

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons
April 9, 2025**

Present

Angelo Amato, arrived at 6:31 p.m.
Susan Bradford
Joseph Cafasso, arrived at 6:41 p.m.
John Paul Garcia
Shannon Lane
Caroline Leary
Amy Lestinsky
EJ Maher
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 gave the PTO report.

Public Comment

None

Minutes

Motion by Amato, seconded by Lestinsky to accept the March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Garcia, Lane, Leary, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 1 abstain (Maher), 1 absent (Cafasso)*

Committee Reports

Curriculum:

The committee met on April 2, 2025. Mr. Amato provided a report.

Finance:

Motion by Lestinsky seconded by Amato to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2024-2025 Operating Budget through March 31, 2025. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Policy:

The committee met on April 8, 2025. Mrs. Bradford provided a report.

Unfinished Business

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Lane to approve Policy 3171.1 for retirement, to approve Policies 1250, 1312, 1316, 1321, 1330 for recommended revisions, and to approve no revisions to Policies 1220, 1311.1, 1321.2, 1322, 1324. *The motion passed unanimously.*

New Business

Motion by Maher, seconded by Cafasso to approve the CSDE's Healthy Food Option for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Motion by Lane, seconded by Lestinsky to approve the CSDE's Exemption for Food and Beverage Items for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Byrd reported that on March 31, 2025, PK-6 enrollment remained the same at 435 students.

Mrs. Byrd provided a personnel update.

Director Report

Ms. Kiesel deferred to Mr. Amato's Curriculum Committee report.

Principal Report

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

Chairman Report

Mr. Garcia provided an update on Facilities projects and answered questions from the Board.

Communications

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Visitors in Attendance

In Person: 1

On Livestream: 5

Donna Ricciardi

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Recording Secretary

Approved May 14, 2025