

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Webinar
November 4, 2020

Present

Doreen Fox
John Paul Garcia
Lisa Gaw arrived at 6:39 pm
EJ Maher
Christopher Pittenger, Chair
Dorothy Seaton
Shawn Uscilla
Namita Wijesekera arrived at 6:39 pm

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

Lynette White

- Call to Order** Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.
- PTO Report** None.
- Presentation** Mrs. Byrd, Mr. Bruni, and Mrs. Colby gave a presentation on the new report card.
- Public Comment** None.
- Minutes** **Motion** by Seaton, seconded by Gaw to accept the October 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes, 2 abstain (Maher, Uscilla), 1 absent (White).*
- Committee Reports**
- Finance:** **Motion** by Pittenger, seconded by Wijesekera to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2020-2021 Operating Budget through October 31, 2020 as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (White).*
- Mrs. Murray reported on the 2020-2021 budget preparation process and COVID-19 related expenses.
- Curriculum:** Mrs. Fox reported that the committee met earlier today and received an update on Curriculum programs, new report card, remote learning, and the Equity Team.
- Facilities:** The committee has not met recently.
- Policy:** **Motion** by Fox, seconded by Seaton to accept revisions to Policies 1330, 4112.6/4212.6, 4115, 4121/4221, 4148/4248, 5132, 5141, 5145.15, 6114.1, 6141.311, 6162.51, Bylaws 9273, and 9311 for first reading as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 1 abstain (Gaw), 1 absent (White).*
- Motion** by Fox, seconded by Seaton to accept for adoption Policies 4118.237/4218.237, 5132.1, 6114.82, 6142.102, and 6142.103 for first reading as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 1 abstain (Gaw), 1 absent (White).*

Motion by Fox, seconded by Wijesekera to accept deletions to Policies 4118.112/4218.112, 4118.113/4218.113, 5141.3, 5145.5, 5145.6, and 6135 for first reading as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (White).*

Technology: The committee has not met recently.

Transportation: The committee has not met recently.

ACES: Mr. Maher will be attending a meeting tomorrow and discussed the agenda items to be addressed.

Unfinished Business None.

New Business Mrs. Murray presented the 2021-2022 school calendar and a discussion took place.

Superintendent Report Mrs. Murray reported that on October 31, 2020, PK-6 enrollment was 369 students.

Mrs. Murray reported earlier on the 2021-2022 budget development.

Mrs. Murray stated there is no update on the Annex project.

Mrs. Murray provided an update on the status of snow days. The State Department of Education left it up to each district to determine if snow days will be a remote learning day or a snow day. BOWA has met to discuss the status and there are a lot of factors to consider. She will provide an update in the future.

Mrs. Murray and BOWA superintendents met with Quunipiack Valley Health Department and Orange Health Department to discuss Thanksgiving student scheduling options. BOWA has agreed to move to a Hybrid/Remote Model the week of Thanksgiving and a Remote Learning model for the following week. Mrs. Murray will send out communications by Friday in order for staff and families to plan.

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 recent and upcoming events. His report is on file in the BOE Packet.

Chairman Report Dr. Pittenger stated that the Board Forum was well attended and the feedback that was provided will continue to improve and inform processes going forward.

Dr. Pittenger informed members of a recent meeting with the Woodbridge BOE regarding shared services. At this time, there are no services that are immediate to address.

Public Comment None.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.


Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary