

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Webinar
January 13, 2021

Present

Doreen Fox
John Paul Garcia
EJ Maher arrived at 6:37 pm
Christopher Pittenger, Chair
Dorothy Seaton
Shawn Uscilla
Lynette White
Namita Wijesekera

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

Lisa Gaw

- Call to Order** Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- PTO Report** A PTO report was given by Amy Lestinsky. Mrs. Lestinsky reported on recent and upcoming PTO events.
- Public Comment** None.
- Minutes** **Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Seaton to accept the December 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 1 abstain (Uscilla), 1 absent (Gaw).*
- Committee Reports**
- Finance:** **Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Fox to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2020-2021 Operating Budget through December 31, 2020 as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Gaw).*
- Curriculum:** Mrs. Fox reported that the committee met earlier today and received an update on Curriculum programs, remote learning, and the Equity Team.
- Facilities:** The committee met on January 14th and received an update on facilities and grounds projects, the Annex project, and a Capital Improvement recommendation.
- Policy:** The committee is scheduled to meet on February 16th.
- Technology:** The committee is scheduled to meet on May 12th.
- 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

Dr. Pittenger explained the budget process. Mrs. Murray presented the 2021-2022 Proposed Spending Plan. Mrs. Murray answered questions from Board members.

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Murray reported that on December 31, 2020, PK-6 enrollment was 371 students.

Mrs. Murray detailed the weekly instructional model decision-making process and timing.

Mrs. Murray explained the District's quarantine and travel advisory guidelines for staff and students. School Medical Advisor, Dr. Wijesekera provided additional input.

Mrs. Murray announced that the District will be hosting a closed vaccine clinic for staff in February and March. School Medical Advisor, Dr. Wijesekera provided additional input.

Mrs. Murray provided an update on recent personnel changes.

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

Chairman Report

Dr. Pittenger stated that he submitted an article for the January 2021 Bethany Bulletin with Mrs. Murray.

Dr. Pittenger asked for the Board's support on January 29, 2021, when the 2021-2022 Superintendent's Proposed Spending Plan will be presented to the Board of Finance.

Communications

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.


Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

Approved February 17, 2021