

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Webinar
September 9, 2020

Present

Doreen Fox
John Paul Garcia
EJ Maher arrived at 6:36 pm
Christopher Pittenger
Dorothy Seaton
Lynette White
Namita Wijesekera

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

Lisa Gaw
Shawn Uscilla

Call to Order

Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Seaton to accept the August 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Gaw, Uscilla).*

Committee Reports

Finance:

Motion by Maher, seconded by Fox to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2019-2020 Operating Budget through June 30, 2020, as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Gaw, Uscilla).*

Motion by Seaton, seconded by White to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2020-2021 Operating Budget through July 31, 2020, as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Gaw, Uscilla).*

Motion by Maher, seconded by Fox to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2020-2021 Operating Budget through August 31, 2020, as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Gaw, Uscilla).*

Curriculum:

Mrs. Fox reported that the committee met earlier today and received an update on Curriculum programs, the Curriculum audit, and the new report card.

Facilities:

The committee will be meeting on September 14, 2020.

Negotiations:

Dr. Pittenger reported that teacher negotiations are ongoing.

Policy:

The committee will be meeting on October 13, 2020.

Technology:

The committee will be meeting on October 14, 2020.

Transportation:

Dr. Wijesekera reported that the committee met earlier today and received a transportation update for the opening of school.

ACES:

Mr. Maher will be meeting at ACES tomorrow and discussed agenda topics.

Unfinished Business	None.																				
New Business	Motion by Seaton, seconded by Garcia to adopt the 2020-2021 Board of Education Goals as presented. <i>The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Gaw, Uscilla).</i>																				
Superintendent Report	<p>Mrs. Murray reported that on August 31, 2020, PK-6 enrollment was 370 students.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray provided an update on personnel changes and additional staff that was hired to meet COVID requirements.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray provided an update on the building and grounds projects that took place over the summer including additional COVID related projects.</p>																				
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	Dr. Pittenger provided kudos to administration and staff for their work on reopening the school safely for students and staff.																				
Public Comment	None.																				
Executive Session	<p>Motion by Pittenger, seconded by Maher that the Board of Education enters into Executive Session to discuss pending claims and litigation and that Superintendent Colleen Murray and Director of Special Services, Curriculum and Instruction Kai Byrd are invited to attend. <i>The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Gaw, Uscilla).</i></p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td><u>Attendance</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Present</td> <td>Administration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Doreen Fox</td> <td>Colleen Murray</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Paul Garcia</td> <td>Kai Byrd</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EJ Maher</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christopher Pittenger</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dorothy Seaton</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lynette White</td> <td>Absent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Namita Wijesekera</td> <td>Lisa Gaw</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Shawn Uscilla</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Attendance</u>		Present	Administration	Doreen Fox	Colleen Murray	John Paul Garcia	Kai Byrd	EJ Maher		Christopher Pittenger		Dorothy Seaton		Lynette White	Absent	Namita Wijesekera	Lisa Gaw		Shawn Uscilla
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Reconvene	Moved from Executive Session and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m.																				
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.																				

Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

Approved October 14, 2020