BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons
February 12, 2025

APPROVED

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

Shawn Uscilla, arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Administration
Kai Byrd
Cheryl Kiesel
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent
Caroline Leary
EJ Maher

Call to Order Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Presentation Silver Petrucelli shared its plans and the estimated costs of the North Campus Repair Project.

PTO Report Mrs. Zaldo reported on recent and upcoming PTO events.

Public Comment None

Minutes **Motion** by Lestinsky, seconded by Uscilla to accept the January 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 1 abstain (Lane), 2 absent (Leary, Maher)*

Committee Reports

Curriculum: The committee met on February 5, 2025, and listened to a presentation from Mrs. Kiernan, 5th grade Science Teacher. They also received an update on Curriculum and Professional learning from Ms. Kiesel.

Finance: **Motion** by Uscilla seconded by Cafasso to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2024-2025 Operating Budget through January 31, 2024. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 2 absent (Leary, Maher)*

Policy: The committee met on February 11, 2025. They discussed policies to be shared with the Board of Education for a first reading at the March meeting.

Unfinished Business **Motion** by Lestinsky, seconded by Uscilla to approve the mandated revisions to policies 3100 and 4152.6 as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 2 absent (Leary, Maher)*

Motion by Lane, seconded by Cafasso to approve the recommended revisions to policies 1212, 5111, and 5141.5 as presented. *The motion*

carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 2 absent (Leary, Maher)

Motion by Lane, seconded by Cafasso to approve no revisions to policies 0111,1112, 1140, 1170, and 1210 as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 2 absent (Leary, Maher).*

New Business

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by Uscilla to approve the use of the 10-248a account to fund the Ramp Repair Project estimated expense of $174,823.51. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 2 absent (Leary, Maher).*

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Byrd reported that on January 31, 2025, PK-6 enrollment was 435 students.

Mrs. Byrd provided a personnel update.

Mrs. Byrd reported that there is no new information from the insurance company regarding the increase for the upcoming year, therefore, the proposed increase is still currently at 8.8%.

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

Mr. Garcia reported on the request by the town regarding summer camp options.

Communications

Ramya Suriyanarayanarajan, 51 Humiston Drive, sent correspondence to the BOE on January 13, 2025 stating her disappointment in the Board for not adopting Diwali as a holiday in next school year's calendar.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Visitors in Attendance

In Person: 3

On Livestream: 18

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Donna Ricciardi

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Recording Secretary
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