

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons
May 11, 2022**

Present

John Paul Garcia
Amy Lestinsky, Vice Chair
EJ Maher
Christopher Pittenger, Chair
Shawn Uscilla arrived at 6:36 pm
Lynette White

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

Angelo Amato
Angel Irigoyen
Namita Wijesekera

Call to Order

Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Student Recognition

Celine Ding and Srestha Kompalli were recognized as the 2021-2022 SCASA Superintendent Award Recipients.

Presentation

Mr. Garcia and Mrs. Murray presented the Five-Year Facilities Plan to the Board.

PTO Report

Mrs. Crisanti reported on recent and upcoming PTO events and slate of officers.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Lestinsky to accept the April 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 4 yes (Garcia, Lestinsky, Pittenger, White), 3 absent (Amato, Irigoyen, Wijesekera), 2 abstain (Maher, Uscilla).*

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Maher to accept the April 28, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 4 yes (Garcia, Lestinsky, Maher, Pittenger), 3 absent (Amato, Irigoyen, Wijesekera), 2 abstain (Uscilla, White).*

Committee Reports

Finance:

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by White to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2021-2022 Operating Budget through April 30, 2022 as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes (Garcia, Lestinsky, Maher, Pittenger, Uscilla, White), 3 absent (Amato, Irigoyen, Wijesekera).*

Dr. Pittenger further reported on the options available for the budget surplus. The consensus of the Board members is that \$70,000 will be allocated to a non-recurring construction account to be used for outdoor education, \$58,221 allocated to the 5% to the non-lapsing account, and the balance returned to the Town. Mrs. Murray and Dr. Pittenger or Mrs. Lestinsky will be attending the June 14th Board of Finance Meeting for approval.

Curriculum:

The committee met and discussed curriculum and professional learning updates along with an Equity presentation.

Facilities: The committee has not met recently.

Ad Hoc Facilities: The committee has not met recently and is now disbanded.

Policy: The committee has not met recently.

Transportation: The committee has not met recently.

ACES: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business **Motion** by White, seconded by Uscilla to approve revisions to Policies 1331, 4118.231/4218.231, 5114, 5131.111, 5131.7, 6144, 6151, 6164.11, 6173, 7211, and Bylaw 9000 as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes (Garcia, Lestinsky, Maher, Pittenger, Uscilla, White), 3 absent (Amato, Irigoyen, Wijesekera).*

Motion by White, seconded by Maher to approve the deletion of Policies 4118.237/4218.237, 5132.1, and 6172.61 as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes (Garcia, Lestinsky, Maher, Pittenger, Uscilla, White), 3 absent (Amato, Irigoyen, Wijesekera).*

New Business **Motion** by Lestinsky, seconded by White to approve the adoption of the Connecticut State Department of Education Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Plan Flexibilities for the 2022-2023 school year. *The motion carries 6 yes (Garcia, Lestinsky, Maher, Pittenger, Uscilla, White), 3 absent (Amato, Irigoyen, Wijesekera).*

Superintendent Report Mrs. Murray reported that on April 30, 2022, PK-6 enrollment was 413 students.

Mrs. Murray is projecting 53 Kindergartners for next year. At this time, 44 students have pre-registered.

Mrs. Murray provided an update on current job openings.

Mrs. Murray provided an update on the Kristen Cushing 5K Color Run/Walk and Health Fair held on May 6th. Enough funds were raised to cover the full cost of paving the running track.

The BWA Boards of Education came to an agreement with and approved a 2-year extension on the current bus contract with B&B Transportation that will have a minimal financial impact on the District.

Mrs. Murray provided a status on the Gymnasium Air Conditioning Project, Food Service contract, and Outdoor Education Pavilion Request for Proposal.

Mrs. Murray provided Board members with a COVID update.

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. Mr. Reed-Swale's report is on file in the BOE Packet.

Chairman Report

Dr. Pittenger reminded Board members of upcoming events and encouraged Board members to attend:

- Monday, May 16th, Town Meeting, 7:00 pm at Town Hall
- Tuesday, May 17th, Spotlight Spectacular, 4:30 pm at Birchwoods in Woodbridge
- Wednesday, June 1st, Superintendent Meet & Greet, 6:00 pm in the BCS Gymnasium
- Monday, June 13th, 4:00 pm, Colleen Murray Retirement Picnic
- Wednesday, June 15th, 9:30 am, Sixth Grade Graduation
- Thursday, June 16th, last day of school for students

Communications

Reviewed and placed on file.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Susan Carpenter
Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

Approved September 14, 2022

APPROVED