

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Webinar
January 12, 2022

Present

Angelo Amato
John Paul Garcia
Amy Lestinsky, Vice Chair
EJ Maher
Christopher Pittenger, Chair
Lynette White, Secretary
Namita Wijesekera

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

Angel Irigoyen
Shawn Uscilla

Call to Order

Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Presentation

Rob White of Rob White Architect LLC presented on the outdoor education spaces proposed for BCS and answered Board member questions.

PTO Report

Mrs. Crisanti reported on recent and upcoming PTO events.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Lestinsky to accept the December 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 5 yes, 2 abstain (Maher, White), 2 absent (Irigoyen, Uscilla).*

Committee Reports

Finance:

Motion by Pittenger, seconded by Garcia to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2021-2022 Operating Budget through December 31, 2021 as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes, 1 abstain (Maher), 2 absent (Irigoyen, Uscilla).*

Dr. Pittenger further reported on the American Rescue Plan/ESSER III Grant Update, 2022-2023 Budget, and the audit.

Curriculum:

The committee met on January 5, 2022 and discussed curriculum programs, professional learning, equity, and received a presentation on educational software.

Facilities:

The committee is scheduled to meet on April 5, 2022.

Ad Hoc Facilities:

The committee has not met recently.

Policy:

The committee is scheduled to meet on March 8, 2022.

Transportation:

The committee has not met recently.

ACES:

None.

Unfinished Business	None.
New Business	Mrs. Murray presented the 2022-2023 Superintendent's Proposed Spending Plan and answered questions from Board members. The presentation will be posted on the website.
Superintendent Report	<p>Mrs. Murray reported that on December 31, 2021, PK-6 enrollment was 405 students.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray is projecting 55 Kindergartners for next year. At this time, 27 students have pre-registered.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray notified the Board that the District is currently fully staffed with the hiring of 2 paraprofessionals and 2 lunch aides.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray provided updates on the ever-changing COVID Guidelines, Project COVID DeteCT, Pediatric Vaccine Clinics, absentee rates of students and staff, and Test Kits.</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	Dr. Pittenger stated that a Spring Open Forum will be scheduled for late March, early April.
Communications	None.
Public Comment	None.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.


 Susan L. Carpenter
 Recording Secretary

Approved February 9, 2022