

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2022**  
**Via Zoom Meeting**

**PRESENT**

John Paul Garcia  
Amy Lestinsky  
Chris Pittenger, Chair arrived at 5:36 pm

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kai Byrd  
Brandy Spargo

**ABSENT**

Shawn Uscilla

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Lestinsky called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

**Minutes**

**Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Lestinsky to accept the June 7, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. *The motion carries 2 yes, 2 absent (Pittenger, Uscilla).*

**New Business**

Mrs. Byrd and Mrs. Spargo reviewed the final June 2022 Operating Budget Summary.

**Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Lestinsky to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2022-2023 final Operating Budget for the month of June 2022 as presented and forward to the Board of Education. *The motion carries 2 yes, 2 absent (Pittenger, Uscilla).*

Mrs. Byrd and Mrs. Spargo reviewed the final June 2022 Operating Budget Summary.

**Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Lestinsky to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2023-2024 final Operating Budget for the month of July 2022 as presented and forward to the Board of Education. *The motion carries 2 yes, 2 absent (Pittenger, Uscilla).*

**Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Lestinsky to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2023-2024 final Operating Budget for the month of August 2022 as presented and forward to the Board of Education. *The motion carries 2 yes, 2 absent (Pittenger, Uscilla).*

Mrs. Byrd reported that the ARP/ESSER III projects that were written into the grant are on track:

- The gymnasium air conditioning project is well underway and on budget.
- Student programming has been very successful. As you are aware, the BOOST program has been very successful since the program began in the summer of 2021. BOOST will continue for this school year but it is important to remember that those funds are dwindling and the District will have to decide if this is something that the BOE will fund in the future.

- In addition to the intervention programs offered this summer, two enrichment programs were offered, an open art studio program and a community social skills program for our identified special education students.
- Currently, Ms. Kiesel is working on an ARP/ESSER Innovation After School competitive grant that may fund all of the current programs and add several more.

Mrs. Spargo stated the Educational Financial System (EFS) annual report has been reviewed, certified by the Superintendent, and has been submitted to the state in advance of the September 1st deadline, there are no issues at this time. The auditors will review the report and make any corrections needed. Grant expenditures have also been submitted as part of the EFS reporting. The auditing of the report, by the auditors, should be completed by December 31st.

The committee also discussed staffing, enrollment, and class sizes.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

#### **Future Agenda Items**

- Approval of the September 13, 2022 minutes
- September 2022 Operating Budget Summaries

*Kai Byrd*  
Kai Byrd  
Recorder

Approved November 8, 2022