

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**December 10, 2019**

**PRESENT**

John Paul Garcia  
Lisa Gaw  
EJ Maher  
Chris Pittenger, Ex-Officio arrived at 6:05 pm  
Dorothy Seaton, Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Colleen Murray  
Kai Byrd  
Brandy Spargo

**ABSENT**

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Seaton called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

**Minutes**

**Motion** by Gaw, seconded by Garcia to approve the November 5, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. *The motion carries 3 yes, 1 abstain (Maher).*

**New Business**

Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Spargo reviewed the November 2019 Operating Budget Summary.

**Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Maher to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2019-2020 Operating Budget through November 30, 2019 as presented and forward to the Board of Education. *The motion carries unanimously.*

Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Spargo presented the current status of the budget process. They reported that it has been a challenge this year with pending negotiations, special education needs, and increased health benefits. Mrs. Byrd provided additional information on special education costs and a curriculum reorganization proposal. The committee requested a Budget Workshop following the January Board Meeting on January 8, 2020.

Mrs. Murray explained how the upcoming paraprofessional negotiations are impacting the 2020-2021 budget. She has reached out to the para union president, union representation and Board attorney to expedite the process.

Mrs. Murray provided the committee with an update on the bus negotiations. The contract draft is in the hands of the Amity attorney for approval.

Mrs. Spargo gave an update on the audit process.

Mrs. Murray reported that the Annex II Phase 1 work was awarded to VASE Management who will begin work on December 16, 2019.

Mrs. Murray notified the committee that she was going to increase the BOE Office Clerk's position by 5.5 hours a week to cover additional duties in the BOE Office.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Approval of the December 10, 2019 minutes
- December 2019 Budget Summary Review

Colleen M. Murray  
Recorder

Approved January 7, 2020

APPROVED