

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 7, 2022**

**PRESENT**

Angelo Amato  
Amy Lestinsky  
Namita Wijesekera, Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kai Byrd  
Cheryl Kiesel  
Tom Reed-Swale

**ABSENT**

Angel Irigoyen  
EJ Maher

**Call to Order**

Dr. Wijesekera called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

**New Business**

**Motion** by Lestinsky, seconded by Amato to accept the May 4, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. *The motion carries 3 yes, 2 absent (Irigoyen, Maher).*

The ARP ESSER Innovation After School grant was submitted yesterday. This is a competitive grant that was written for \$300,000 if we are fortunate enough to receive the funding. This would include afterschool enrichment programming with activities such as STEM lab, open art studio, Bulldog buddies to promote social skills, and community explorers for our students who need opportunities in the community. This would also include a bus so our students from Open Choice could also benefit from this program.

The Professional Development in August was successful. The areas addressed included:

- Sondag Reading for Special Education teachers (which included guests from Woodbridge), Amplify Science, iReady Reading, SeeSaw, behavior, and finally, we continued our work with Dr. Marie Alcock. (Focus was on Bird's eye view and the anatomy of a standard for special education) This professional development and the materials that were purchased in tandem will set the teachers up for success to implement with fidelity.
- Mr. Reed-Swale provided information regarding the SeeSaw platform being used to increase parent engagement. Mrs. Byrd clarified the reason for purchasing additional science materials. Mr. Amato requested that data be kept to assess the effectiveness of the Amplify program.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

## Future Agenda Items

- Approval of the September 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- Curriculum Update
- Professional Learning Update
- SBA Preliminary Data Review

*Kai Byrd*  
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Recorder

Approved October 5, 2022

APPROVED