

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons
November 8, 2023**

Present

Angelo Amato
Susan Bradford
John Paul Garcia left at 6:55pm
Amy Lestinsky
EJ Maher
Chris Pittenger
Lynette White
Namita Wijesekera

Administration

Kai Byrd
Cheryl Kiesel
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

Shawn Uscilla

Call to Order

Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
Motion: by Lestinsky, seconded by White to change the order of the meeting agenda to allow for the first opportunity for public comment to be placed before the PTO report. *The motion carries 8 yes (Amato, Bradford, Garcia, Lestinsky, Maher, Pittenger, White, Wijesekers), 1 absent (Uscilla)*

Public Comment

Paula Confrancesco, 27 North Humiston Drive
James Stirling, 20 Miller Rd
Melissa Zaldo, 191 Beacon Rd

PTO Report

Mrs. Zaldo reported on recent and upcoming PTO events.

Presentation

Mr. Reed-Swale and Mrs. Nathaman presented on 2023 SBA & NGSS Results

Minutes

Motion by Amato, seconded by Lestinsky to accept the October 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, as amended. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Lestinsky, Maher, Pittenger, White, Wijesekers), 2 absent (Garcia, Uscilla)*

Committee Reports

ACES:

Ms. Bradford reported on the meeting where the focus was on construction projects and policies.

Curriculum:

The committee met and received an update on Curriculum, Professional Learning, grants and a preview of the data presentation. .

Facilities:

The committee met and received updates on buildings and ground projects including roof repairs and HVAC..

Finance:

Motion by Pittenger, seconded by Wijesekera to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2023-2024 Operating Budget through October 31, 2023 as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes*

(Amato,Bradford, Lestinsky, Maher, Pittenger, White, Wijesekers), 2 absent (Garcia,Uscilla)

Policy: The committee met to review policies with mandated, technical and recommended revisions. All reviewed policies will be presented for first reading in December under New Business..

Transportation: The committee has not met recently.

Unfinished Business None.

New Business Mrs. Byrd presented options for the 2024-2025 calendar.

Superintendent Report Mrs. Byrd reported that on October 31, 2023, PK-6 enrollment was 446 students.

Mrs. Byrd announced newly hired staff members and one resignation.

Mrs. Byrd stated the 2024-2025 budget process is underway. She will be meeting with department heads tomorrow to discuss their budget requests.

Mrs. Byrd thanked outgoing Board of Education members for their service.

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

Chairman Report Dr. Pittenger provided a recap of the Fall Open Forum held on October 24, 2023..

Dr. Pittenger encouraged Board members to attend the CABA Conference on November 17 and 18, 2023 in Mystic.

Dr. Pittenger encouraged current members and newly elected members to attend a BOE Informational on November 28, 2023 at 5:30pm

Dr. Pittenger shared reflections on his years of service and wished remaining and newly elected members well.

Communications None.

Public Comment Naomi Rosentstein, 30 North Humiston Drive.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Kai Byrd
Recording Secretary