

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2023**

PRESENT

Angelo Amato arrived at 6:30 pm
Susan Bradford
Amy Lestinsky
Namita Wijesekera, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Kai Byrd
Cheryl Kiesel
Tom Reed-Swale

ABSENT

EJ Maher

Call to Order

Dr. Wijesekera called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

New Business

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by Bradford to accept the February 1, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. *The motion carries 3 yes (Bradford, Lestinsky, Wijesekera), 2 absent (Amato, Maher).*

Curriculum & Professional Learning Update

Ms. Kiesel reported that on February 17th teachers had an opportunity to continue their work related to the Science of Reading with Margie Gillis. The PD was well received and she is hopeful of providing additional professional development with Margie Gillis.

K-3 Reading Legislative Update

Ms. Kiesel shared that the District's Science of Reading waiver was sent to the state on February 27, 2023. The document was quite detailed and was a total of 79 pages long. A special thank you to Andrea Hubbard and Sue Carpenter for their collaboration in the creation of the document. At this time, it is unclear what the timing will be in response to the waiver.

Ms. Kiesel also reported on the biennial reading survey from the CSDE. The reading survey would have been administered this school year but has been postponed until next year because the state is looking to redesign this assessment to align with the Science of Reading.

Ms. Bradford requested clarification of the morning meetings that are held at the school. Mr. Reed-Swale provided the information requested.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Future Agenda Items

- Approval of the March 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Curriculum/Professional Learning Update
- Spanish Program Update (April)
- Music Program Update (Before and After School)

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Recorder

Approved March 29, 2023