

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BOE Meeting Room and via Zoom
November 12, 2025**

Present

Angelo Amato
Susan Bradford
Joseph Cafasso
John Paul Garcia
Shannon Lane (on Zoom)
Amy Lestinsky
Shawn Uscilla

Administration

Kai Byrd
Cheryl Kiesel
Tom Reed-Swale

Absent

Caroline Leary
EJ Maher

Call to Order

Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order at 6.30 p.m.

PTO Report

Jeanette Savo reported on past and upcoming PTO events.

Data Presentation

Student Achievement by Mr. Reed-Swale and Ms. Nathman

Public Comment

None

Minutes

Motion by Amato, seconded by Cafasso to accept the October 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 2 absent (Leary, Maher).*

Committee Reports

Finance:

Motion by Cafasso, seconded by Lestinsky to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2025-2026 Operating Budget through October 31, 2025. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 2 absent (Leary, Maher).*

Facilities:

The committee meeting was canceled.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by Cafasso to approve for first reading the recommended adoption of Policies 6120 and 6161.1, the recommended revisions to ByLaw 9000 and Policies 6140, 6141, and 6161, and no revisions to Policies 3542.1, 3542.22, 3542.42, and 6141.32. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 2 absent (Leary, Maher)*

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by Uscilla to approve the proposed Bethany Public School District Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes (Amato, Bradford, Cafasso, Garcia, Lane, Lestinsky, Uscilla), 2 absent (Leary, Maher)*

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Byrd reported that on November 1, 2025, PK-6 enrollment was 433 students.

Mrs. Byrd provided a personnel update.

Mrs. Byrd shared an update on the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mrs. Byrd informed the Board members that Amity Regional School District has created an Ad Hoc School Start Times Committee.

Mrs. Byrd shared important upcoming dates for Board members.

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 reflected on his past 12 years as a Board of Education member.

Mr. Garcia complimented his fellow Board members on their ability to work well together and wished the new Board of Education members the best of luck.

Mrs. Byrd presented shared some parting words and a gift for each outgoing Board member.

Communications

None

Public Comment

None

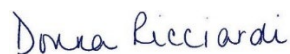
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Visitors in Attendance

In Person: 3

On Zoom: 4



Donna Ricciardi
Recording Secretary
Approved: 12/10/2025