

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BOE Conference Center
October 9, 2024

Present

Angelo Amato
Susan Bradford
Joseph Cafasso
John Paul Garcia
Shannon Lane
Caroline Leary
Amy Lestinsky

Administration

Kai Byrd
Cheryl Kiesel
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

EJ Maher
Shawn Uscilla

Call to Order

Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

PTO Report

Mrs. Zaldo reported on recent and upcoming PTO events.

Public Comment

None

Minutes

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by Bradford to accept the September 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Leary, Lestinsky), 2 absent (Maher, Uscilla).*

Committee Reports

Curriculum:

The committee met on October 2, 2024. They received an update on Curriculum and Professional Learning and created a plan to review curriculum content areas on a cycle.

Finance:

Motion by Cafasso, seconded by Leary that the Board of Education requests that the Town of Bethany transfer the surplus from the 2023-2024 operating budget, in the amount of \$59,648, into the Board of Education's 10-248a account. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Leary, Lestinsky), 2 absent (Maher, Uscilla).*

Motion by Leary, seconded by Lane to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2024-2025 Operating Budget through September 30, 2024. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Leary, Lestinsky), 2 absent (Maher, Uscilla).*

Policy:

The committee met on October 8, 2024 and discussed policies to be shared with the Board of Education for a first reading at the November meeting..

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Superintendent Report	Mrs. Byrd reported that on September 30, 2024, PK-6 enrollment was 431 students. Mrs. Byrd provided a personnel update. Mrs. Byrd provided an update on the BCS K.I.D.S Program.
Director Report	Ms. Kiesel reported on Curriculum and Special Services.
Principal Report	Mr. Reed-Swale reported on BCS's recent and upcoming events.
Chairman Report	None
Communications	None
Public Comment	None
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Visitors in Attendance

In Person: 5

On Livestream: No Livestream for this meeting

Donna Ricciardi
Recording Secretary

APPROVED