

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Webinar
August 12, 2020

Present

Doreen Fox
John Paul Garcia
Lisa Gaw
EJ Maher
Christopher Pittenger
Dorothy Seaton
Shawn Uscilla
Lynette White
Namita Wijesekera

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

None

Call to Order

Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Public Comment

Paula Cofrancesco, First Selectperson, Reopen Work.
Janice Howard, Bethany Resident, Reopen Work.

Minutes

Motion by Seaton, seconded by Fox to accept the July 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 abstain (Uscilla).*

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Motion by Fox, seconded by Wijesekera to accept revisions to Bethany Board of Education Policies 1120, 4131, 5124, 5133, 6141.3291 and Bylaws 9321, 9323, and 9325 as presented. *The motion carries unanimously.*

Motion by Fox, seconded by Seaton to adopt Bethany Board of Education Policies 1317, 4000.1, 5141, 5145.44, 6114.8, 6114.81 and 6172.61 as presented. *The motion carries unanimously.*

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Murray combined the BCS Reopen Plan and Superintendent's Report. She discussed the timeline of communications, Reopen survey results, and updates to the BCS Reopen Plan.

Mrs. Murray stated that the current enrollment is 367.

Mrs. Murray provided an update on Phase II and III of the Annex Project.

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

Mrs. Murray reported that the 2019-2020 year-end budget has closed and \$11,184.11 will be returned to the Town.

Mrs. Murray stated that teacher negotiations have begun.

Director Report

Mrs. Byrd reported on Curriculum and Special Services. Her report is on file in the BOE Packet.

Principal Report Mr. Reed-Swale reported on BCS reopening plans. His report is on file in the BOE Packet.

Chairman Report None.

Public Comment Anya Esonis, Bethany Resident, Questions on the Reopen Plan.
James Stirling, Miller Road, Homeschooling supports.
Dan Searles, Bethany Resident, thanked administration.

Executive Session **Motion** by Pittenger, seconded by Maher that the Board of Education enters into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's performance and that Superintendent Colleen Murray is invited to attend. *The motion carries unanimously.*

Attendance

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Absent

None

Reconvene Moved from Executive Session and the regular meeting reconvened at 9:47 p.m.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.


Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

Approved September 9, 2020