

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting**

AGENDA

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

Bethany Community School Learning Commons

[Live Stream Link](#)

MISSION STATEMENT

We inspire and empower children to thrive in the world of tomorrow.

1. Call to Order

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PTO Report

3. Public Comment (Policy 1120 & Bylaw 9325)

The Board of Education welcomes public comment. Individuals or groups may address the Board concerning any subject which is within the Board's jurisdiction. Three minutes will be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of fifteen minutes to each subject matter. The speaker is requested to state their name and address. [Submit a public comment online](#) to be read at the next available opportunity.

4. Approval of Minutes (Bylaw 9326)

- a. March 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Action Item

5. Committee Reports (Bylaw 9132)

- a. Curriculum
- b. Facilities
- c. Finance
 - i. Report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2023-2024 Operating Budget through March 31, 2024 Action Item
- d. Policy

6. Unfinished Business (Bylaw 9300)

- a. Approved for first reading at the BOE Regular Meeting on March 13, 2024, the following policies are recommended for revision:
 - i. Revisions.....Action Item
 - 1. Policy 1118 – Non-discrimination (Community)

2. Policy 4118.11/4218.11 – Non-discrimination and Equal Education Opportunity (Personnel)
3. Policy 5145.4 – Non-discrimination (Students)
4. Policy 5111 – Admission/Ages of Attendance/Placement

7. New Business (Bylaw 9300)

- a. Healthy Food Option Action Item
- b. Food and Beverage Exemptions Action Item

8. Administrative Reports (Policy 2500)

- a. Superintendent
- b. Director of Special Services, Curriculum, and Instruction
- c. Principal

9. Chairman Report (Bylaw 9121)

10. Correspondence (Bylaw 9300)

11. Public Comment (Policy 1120 & Bylaw 9325)

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12. Meeting Adjourned

Memorandum



To: Board of Education Members

From: Kai Byrd, Superintendent

Date: April 10, 2024

Re: Meeting Minutes

It is recommended under APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Recommended Motion:

- a. Move the Bethany Board of Education accept the March 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons and via Live Stream
March 13, 2024

Present

Angelo Amato
Susan Bradford
Joseph Cafasso
John Paul Garcia
Caroline Leary
EJ Maher, arrived at 6:36 p.m.
Shawn Uscilla, arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Administration

Kai Byrd
Cheryl Kiesel
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

Shannon Lane
Amy Lestinsky

Call to Order

Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6.32 p.m.

Student Recognition

Katerina Borrego and Nico Goncalves were recognized as the 2023-2024 SCASA Superintendent Award Recipients.

PTO Report

Mrs. Zaldo reported on recent and upcoming PTO events.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Motion by Cafasso, seconded by Leary to accept the February 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Leary, Maher, Uscilla), 2 absent (Lane, Lestinsky).*

Committee Reports

Curriculum:

The committee met on March 6, 2024. They received an update on Curriculum and Professional Learning and viewed a presentation on the math program for 5th and 6th grade students.

Facilities:

The committee met on March 12, 2024 and received an update on Building and Grounds projects.

Finance:

Motion by Maher, seconded by Cafasso to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2023-2024 Operating Budget through February 29, 2024, as amended. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Leary, Maher, Uscilla), 2 absent (Lane, Lestinsky).*

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Motion by Bradford, seconded by Leary to approve the Superintendent’s submission of the Increasing Educator Diversity Plan to the CSDE , as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato,Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Leary, Maher, Uscilla), 2 absent (Lane, Lestinsky).*

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Maher to accept the policies for revision for first reading. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Leary, Maher, Uscilla), 2 absent (Lane, Lestinsky).*

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Byrd reported that on February 29, 2024, PK-6 enrollment was 450 students.

Mrs. Byrd stated that enumeration by the town is currently showing 47 students to be kindergarten age for next school year.

Mrs. Byrd provided an personnel update. The vacant BOE Executive Assistant and Paraprofessional positions have been filled and the Business Manager position has been posted.

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

Mr. Garcia asked Board members for feedback on holding a BOE Spring Open Forum.

Board members agreed to hold a BOE Open Forum in the fall and provide a questionnaire to families beforehand.

Communications

None.

Public Comment

Melissa Zaldo, 191 Beacon Road
Naomi Rosenstein, 30 N. Humiston Drive
Octavio Goncalves, 35 Timber Lane

Executive Session

Motion by Maher, seconded by Cafasso that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent’s 2023-2024 mid-year goals and that Kai Byrd is invited to attend. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Leary, Maher, Uscilla), 2 absent (Lane, Lestinsky).*

Present

- Angelo Amato
- Susan Bradford
- Joseph Cafasso
- John Paul Garcia
- Caroline Leary
- EJ Maher
- Shawn Uscilla

Other

- Kai Byrd

Absent

- Shannon Lane
- Amy Lestinsky

Reconvene

Moved from Executive Session and the regular meeting reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Donna Ricciardi
Recording Secretary

DRAFT

Memorandum



To: Board of Education Members

From: Kai Byrd, Superintendent

Date: April 10, 2024

Re: Finance Committee Report of Expenditures and Adjustments

It is recommended that under COMMITTEE REPORTS, (a) Finance:

The attached reports present the adopted 2023-2024 Operating Budget with encumbrances through March 31, 2024.

Recommended Motions:

- i. Move that the Board of Education accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2023-2024 Operating Budget through March 31, 2024.

Bethany Board of Education
Operating Budget 2023-2024 Summary - as of March 2023

	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	YTD July-June	Forecast	Var\$ Feb	Var% Feb	Var\$ Mar	Var% Mar
General Education								
Salaries								
Certified	\$2,239,147	\$2,286,089	\$1,416,971	\$2,280,629	\$ 5,460	0.24%	\$ 5,460	0.24%
Curriculum (Supplemental)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Non-Certified	\$261,922	\$258,624	\$98,273	\$257,402	\$ 1,222	0.47%	\$ 1,222	0.47%
Nurse	\$54,057	\$54,058	\$32,031	\$54,058	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Total Salaries	\$2,555,126	\$2,598,770	\$1,547,275	\$2,592,089	\$ 6,682	0.26%	\$ 6,682	0.26%
Benefits	\$502,865	\$439,519	\$272,892	\$384,441	\$ 45,078	10.26%	\$ 55,078	12.53%
Services								
BCS	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$652	\$5,800	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Curriculum	\$94,012	\$94,012	\$62,733	\$94,012	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
IT	\$52,600	\$52,600	\$50,583	\$52,600	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Total Services	\$152,412	\$152,412	\$113,968	\$152,412	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Supplies								
BCS	\$65,380	\$65,380	\$48,064	\$65,380	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Curriculum	\$5,646	\$5,646	\$7,043	\$8,500	\$ (2,854)	-50.55%	\$ (2,854)	-50.55%
IT	\$111,270	\$113,868	\$112,499	\$119,400	\$ (5,532)	-4.86%	\$ (5,532)	-4.86%
Total Supplies	\$182,296	\$184,894	\$167,606	\$193,280	\$ (8,386)	-4.54%	\$ (8,386)	-4.54%
Other								
BCS	\$1,550	\$1,550	\$240	\$1,550	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Curriculum	\$650	\$650	\$326	\$650	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
IT	\$31,250	\$31,250	\$31,946	\$32,750	\$ (1,500)	-4.80%	\$ (1,500)	-4.80%
Total Other	\$33,450	\$33,450	\$32,512	\$34,950	\$ (1,500)	-4.48%	\$ (1,500)	-4.48%
Subtotal	\$3,426,149	\$3,409,045	\$2,134,253	\$3,357,172	\$ 41,873	1.23%	\$ 51,873	1.52%
Special Education								
Salaries	\$1,333,108	\$1,362,993	\$915,154	\$1,352,641	\$ 10,352	0.76%	\$ 10,352	0.76%
Benefits	\$294,914	\$269,430	\$177,970	\$246,430	\$ 23,000	8.54%	\$ 23,000	8.54%
Services	\$397,265	\$397,265	\$146,992	\$411,455	\$ (14,190)	-3.57%	\$ (14,190)	-3.57%
Supplies	\$7,064	\$7,064	\$18,780	\$7,064	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Other	\$2,852	\$2,852	\$1,586	\$2,852	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Subtotal	\$2,035,203	\$2,039,604	\$1,260,483	\$2,020,442	\$ 19,162	0.94%	\$ 19,162	0.94%
Operations and Overhead								
Salaries	\$1,050,846	\$1,039,336	\$766,335	\$1,024,231	\$ 15,105	1.45%	\$ 15,105	1.45%
Benefits	\$248,635	\$267,848	\$127,220	\$220,198	\$ 47,650	17.79%	\$ 47,650	17.79%
Services	\$169,229	\$174,229	\$150,961	\$170,249	\$ 3,980	2.28%	\$ 3,980	2.28%
Supplies	\$44,800	\$44,800	\$20,680	\$44,800	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Utilities (Electricity)	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$82,875	\$120,000	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Facilities and Maintenance	\$131,330	\$131,330	\$137,455	\$166,500	\$ (35,170)	-26.78%	\$ (35,170)	-26.78%
Student Transportation	\$291,678	\$291,678	\$205,075	\$ 291,678.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Other	\$20,725	\$20,725	\$16,789	\$ 20,904.00	\$ (179)	-0.86%	\$ (179)	-0.86%
Subtotal	\$2,077,243	\$2,089,946	\$1,507,390	\$ 2,058,560.01	\$ 31,386	1.50%	\$ 31,386	1.50%
Total	\$7,538,595	\$7,538,595	\$4,902,125	\$7,436,174	\$ 92,421	1.23%	\$ 102,421	1.36%
Prek Account								
as of 07/01/2023			Revenue	Expenditures	Balance			
Tuition Revenue for FY			11277.14		117734.2			
Total Expenditures for FY				36818.2	80916			
Estimated Balance at Month End					\$80,916.00			
10-248a								
as of 07/01/2023			Revenue	Expenditures	Balance			
Total Revenue for FY			83906.17		453846.91			
Total Expenditures for FY				109284.54	344562.37			
Estimated Balance at Month End					344562.37			
excess cost =								
#1 rcv'd= \$45310-applied directly to invoicing-does not impact budget								
#2 rcv'd =								
Total =								

Memorandum



To: Board of Education Members

From: Kai Byrd, Superintendent

Date: April 10, 2024

Re: Unfinished Business

It is recommended that under UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recommended Motions:

- a.(i)1.-4. Move that the Bethany Board of Education approve the revisions to Policies 1118, 4118.11/4218.11, 5145.4, 5111 as presented...Action Item

Non-discrimination

It is the policy of the Bethany Board of Education (Board) that any form of discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, alienage, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, veteran status, or any other basis prohibited by state or federal law is prohibited, whether by students, Board employees or third parties subject to the control of the Board. The Board's prohibition of discrimination or harassment in its educational programs or activities expressly extends to academic, nonacademic, and extracurricular activities, including athletics, as well as the Bethany Public School District's (District) website. It is also the policy of the Board to provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any discrimination or harassment on the basis of protected characteristics such as race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, alienage, disability, pregnancy, gender identity or expression, or veteran status.

For the purposes of this policy, "gender identity or expression" means a person's gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person's core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose.

For the purposes of this policy, "veteran" means any person honorably discharged from, released under honorable conditions from, or released with an other than honorable discharge based on a qualifying condition from active service in, the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force and any reserve component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard. "Qualifying condition" means a) a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury made by an individual licensed to provide health care services at a United States Department of Veterans Affairs facility, b) an experience of military sexual trauma disclosed to an individual licensed to provide health care services at a United States Department of Veterans Affairs facility, or c) a determination that sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression was more likely than not the primary reason for an other than honorable discharge, as determined in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Sections 27-103(c), (d).

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Any individual wishing to file a complaint regarding discrimination or harassment may obtain a copy of the Board's complaint procedures and complaint form that are included in the Administrative Regulations Regarding Non-Discrimination. These regulations accompany Board Policy#1118 and are available online at www.bethany-ed.org or upon request from the District's Administrative Office.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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If a complaint involves allegations of discrimination or harassment based on reasons such as gender/sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or pregnancy, such complaints will be handled in accordance with other appropriate policies and administrative regulations on Sex Discrimination/Harassment in the Workplace, Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment (Students), Section 504/ADA (Personnel), and Section 504/ADA (Students)).

Individuals also may file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education ("OCR"):

Office for Civil Rights, Boston Office
U.S. Department of Education
8th Floor
5 Post Office Square
Boston, MA 02109-3921
617 289-0111
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/howto.html>

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Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Boston Area Office
John F. Kennedy Federal Building
475 Government Center
Boston, MA 02203
800-669-4000

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860-541-3400
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Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq.
Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794
Connecticut General Statutes § 1-1n
Connecticut General Statutes § 27-103
Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-51
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Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-60
Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-81a
Connecticut General Statutes § 46a-81c
Public Act No. 21-79

Policy adopted: December 14, 2022

Source: Shipman

Mandated Revisions**Non-discrimination**

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[Public Act No. 23-145](#)

Policy adopted: December 14, 2022

Source: Shipman

Non-Discrimination and Equal Education Opportunity

The Board of Education (Board) will not make employment decisions (including decisions related to hiring, assignment, compensation, promotion, demotion, disciplinary action, and termination) on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, marital or civil union status, sexual orientation, national origin, alienage, ancestry, veterans' status, past or present history of mental disability, intellectual disability, learning disability, or physical disability including but not limited to blindness, pregnancy, genetic information, or gender identity or expression, or other disability, except in the case of a bona fide occupational qualification.

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PERSONNEL – CERTIFIED/CLASSIFIED

4118.11(b)

4218.11(b)

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Boston, MA 02203-0506
Telephone: 1-800-669-4000
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PERSONNEL – CERTIFIED/CLASSIFIED

4118.11(c)

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Mandated Revisions

Non-Discrimination and Equal Education Opportunity

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For the purposes of this policy, "race" is inclusive of ethnic traits historically associated with race, including but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles. "Protective hairstyles" includes, but is not limited to, wigs, headwraps, and hairstyles such as individual braids, cornrows, locs, twists, Bantu knots, afros, and afro puffs.

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BETHANY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethany, Connecticut

Non-Discrimination

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Mandated Revisions**Non-Discrimination**

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 - Public Act 21-79
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Admission/Ages of Attendance/Placement**Admission**

A resident student is a student whose parent or person having control of the student resides in the Town of Bethany or who meets state requirements for school accommodations. Each such child shall have and shall be so advised by the appropriate school authorities, an equal opportunity to participate in the Bethany Public School District's (District) programs and activities without discrimination on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, genetic information or membership in any other protected class. Students who are classified as homeless under federal law, and therefore do not have a fixed residence, will be admitted pursuant to federal law and Board of Education Policy or Administrative Regulation.

Each child entering the District school for the first time must present documentation, including but not limited to, a long-form raised seal birth certificate, proof of a recent physical examination and required immunizations as indicated by state law, proof of domicile, military orders, or court documents, as applicable.

Ages of Attendance

The District school shall provide education for all persons five (5) years of age and older, having attained age five (5) on or before the first day of January of any school year. Additionally, according to Connecticut General Statutes, special education will be provided for children who have attained the age of three (3) and who have been identified as being in need of special education and whose educational potential will be irreparably diminished without special education. The parent or person having control of a child five (5) of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six (6) years of age. The parent or person having control of a child six (6) years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is seven (7) years of age.

The parent or person shall exercise such option by personally appearing at the District office and signing an option form. The District shall provide the parent or person with information on the educational opportunities available in the District.

Placement

A child who applies for initial admission to the school by transfer from a non-public school or from a school outside the District will be placed at the grade they would have reached elsewhere pending observation and evaluation by classroom teachers, other school staff, and the principal. After such observations and evaluations have been completed, the principal will determine the final grade placement of the child. The principal's decision is final with no appeals.

Nothing in this policy shall serve as barriers to immediate enrollment of students, designated as homeless or foster children as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by ESSA. The District shall work with a child welfare agency, the school last attended, or other relevant agencies to obtain the necessary documentation.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176e to 4-180a
 Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-15
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-15c
 Connecticut General Statutes §§ 10-76a to 10-76g

STUDENTS

5111(b)

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-184
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-186, as amended
Connecticut General Statutes §§ 10-233a to 10-233f
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-261
Connecticut Agencies Regulation § 10-76a-1
Connecticut Agencies Regulation § 10-76d-7
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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OPTION TO EXEMPT ATTENDANCE OF
CHILD FIVE OR SIX YEARS OF AGE FROM SCHOOL**

Pursuant to Section 10-184 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I, _____,
Name of parent/guardian/other

of _____,
Address

the parent, guardian or other person charged with the care of the following minor child,

_____, of
Name of child

_____, who was
Address

born on _____ do hereby choose not to send my child to public school during
Date of birth

_____ school year.

Furthermore, before signing this form, a representative of the Bethany Public School District met with me and provided me with information concerning the educational opportunities and school accommodations available in the District.

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

Signature of parent/guardian/other

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Admission/Ages of Attendance/Placement

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ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

Signature of parent/guardian/other

Date

Memorandum



To: Bethany Board of Education
From: Kai Byrd
Date: April 10, 2024
Re: Healthy Food Option

It is recommended under NEW BUSINESS:

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Bethany Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

- a. Move the Board of Education approve the Connecticut State Department of Education’s Healthy Food Option detailed above for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Memorandum



To: Bethany Board of Education
From: Kai Byrd
Date: April 10, 2024
Re: Exemption for Food and Beverage Items

It is recommended under NEW BUSINESS:

The Bethany Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

Recommended Motion:

- b. Move the Board of Education approve the Connecticut State Department of Education’s Exemption for Food and Beverage Items detailed above for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Memorandum



To: Board of Education Members

From: Kai Byrd, Superintendent

Date: April 10, 2024

Re: Superintendent Report

Under ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- Enrollment Update
- Personnel Update

**BETHANY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
2023 -2024 ENROLLMENT SUMMARY**

Grade (Sections)	08/2023	09/2023	10/2023	11/30/2023	12/31/2023	1/31/2024	2/29/2024	3/31/2024
PK	28	27	28	28	29	29	29	29
K (4)	54	55	55	56	56	56	56	56
1 (3)	44	44	44	44	44	43	43	43
2 (3)	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
3 (3)	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
4 (4)	76	76	76	77	77	78	78	78
5 (3)	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	63
6 (3)	66	66	66	67	67	67	67	66
TOTAL (23)	445	445	446	449	450	450	450	448

* Six Open Choice students included.

2022-2023 ENROLLMENT SUMMARY								
Grade (Sections)	08/2022*	09/2022*	10/2022*	11/30/2022	12/31/2022	01/31/2023*	02/28/2023*	03/31/2023*
PK	27	26	27	27	27	29	31	33
K (3)	44	43	43	43	43	42	42	43
1 (3)	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56
2 (3)	54	54	54	54	53	53	53	53
3 (4)	71	72	73	73	73	73	74	74
4 (3)	65	66	66	66	66	65	65	64
5 (3)	64	65	65	65	65	65	64	64
6 (2)	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	46
TOTAL (21)	428	429	431	431	430	430	432	433

* Six Open Choice students included.

2021-2022 ENROLLMENT SUMMARY								
Grade (Sections)	08/2021*	09/2021*	10/2021*	11/30/2021	12/31/2021	01/31/2022*	02/28/2022*	03/31/2022*
PK	16	17	19	22	23	23	23	23
K (3)	50	49	50	50	51	51	51	51
1 (3)	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51
2 (4)	66	66	66	66	67	66	66	67
3 (3)	57	57	57	58	59	59	59	62
4 (3)	58	59	59	60	60	60	61	61
5 (2)	40	40	42	43	43	43	43	43
6 (3)	49	49	50	51	51	51	52	52
TOTAL (21)	387	388	394	401	405	404	406	410

* Five Open Choice students included. One OOD student is not included above.

Memorandum



To: Board of Education Members

From: Cheryl Kiesel

Date: April 10, 2024

Re: Director of Special Services, Curriculum, and Instruction Report

Under ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **Curriculum**
 - Professional Development
 - Grant Update

- **Special Education**
 - Department Updates

Memorandum



To: Board of Education Members

From: Tom Reed-Swale

Date: April 10, 2024

Re: Principal's Report

Under ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- BCS Happenings