

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2021

Present

Angelo Amato
Angel Irigoyen
Amy Lestinsky, Vice Chair
EJ Maher
Chris Pittenger, Chair
Shawn Uscilla arrived at 6:33 pm
Namita Wijesekera

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

John Paul Garcia
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 Agnes Crisanti. Mrs. Crisanti reported on upcoming PTO events.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Motion by Wijesekera, seconded by Uscilla to accept the August 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 5 yes, 2 abstain (Amato, Maher), 2 absent (Garcia, White).*

Committee Reports

Finance:

Motion by Pittenger, seconded by Maher to accept the final report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2020-2021 Operating Budget through June 30, 2021 as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Garcia, White).*

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by Amato to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2021-2022 Operating Budget through July 31, 2021 as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Garcia, White).*

Dr. Pittenger further reported on the 2022-2023 Budget Process, Audit update, and Education Finance System State Report.

Curriculum:

The committee met last week and discussed curriculum programs, professional learning, SBAC scores, and the Equity Team.

Facilities:

The committee met last night and discussed building and grounds summer work and upcoming projects.

Ad Hoc Facilities:

The committee has not met recently.

Policy:

The committee will be meeting on October 12, 2021.

Transportation:

The committee met briefly earlier tonight and discussed bus routes and an appeal.

ACES:	Mr. Maher stated ACES will be meeting next week and discussed the agenda topics that will be addressed.
Unfinished Business	None.
New Business	Motion by Wijesekera, seconded by Uscilla to adopt the 2021-2022 Board of Education Goals as presented. <i>The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Garcia, White)</i>
Superintendent Report	<p>Mrs. Murray reported that on August 26, 2021, PK-6 enrollment was 387 students.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray provided an update on new personnel and those that have recently resigned. Discussion ensued about how to minimize turnover.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray discussed the state vaccination requirements for employees.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray and Dr. Wijesekera discussed optional weekly diagnostic testing for students along with the pros and cons. The Board asked her to send out an interest survey to parents.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Byrd provided an update on the American Rescue Plan and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant funds.</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's recent and upcoming events. His report is on file in the BOE Packet.
Chairman Report	<p>Dr. Pittenger asked Board members to commit to attending both regular and committee meetings. He also reminded them to notify Mrs. Murray or Mrs. Carpenter if they are unable to attend.</p> <p>Dr. Pittenger discussed the BOE Fall Open Forum and possible dates in late October.</p> <p>Dr. Pittenger stated that the CAGE Conference will be held on November 12, 2021 and would be a great learning opportunity for new Board members to attend.</p>
Communications	Reviewed and placed on file.
Public Comment	None.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Susan Carpenter
 Susan L. Carpenter
 Recording Secretary

Approved October 13, 2021