

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Webinar
February 17, 2021

Present

Doreen Fox
John Paul Garcia
Lisa Gaw
EJ Maher
Christopher Pittenger, Chair
Dorothy Seaton
Shawn Uscilla arrived at 6:34 pm
Namita Wijesekera arrived at 6:36 pm

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

Lynette White

- Call to Order** Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Seaton, seconded by Fox to accept the January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 1 abstain (Gaw), 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 January 31, 2021 as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (White).*
- Mrs. Seaton further reported on COVID related expenses, Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Funds II Grant, and the Annex 2 project.
- Curriculum:** Mrs. Fox reported that the committee met earlier today and received an update on student achievement, curriculum programs, remote learning, and the Equity Team.
- Facilities:** The committee is scheduled to meet on March 15th.
- Policy:** The committee met last night and will present policies for first reading at the March meeting.
- Technology:** The committee is scheduled to meet on May 12th.
- Transportation:** The committee has not met recently.
- ACES:** Mr. Maher provided an update on the topics discussed at last week's meeting.

Unfinished Business

Motion by Seaton, seconded by Wijesekera to adopt the Superintendent's recommended Spending Plan for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$7,241,486 and the recommended capital improvement project. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (White).*

New Business

None.

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Murray reported that on January 31, 2021, PK-6 enrollment was 371 students.

Mrs. Murray reported a potential of 49 incoming Kindergarten students for the 2021-2022 school year. Thirty-five of these students have pre-registered.

Mrs. Murray provided an update on the Extended Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA). After the District implemented an agreement for paid sick leave related to COVID-19, the Governor implemented an Executive Order extending the terms of EPSLA which supersedes the District agreement.

Mrs. Murray stated that educators have not been approved for vaccinations at this time. Once approved, she will work with Quininiack Valley Health District to administer the vaccines expeditiously.

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 the Board of Finance will be notified of the Board of Education approval of the 2021-2022 budget and will await further guidance.

Communications

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.


Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

Approved March 10, 2021