

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**BCS Learning Commons and via Live Stream**  
**May 8, 2024**

**Present**

Angelo Amato  
Susan Bradford  
Joseph Cafasso  
John Paul Garcia  
Shannon Lane  
Caroline Leary  
Amy Lestinsky  
EJ Maher, arrived at 6:37 p.m.  
Shawn Uscilla

**Administration**

Kai Byrd  
Cheryl Kiesel  
Tom Reed-Swale

**Absent**

**Call to Order**

Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6.30 p.m.

**PTO Report**

Mrs. Zaldo reported on recent and upcoming PTO events.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Minutes**

**Motion** by Lestinsky, seconded by Uscilla to accept the April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Leary, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 1 absent (Maher).*

**Committee Reports**

**Curriculum:**

The committee met on May 1, 2024. They received an update on Curriculum and Professional Learning and a report card presentation from Ms. Kiesel and Mr. Reed-Swale.

**Facilities:**

The committee met on May 7, 2024. They discussed plans for the building and grounds.

**Finance:**

**Motion** by Cafasso, seconded by Leary to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2023-2024 Operating Budget through April 30, 2024, as presented. *The motion carries unanimously.*

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

**Motion** by Leary, seconded by Amato to accept the policies for revision for first reading. *The motion carries unanimously.*

**Superintendent Report**

Mrs. Byrd reported that on April 30, 2024, PK-6 enrollment was 450 students.

Mrs. Byrd provided a personnel update reporting on the resignations of two Paraprofessionals.

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, Mrs. Byrd recognized and thanked all staff for their dedication and commitment to the growth and success of all BCS students.

**Director Report**

Ms. Kiesel referred to Mr. Amato's Curriculum Committee update.

**Principal Report**

Mr. Reed-Swale reported on BCS's recent and upcoming events.

**Chairman Report**

Mr. Garcia acknowledged correspondence received from staff thanking the Board for teacher/staff appreciation gifts.

Mr. Garcia reminded the Board members of the BOE's Night of Gratitude.

Mr. Garcia thanked the Board for their service and for working together toward the common goals of the education of students and the happiness of the teachers and staff.

**Communications**

None.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

**Visitors in Attendance**

**In Person: 3**

**On Livestream: 8 (20 views)**

*Donna Ricciardi*

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Recording Secretary

Approved June 12, 2024

APPROVED