

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2024
Via Zoom Meeting

PRESENT

Amy Lestinsky
Joseph Cafasso
John Paul Garcia

OTHERS PRESENT

Kai Byrd
Donna Ricciardi

ABSENT

EJ Maher

Call to Order

Mrs. Lestinsky called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

Minutes

Motion by, Cafasso seconded by Garcia to accept the September 10, 2024 meeting minutes as presented for the record. *The motion carries 3 yes, 1 absent (Maher),*

New Business

Budget Summary - September 2024

Ms. Ricciardi reported on the operating budget as of September 30, 2024.

Ms. Ricciardi provided an update on the 2025-2026 Budget process. The preliminary meeting with departments was on Thursday, September 27th. They went over the budget process timeline, and provided each department with their budget results from last school year, along with their current year numbers. They are in the process of scheduling meetings in the next couple of weeks with each department, and They will have a preliminary budget to present to the finance committee in November. Their goal is to have a solid draft in place before Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Byrd also reminded the committee that there are things that are going to appear in her proposed spending plan that have previously been paid for with grants, specifically the Boost program and the social worker.

Ms. Ricciardi informed the committee that the 23-24 surplus has been requested from the town.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Future Meeting Agenda Items

- Approval of October 8, 2024 meeting minutes
- October 2024 Operating Budget Summary

Kai Byrd

Recorder