

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons
October 12, 2022

Present

Angelo Amato
John Paul Garcia
Amy Lestinsky, Vice Chair
EJ Maher arrived at 6:38 pm
Christopher Pittenger, Chair
Lynette White, Secretary
Namita Wijesekera arrived at 6:38 pm

Administration

Kai Byrd
Cheryl Kiesel
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

Angel Irigoyen
Shawn Uscilla

Call to Order

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

PTO Report

Mrs. Zaldo reported on recent and upcoming PTO events.

Presentation

Mr. Reed-Swale and Ms. Nathman gave a presentation on Student Achievement and fielded questions from Board members.

Public Comment

Melissa Zaldo, 191 Beacon Road. Discussed the SBA data and commended administration and staff for their hard work.

Minutes

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Amato to accept the September 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 5 yes (Amato, Garcia, Lestinsky, Pittenger, White), 2 abstain (Maher, Wijesekera), 2 absent (Irigoyen, Uscilla).*

Committee Reports

ACES:

Mr. Maher stated there has been a lot of discussion on real estate selling and purchasing.

Curriculum:

The committee met last week and was provided an update on Curriculum and Professional Learning and viewed a Student Achievement presentation.

Facilities:

The committee has not met recently.

Finance:

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Wijesekera to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2022-2023 Operating Budget through September 30, 2022 as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Garcia, Lestinsky, Maher, Pittenger, White, Wijesekera), 2 absent (Irigoyen, Uscilla,).*

Mrs. Byrd further reported with an update on the ARP/ESSER III grant projects and the 2023-2024 Budget Process.

Policy:

The committee met last night and will bring forth policies for first reading at the November meeting.

Transportation:

The committee has not met recently.

Unfinished Business	Motion by Amato, seconded by Lestinsky to adopt the 2022-2023 Board of Education Goals as revised. <i>The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Garcia, Lestinsky, Maher, Pittenger, White, Wijesekera), 2 absent (Irigoyen, Uscilla,).</i>
New Business	None.
Superintendent Report	<p>Mrs. Byrd reported that on September 30, 2022, PK-6 enrollment was 429 students. As requested by Mr. Garcia historical enrollment has been provided.</p> <p>Mrs. Byrd reported on the status of the Gymnasium Air Conditioning, Pavilion, Running Track Paving, and the Playscape regrading projects.</p> <p>Mrs. Byrd provided an update on newly hired personnel and current job openings.</p> <p>Mrs. Byrd stated that the calendar has been finalized for the 2023-2024 budget planning process.</p>
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	<p>Dr. Pittenger stated that Live Streaming the BOE meeting is being tested tonight in the hopes of going live to the public at the November BOE meeting. Mr. Garcia stated that he felt Zoom meetings would be beneficial as there was more public participation.</p> <p>Dr. Pittenger announced that the BOE Fall Open Forum will be held on Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30 pm via Zoom.</p> <p>Dr. Pittenger stated the CABA/CAPSS Conference will be held November 18th and 19th. Any BOE members wishing to attend should contact Sue.</p>
Communications	None.
Public Comment	None.
Executive Session	Motion by Pittenger, seconded by Wijesekera that the Board of Education enters into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's 2022-2023 goals and that Kai Byrd is invited to attend. <i>The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Garcia, Lestinsky, Maher, Pittenger, White, Wijesekera), 2 absent (Irigoyen, Uscilla,).</i>

Attendance

Present

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

Other

Kai Byrd

Absent

Angel Irigoyen
 Shawn Uscilla

Reconvene

Moved from Executive Session and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Susan Carpenter

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Recording Secretary

Approved November 9, 2022

APPROVED