

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons
September 14, 2022

Present

Angelo Amato
John Paul Garcia
Amy Lestinsky, Vice Chair
Christopher Pittenger, Chair
Lynette White

Administration

Kai Byrd
Cheryl Kiesel
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

Angel Irigoyen
EJ Maher
Shawn Uscilla
Namita Wijesekera

Call to Order

Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PTO Report

Mrs. Rosenstein reported on recent and upcoming PTO events.

Public Comment

Anya Reed, 58 North Humiston Drive. Requested BOE meetings are held via Zoom.

Andre Puleo, 36 Knollwood Road. Submitted a comment that BOE meetings be held via Zoom.

Minutes

Motion by Garcia, seconded by White to accept the May 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 4 yes (Garcia, Lestinsky, Pittenger, White), 4 absent (Irigoyen, Maher, Uscilla, Wijesekera), 1 abstain (Amato).*

Committee Reports

ACES: Nothing to report.

Curriculum: Ms. Kiesel will report on Curriculum later in the meeting.

Facilities: The committee met last night and discussed grounds and facilities updates.

Finance: **Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Pittenger to accept the final report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2021-2022 Operating Budget through June 30, 2022 as presented. *The motion carries 5 yes (Amato, Garcia, Lestinsky, Pittenger, White), 4 absent (Irigoyen, Maher, Uscilla, Wijesekera).*

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Pittenger to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2022-2023 Operating Budget through July 31, 2022 as presented. *The motion carries 5 yes (Amato, Garcia, Lestinsky, Pittenger, White), 4 absent (Irigoyen, Maher, Uscilla, Wijesekera).*

Motion by White, seconded by Garcia to accept the final report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2022-2023 Operating Budget through August 31, 2022 as presented. *The motion carries 5 yes (Amato, Garcia, Lestinsky, Pittenger, White), 4 absent (Irigoyen, Maher, Uscilla, Wijesekera).*

Mrs. Lestinsky further reported with an update on the ARP/ESSER III grant projects, 2023-2024 Budget Process, Audit, and the EFS State report.

Policy: The committee will be meeting on October 11, 2022.

Transportation: The committee met tonight and discussed transportation routes for the new school year.

Unfinished Business None.

New Business **Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Lestinsky to approve the Child Nutrition Authorized Signatures Change Form to include Superintendent, Kai Byrd as the first person and Business Manager, Brandy Spargo as the second person designated to authorize and sign Child Nutrition claims for reimbursement as required by the Connecticut State Department of Education. *The motion carries 5 yes (Amato, Garcia, Lestinsky, Pittenger, White), 4 absent (Irigoyen, Maher, Uscilla, Wijesekera).*

The Board reviewed their goals and discussion ensued. An addition to Goal #4 regarding Board member attendance will be drafted for the next meeting.

Superintendent Report Mrs. Byrd reported that on August 31, 2022, PK-6 enrollment was 428 students. Mr. Garcia requested that historical enrollment be provided periodically.

Mrs. Byrd reported on the status of the Gymnasium Air Conditioning, Pavilion, Running Track Paving, and the accessible Playscape regrading projects.

Mrs. Byrd provided an update on current job openings.

Director Report Ms. Kiesel 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 announced that the BOE Fall Open Forum will be held on Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Dr. Pittenger addressed the options of BOE meetings being held virtually. At this time, technology is not available to hold a hybrid meeting but is included in the 5-year Facility Plan. Technology to live stream a meeting with public comments being submitted online is being researched and is anticipated to be available at the November BOE meeting.

Communications None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Susan Carpenter

Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

Approved October 12, 2022

APPROVED