

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons
February 14, 2024**

Present

Angelo Amato, Vice Chair arrived at 6:33 p.m.
Susan Bradford
Joseph Cafasso
John Paul Garcia, Chair
Shannon Lane
Caroline Leary
EJ Maher arrived at 6:35 p.m.
Shawn Uscilla arrived at 6:39 p.m.

Administration

Kai Byrd
Cheryl Kiesel
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

Amy Lestinsky

Call to Order

Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Presentation

The BCS Steering Committee members gave a presentation on winter student data and answered Board member questions.

PTO Report

Mrs. Zaldo reported on recent and upcoming PTO events.

Public Comment

Mrs. Zaldo, 191 Beacon Road.

Minutes

Motion by Cafasso, seconded by Leary to accept the January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Lestinsky).*

Committee Reports

ACES:

No report.

Curriculum:

The committee met in February and discussed professional development, curriculum, and viewed the mid-year benchmark data.

Facilities:

The committee has not met recently.

Finance:

Motion by Maher, seconded by Bradford to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2023-2024 Operating Budget through January 31, 2024 as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Lestinsky).*

Policy:

The committee met on February 13, 2024 and will present policies to the Board in March.

Transportation:

The committee has not met recently.

Unfinished Business

Motion by Amato, seconded by Uscilla to adopt the Superintendent's Spending Plan for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$7,949.018. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Lestinsky).*

New Business	None
Superintendent Report	<p>Mrs. Byrd reported that on January 31, 2024, PK-6 enrollment was 450 students.</p> <p>Mrs. Byrd provided an update on previous staff vacancies that have been filled.</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 BCS events. His report is on file in the BOE Packet.
Chairman Report	<p>Mr. Garcia provided an update on a meeting he attended with Mrs. Byrd and representatives from BEA.</p> <p>Mr. Garcia shared that a meeting is scheduled with representatives from the town's emergency response team, the BOE, and the school to debrief a recent incident.</p>
Communications	None.
Public Comment	None.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Donna Ricciardi
Recording Secretary

APPROVED