

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons
May 14, 2025**

Present

Angelo Amato
Susan Bradford
Joseph Cafasso
Shannon Lane
Amy Lestinsky
Shawn Uscilla

Administration

Kai Byrd
Cheryl Kiesel
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

John Paul Garcia
Caroline Leary
EJ Maher

Call to Order

Mr. Amato 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 April 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 3 absent (Garcia, Leary, Maher)*

Committee Reports

Curriculum:

The committee met on May 7, 2025. Ms. Kiesel will provide an update during her Director Report.

Facilities:

The committee met on May 6, 2025. Mr. Uscilla provided a report.

Finance:

Motion by Amato seconded by Cafasso to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2024-2025 Operating Budget through April 30, 2025. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 3 absent (Garcia, Leary, Maher)*

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Mrs. Bradford provided a summary on the policies being considered for first reading.

Mrs. Lestinsky suggested a change to the wording in Policy 0112.

Dr. Lane suggested a change to the wording in Policy 1411.

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by Cafasso to accept for first reading the Federal Mandates to policies 4000.1, 5145.44, 0523, and 0112. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 3 absent (Garcia, Leary, Maher.)*

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by Lane to accept for first reading the State Mandated new policies 5131.9111 and 5144.12. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 3 absent (Garcia, Leary, Maher).*

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by Cafasso to accept for first reading the Recommended Revision to policy 1411. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 3 absent (Garcia, Leary, Maher).*

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by Amato to accept for first reading No Revision to policies 1340, 1412, 1416, and 1500. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 3 absent (Garcia, Leary, Maher)*

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Byrd reported that on April 30, 2025, PK-6 was 437 students.

Mrs. Byrd provided a personnel update.

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 7:25 p.m.

Visitors in Attendance

In Person: 2

On Livestream: 9

Donna Ricciardi
Recording Secretary