school year in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and that the Superintendent and Board Attorney, Rebecca Santiago are invited to attend followed by a discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation and Employment Contract and that the Superintendent is invited to attend. The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Uscilla).

#### **Attendance**

Present Administration Doreen Fox Colleen Murray

John Paul Garcia Lisa Gaw

Other EJ Maher

Rebecca Santiago

Christopher Pittenger Dorothy Seaton

Absent Shawn Uscilla

Namita Wijesekera

Lynette White

# Reconvene

Moved from Executive Session and the regular meeting reconvened at 9:32 p.m.

Motion by Seaton, seconded by Wijesekera to approve the Superintendent's one-year contract extension through June 30, 2023, increase her base salary by 2.5% and allow 10 carryover vacation days. The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Uscilla).

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Susan L. Carpenter Recording Secretary

# Memorandum

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From:

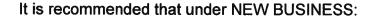
Colleen Murray, Superintendent/MM

Date:

August 12, 2020

Re:

**Policy Approvals** 



Board Bylaw 9311, Procedure for Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Board Policies, states:

3. For proposed policy statements, new or revised, because of changes or additions to Connecticut General Statutes or State Board of Education Regulations, approval may be given at the initial presentation.

Due to the state requirements and time sensitive nature of the following, I am requesting the Board approve these policies with only one reading as indicated in the above referenced Bylaw.

#### Recommended Motion:

- a. Move that the Bethany Board of Education approve the revisions to Policies 1120, 4131, 5124, 5133, 6141.3291, 9321, 9323, and 9325 as presented.
- b. Move that the Bethany Board of Education adopt Policies 1317, 4000.1, 5141, 5145.44, 6114.8, 6114.81, and 6172.61 as presented.



# **Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings**

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Legal Reference:

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**Connecticut General Statutes § 1-226** 

Connecticut General Statutes § 1-227

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September 9, 1991

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May 8, 2013

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Revision - 1/2

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The guidelines for public participation in Board meetings held remotely pursuant to a health emergency crisis will be consistent with the guidelines set forth in federal or state guidelines and District policy and Administrative Regulations.

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# **Staff Development**

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Each certified employee shall annually participate in a program of professional development, of not fewer than eighteen (18) hours in length. The professional development program shall:

- 1. be a comprehensive, sustained and intensive approach to improving teacher and administrator effectiveness in increasing student knowledge achievement;
- 2. focus on refining and improving various effective teaching methods that are shared between and among educators;
- 3. foster collective responsibility for improved student performance;
- 4. be composed of professional learning that is aligned with rigorous state student academic achievement standards, conducted at the school among educators and facilitated by principals, coaches, mentors, and distinguished educators or other appropriate teachers, occurs frequently on an individual basis or among groups of teachers in a job-embedded process of continuous improvement, and includes a repository or best practices for teaching methods developed by educators within the school that is continuously available to such educators for comment and updating;
- 5. include training in culturally responsive pedagogy and practice.

Staff development experiences, made available by the Board directly, or through a Regional Education Service Center (RESC), with another Board of Education or through a provider approved by the Commissioner, shall be consistent with any goals identified by the certified employees and the Board.

The Board believes that the staff development experience should be comprehensive, sustained, and intensive enough to improve teacher and administrator effectiveness in raising student performance, and foster collective responsibility for improved student performance.

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The Superintendent shall establish a Steering Committee, consisting of certified employees, including at least one (1) union representative, and other school personnel deemed appropriate. The duties of the committee shall include, but not be limited to, participation in the development of a teacher evaluation and support program for the District, the development, evaluation and annual updating of a comprehensive local professional development plan, in fulfillment of the statutes, for certified employees of the District. Such plan shall 1) be directly related to the educational goals proposed by the Board pursuant to state law, and 2) be developed in full consideration of the priorities and needs related to student outcomes as determined by the State Board of Education, and 3) provide for the ongoing and systematic assessment and improvement of both teacher evaluation and professional development of the Board's professional staff members, including personnel management and evaluation training or experiences for administrators, shall be related to regular and special student needs and may include provisions concerning career incentives and parent involvement.

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Public Act 17-32
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STUDENTS 5124

#### **Reporting to Parents**

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Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-15b

Connecticut General Statutes § 46b-56

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June 13, 2018



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STUDENTS 5133(a)

# **Use of Private Technology Devices by Students**

Students may possess Privately Owned Technological Devices on school property and/or during school-sponsored activities, in accordance with the mandates of this policy and any applicable administrative regulations as may be developed by the Superintendent of Schools.

#### **Definitions**

#### **Board Technology Resources**

For the purposes of this policy, "Board Technology Resources" refers to the Bethany Board of Education's (Board) computers and instructional technologies; communications and data management systems; informational technologies and the Internet; and any other technology resources owned and/or used by the Bethany Public School District (District) and accessible by students.

#### **Privately Owned Technological Devices**

For the purposes of this policy, "Privately Owned Technological Devices" refers to privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held and wearable technology equipment that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture, and recording, sound recording, information transmitting and/or receiving, storing, etc. These devices may include but are not limited to, personal laptops, smartphones, network access devices, Kindles, Nooks, cellular telephones, radios, personal audio players, iPads, other tablet computers, iPhones, Androids, AirPods, wireless headphones/earbuds, Apple watches, other wearable technology, and other electronic signaling devices.

#### **Use of Privately Owned Technological Devices**

Privately owned technological devices may not be used during instructional time, except as specifically permitted by instructional staff.

Use of any such device for an improper purpose is prohibited. Improper purposes include, but are not limited to:

- Sending any form of harassing, threatening, or intimidating message, at any time, to any person (such communications may also be a crime);
- Gaining or seeking to gain unauthorized access to Board Technology Resources;
- Damaging Board Technology Resources;
- Accessing or attempting to access any material that is obscene or contains pornography;
- Cyberbullying;
- Using such device to violate any school rule, including the unauthorized recording (photographic, video or audio) of another individual without the permission of the individual or a school staff member; or
- Taking any action prohibited by any Federal or State law.

#### **Search of Privately Owned Technological Devices**

A student's Privately Owned Technological Device may be searched if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the rules of the school. Any such search shall be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction.

STUDENTS 5133(b)

#### **Responsibility for Privately Owned Technological Devices**

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STUDENTS 5133(c)

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# **Use of Private Technology Devices by Students**

Students may possess Privately Owned Technological Devices on school property and/or during school-sponsored activities, in accordance with the mandates of this policy and any applicable administrative regulations as may be developed by the Superintendent of Schools.

#### **Definitions**

# **Board Technology Resources**

For the purposes of this policy, "Board Technology Resources" refers to the Bethany Board of Education's (Board) computers and instructional technologies; communications and data management systems; informational technologies and the Internet; and any other technology resources owned and/or used by the Bethany Public School District (District) and accessible by students.

#### **Privately Owned Technological Devices**

For the purposes of this policy, "Privately Owned Technological Devices" refers to privately owned desktop computers, wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held and wearable technology equipment that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture, and recording, sound recording, information transmitting and/or receiving, storing, etc. These devices may include but are not limited to, desktop computers, personal laptops, smartphones, network access devices, Kindles, Nooks, cellular telephones, radios, personal audio players, iPads, other tablet computers, iPhones, Androids, AirPods, wireless headphones/earbuds, Apple watches, other wearable technology, and other electronic signaling devices.

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Privately owned technological devices may not be used during instructional time, except as specifically permitted by instructional staff.

On school property, at a school-sponsored activity, while in use for a remote learning activity, or while being used to access or utilize the Board's technology resources, the use Use of any such device for an improper purpose is prohibited. Improper purposes include, but are not limited to:

- Sending any form of harassing, threatening, or intimidating message, at any time, to any person (such communications may also be a crime);
- Gaining or seeking to gain unauthorized access to Board Technology Resources;
- Damaging Board Technology Resources;
- Accessing or attempting to access any material that is obscene or contains pornography;
- Cyberbullying:
- Using such device to violate any school rule, including the unauthorized recording (photographic, video or audio) of another individual without the permission of the individual or a school staff member; or
- Taking any action prohibited by any Federal or State law.

# Search of Privately Owned Technological Devices

A student's Privately Owned Technological Device may be searched <u>if the device is on Board property</u> <u>or in a student's possession at a school-sponsored activity and if there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the</u>

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The Board believes learning is a continuous dynamic interaction among students, educators, parents, and the extended community. Implementation of a 1:1 iPad/Tablet initiative enables anywhere, anytime learning that is no longer limited by the four walls of a classroom or building. Purposeful technology integration allows teachers to be facilitators of deep, individualized learning for all students.

This policy applies to all District owned iPad/Tablets used in the school, including any other device considered by the administration to come under this policy. Individuals or teams of teachers may set additional requirements for use in their classroom.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221

18 U.S.C. §§ 2510-2522

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If at any point in the meeting the Board should not maintain a quorum, then the Board Chairperson will adjourn the meeting and declare the time and place of the resumption of the meeting, which shall be reflected in a written order of adjournment. A copy of the written order of adjournment will be posted on or near the door of the place where the meeting was held within twenty-four (24) hours after the time of adjournment.

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Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 1-200

Connecticut General Statutes § 1-206

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Connecticut General Statutes § 1-226

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The agenda and supporting materials shall be distributed to Board members no less than two (2) business days prior to the date of the Board meeting to allow the members to consider the issues carefully. Board member seeking inclusion of agenda items shall provide supportive and explanatory material, as necessary.

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Legal Reference:

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Connecticut General Statutes § 1-206

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Compliance with such health and safety protocols shall be mandatory for all individuals while on school property or participating in a school-sponsored activity unless a legally recognized exemption or exception applies. Failure to comply with such health and safety protocols may lead to disciplinary action for students and staff, and exclusion from school property of the school-sponsored activity for members of the community, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and/or Board policies or Administrative Regulations.

The Superintendent shall provide appropriate notice of such health and safety protocols. Notice may be provided by way of electronic mail, regular mail, website posting, student handbooks, employee handbooks, and/or any other appropriate methods.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221

Policy adopted:

## Title IX

The Bethany Board of Education (Board) policy is to maintain a working environment free from any form of sex discrimination or sexual harassment. The Board agrees to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Regulations as amended in the Final Rule.

The Board, as required, shall respond whenever any employee has notice of sexual harassment, including allegations of sexual harassment. Title IX applies to persons in the Bethany Public School District (District) because its education programs or activities receive Federal financial assistance. This policy applies to all of the District's programs or activities, whether such programs or activities occur on or off-campus.

The Board requires the Superintendent to promulgate Administrative Regulations in accordance with Federal Law in furtherance of this policy.

Legal Reference:	United States Constitution, Article XIV
	Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII, 42 U.S.C. S2000-e2(a).
	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Policy Guidance (N-915.035).
Enter the second	Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 USCS §1681, et seq.
	Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 34 CFR §106, et seq.
	Title IX Final Rule, 34 CFR § 106.45, et seq., May 6, 2020
	34 CFR § 106.8(b), OCR Guidelines for Title IX.
	Federal Register, Volume 62, #49, 29 CFR § 1606.8 (a) 62, Federal Register 12033, and 66 Federal Register 5512
	The Clery Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)
	The Violence Against Women Act, 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)
	Mentor Savings Bank, FSB v. Vinson, 477 US.57 (1986)
	Faragher v. City of Boca Raton, No. 97-282 (U.S. Supreme Court, June 26, 1998)
	Burlington Industries, Inc. v. Ellerth, No. 97-569, (U.S. Supreme Court, June 26, 1998)
	Gebbser v. Lago Vista Indiana School District, No. 99-1866, (U.S. Supreme Court June 26, 1998)
	Davis v. Monro County Board of Education, No. 97-843, (U.S. Supreme Court, May 24, 1999.)
	Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-60
	Connecticut Agencies Regulations § 46a-54-200 through §46a-54-207
	Constitution of the State of Connecticut, Article I, § 20.
	Public Act 19-16



## **School District Medical Advisor**

The Bethany Board of Education (Board) directs the Superintendent to appoint a Bethany Public School District (District) medical advisor and appropriate medical support service personnel including nurses that are recommended by the Superintendent.

The District medical advisor, in cooperation with the Board and the local Health Department for the District, shall:

- 1. plan and administer the school's health program,
- 2. advise on the provision of school health services,
- 3. provide consultation on the school health environment, and
- 4. perform any other duties as agreed between the advisor and the appointing Board.

School health efforts shall be directed toward detection and prevention of health problems and to emergency treatment, including the following student health services:

- 1. appraising the health status of student school personnel,
- 2. counseling students, parents, and others concerning the findings of health examination,
- 3. encouraging correction of defects,
- 4. helping prevent and control disease.
- 5. providing emergency care for student injury and sudden illness,
- 6. maintaining school health records.

Legal Reference:	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-203
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-204
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-204a
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-204c
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-205
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-206
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-206a
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-207
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-208
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-208a
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-209
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-210
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-212
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-212a
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-213
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Connecticut General Statutes § 10-214
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-214a
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-214b
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-217a
20 U.S.C. 1232g
42 U.S.C. 1320d-1320d-9, Public Law 104-191
Public Act 18-168 §§ 7-9, 539 & 540

Policy adopted:

## Title IX

The Bethany Board of Education (Board) policy is to maintain a learning environment free from any form of sex discrimination or sexual harassment. The Board agrees to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Regulations as amended in the Final Rule.

The Board, as required, shall respond whenever any employee has notice of sexual harassment, including allegations of sexual harassment. Title IX applies to persons in the Bethany Public School District (District) because its education programs or activities receive Federal financial assistance. This policy applies to all of the District's programs or activities, whether such programs or activities occur on or off-campus.

The Board requires the Superintendent to promulgate Administrative Regulations in accordance with Federal Law in furtherance of this policy.

Legal Reference:	United States Constitution, Article XIV
	Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII, 42 U.S.C. S2000-e2(a).
	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Policy Guidance (N-915.035).
	Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 USCS §1681, et seq.
	Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 34 CFR §106, et seq.
	Title IX Final Rule, 34 CFR § 106.45, et seq., May 6, 2020
	34 CFR § 106.8(b), OCR Guidelines for Title IX.
<u> </u>	Federal Register, Volume 62, #49, 29 CFR § 1606.8 (a) 62, Federal Register 12033, and 66 Federal Register 5512
	The Clery Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)
	The Violence Against Women Act, 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)
	Mentor Savings Bank, FSB v. Vinson, 477 US.57 (1986)
	Faragher v. City of Boca Raton, No. 97-282 (U.S. Supreme Court, June 26, 1998)
	Burlington Industries, Inc. v. Ellerth, No. 97-569, (U.S. Supreme Court, June 26, 1998)
	Gebbser v. Lago Vista Indiana School District, No. 99-1866, (U.S. Supreme Court, June 26, 1998)
	Davis v. Monro County Board of Education, No. 97-843, (U.S. Supreme Court, May 24, 1999.)
	Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-60
	Connecticut Agencies Regulations § 46a-54-200 through §46a-54-207
	Constitution of the State of Connecticut, Article I, § 20.
	Public Act 19-16

## **Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness**

## Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies

The Bethany Board of Education (Board) recognizes that a pandemic/epidemic outbreak is a serious threat that stands to affect students, staff, and the community as a whole. With this consideration in mind, the Board establishes this policy in the event the town and/or Bethany Public School District (District) is threatened by a pandemic/epidemic outbreak. At all times the health, safety, and welfare of the students shall be of foremost concern along with the health, safety, and welfare of the District employees and mindful of the overall health and welfare of the community.

The Board directs the Superintendent to promulgate Administrative Regulations in furtherance of this policy.

Legal References:	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-154a
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-207
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-209
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-210
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221
	Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-221
	20 U.S.C. 1232g. 45 C.F.R. 99 (FERPA)

Policy adopted:

## **Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies**

## **Emergency Suspension of Policy During Pandemic**

The Bethany Board of Education (Board) is authorized by statute to govern the Bethany Public School District (District), including the adoption, revision, and suspension of Board policies.

The Board, through this policy, acknowledges school closures in response to a pandemic/epidemic and designates the Superintendent or his/her designee to act as a liaison for the District to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and the community.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has authority to waive instructional hours and school days, to interpret educational requirements, and to oversee the allocation of resources for nutrition, transportation, and other crucial aspects of public education and providing written guidance to school districts on issues related to pandemic/epidemic emergencies, including but not limited to student attendance, remote learning, meal distribution, and other issues.

#### **Temporary Powers Granted to Superintendent**

The Board grants to the Superintendent the following temporary powers to address pandemic/epidemic emergencies:

- Authority to temporarily waive such Board policies or provisions of Board policies as the Superintendent shall deem necessary to comply with guidance from appropriate health or government authorities or necessary for other effective response.
- 2. Authority to take any lawful actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, to provide for the health and safety of students and employees, or to respond to direction from appropriate health and government authorities. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, adjustments to the curriculum and the provisions of alternate educational program options; modifications to the school calendar; adjustments to the delivery of school-provided meals; limitations on access to District property; applying to any governmental body for financial or other aid as may be available; and applying to any governmental body for financial or other aid as may be available; and applying to any governmental body for waiver of regulations or requirements, compliance with which is affected by a pandemic/epidemic emergency.
- 3. Authority to close the school facility without further action by the Board. Such closure shall continue during the emergency created by the pandemic/epidemic emergency until such time as the Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate health and government authorities, deems it in the best interests of the District and its students to open schools.
- 4. Authority based upon the needs of the District and the guidelines from health and government agencies disseminated by CSDE, to direct staff assignments during District closures, including, but not limited to essential employees who must report to work, employees who may be reassigned, and employees whose services are not needed.
- 5. Authority to limit access to public school grounds and District buildings during school closures.

### **Suspension of Policies**

The Board hereby suspends provisions of its policies and/or whole policies, as identified by the Superintendent or his/her designee, if such suspension is necessary to implement the written

guidance from CSDE relating to containing the pandemic/epidemic emergency for the duration identified in the Governor's order of school closure.

### Reporting to Board

The Superintendent shall report to the Board as feasible, appropriate, and timely regarding an emergency closure and efforts to implement written guidance from health and government agencies as disseminated by CSDE and other state agencies pertaining to a pandemic/epidemic emergency.

## **Board of Education Meetings**

In the interest of public health, the Board encourages the public to attend its open public meetings via video conferencing and to limit public comment. The Board reserves the right to adjust Board meeting dates, times, and locations during the District-wide emergency closure in a manner consistent with the Freedom of Information Act. Further, any or all Board members may attend Board meetings electronically.

Legal References:	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-154a
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-207
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-209
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	Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-221
	20 U.S.C. 1232g. 45 C.F.R. 99 (FERPA)

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## **Remote Learning**

The Bethany Board of Education (Board) plans to provide remote learning options in the event that the Bethany Public School District (District) must be closed due to an emergency health situation. The plans will allow the school to operate remotely while continuing to provide meaningful instructions to students through the use of a variety of instructional resources.

The Board seeks to ensure fluid operation during a time when in-person classes must be reduced or canceled due to a health emergency, as well as provide equitable access for all students. A remote learning day is a school day where students have an opportunity to explore and engage in meaningful learning experiences that are:

a. aligned to the curriculum,	
b. connected to standards, and	
c. relevant to the current instructional sequence.	
While nothing replaces the genuine human interactions that happen authentically in the classroo between students and teachers, remote learning will support continuity of instruction in the event of health-related closure.  The Board directs to the Superintendent to promulgate Administrative Regulations in furtherance this policy.	fa
Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221	
Policy adopted:	

To: Board of Education Members

From: Colleen Murray, Superintendent

Date: August 12, 2020

Re: Superintendent Report

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## **Under ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

• Enrollment Update

- Survey Results
- Annex Project Phase III
- Personnel

# BETHANY COMMUNITY SCHOOL ANTICIPATED ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

Grade	AUG 31, 2020*
PK	16
К	53
1	60
2	52
3	56
4	38
5	48
6	44
TOTAL	367

<sup>\*</sup> One Staff Member & Five Open Choice students include Two OOD students are not included above.

To: Board of Education Members

From: Kai Byrd

Date: August 12, 2020

Re: Director of Special Services, Curriculum and Instruction Report



## **Under ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

## Curriculum

- o Curriculum & Assessment
- o Professional Development Update

## • Special Education

- o Extended School Year (ESY)
- Personnel Update
- o Enrollment Update

To:

**Board of Education Members** 

From:

Tom Reed-Swale

Date:

August 12, 2020

Re:

Principal's Report

## **Under ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- Timeline and Planning for Reopen
  - o Building Procedures
  - o Master Schedule
  - o Food Service Coordination
  - o Kindergarten Orientation
  - o Class Placement Communication
  - o Staff Assignments/Expectations



To: Board of Education Members

From: Colleen Murray, Superintendent

Date: August 12, 2020

Re: Executive Session



It is recommended under EXECUTIVE SESSION:

## Recommended Motion:

a. Move the Bethany Board of Education enter Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's performance and that the Superintendent is invited to attend.