BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BOE Meeting Room and via Zoom
October 14, 2026

Present
Angelo Amato
Matthew Erickson
Johanna Fernandez
Amy Lestinsky
Allyson Weurth
Melissa Zaldo

Administration
Kai Byrd
Cheryl Kiesel
Jackie Nathman

Absent
Susan Bradford
Joseph Cafasso

APPROVED

Call to Order Mr. Amato called the meeting to order at 6.30 p.m.

PTO Report None

Public Comment None

Minutes **Motion** by Lestinsky, seconded by Zaldo to accept the September 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Erickson, Fernandez, Lestinsky, Weurth, Zaldo), 2 absent (Bradford, Cafasso)*

Committee Reports

Curriculum: The committee met on October 7, 2026. Angelo Amato shared a Curriculum & Professional Learning update.

Finance: The committee met on October 13, 2026. Amy Lestinsky shared the September 2026 finance report.

Motion by Zaldo, seconded by Lestinsky to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2026-2027 Operating Budget through September 30, 2026. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Erickson, Fernandez, Lestinsky, Weurth, Zaldo), 2 absent (Bradford, Cafasso)*

Policy: The committee met on October 13, 2026. Matt Erickson shared the plan for future policy updates.

Unfinished Business **Motion** by Lesinsky, seconded by Fernandez to approve No Revisions to Bylaws 9120, 9121, 9122, 9123, and 9124 and Policies 4113, 4116, 4131/4231, and 5126. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Erickson, Fernandez, Lestinsky, Weurth, Zaldo), 2 absent (Bradford, Cafasso)*

Motion by Fernandez, seconded by Lestinsky to approve the Revisions presented to Policy 5000. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Erickson, Fernandez, Lestinsky, Weurth, Zaldo), 2 absent (Bradford, Cafasso)*

New Business **Motion** by Lestinsky, seconded by Weurth to approve a Child Care Leave of Absence to Nicole Rosner through February 2027, with a return

on March 1, 2027. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Erickson, Fernandez, Lestinsky, Weurth, Zaldo), 2 absent (Bradford, Cafasso)*

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Byrd reported that on September 30, 2026, PK-6 enrollment was 409 students.

Mrs. Byrd provided a personnel update.

Mrs. Byrd provided an update on teacher negotiations.

Director Report

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

Principal Report

Ms. Nathman reported on BCS's recent and upcoming events.

Chairman Report

None

Communications

None

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by Weurth to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Teacher Negotiations. Kai Byrd is invited to attend. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Erickson, Fernandez, Lestinsky, Weurth, Zaldo), 2 absent (Bradford, Cafasso)*

Present	**Other**
Angelo Amato	Kai Byrd
Matthew Erickson	
Johanna Fernandez	**Absent**
Amy Lestinsky	Susan Bradford
Allyson Wuerth	Joseph Cafasso
Melissa Zaldo	

Reconvene

Moved from Executive Session and the regular meeting reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Lestinsky, seconded by Weurth to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Bethany Board of Education and the Bethany Education Association July 1, 2027-June 30, 2030. *The motion carries 6 yes (Amato, Erickson, Fernandez, Lestinsky, Weurth, Zaldo), 2 absent (Bradford, Cafasso)*

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Visitors in Attendance

In Person: 2

On Zoom: 10

Donna Ricciardi

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Recording Secretary
Approved 11/11/2026

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