

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 7, 2020**

**PRESENT**

John Paul Garcia  
Lisa Gaw  
Dorothy Seaton, Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Colleen Murray  
Brandy Spargo

**ABSENT**

EJ Maher

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Seaton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Minutes**

**Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Gaw to approve the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. *The motion carries 3 yes, 1 absent (Maher).*

**New Business**

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

**Motion** by Gaw, seconded by Garcia to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2019-2020 Operating Budget through December 31, 2019 as presented and forward to the Board of Education. *The motion carries 3 yes, 1 absent (Maher).*

Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Spargo presented the 2020-2021 Superintendent's Spending Plan. They responded to questions and received feedback.

Mrs. Murray reported that the paraprofessional negotiations were stalled due to the election of union officers. Negotiations are expected to begin in late January or early February.

Bethany, Woodbridge, and Amity are in the final stages of bus negotiations. The contract draft is in the hands of the attorneys.

Mrs. Spargo reported that the auditors certified the BOE accounting with the state on time, however, the final audit is not complete due to the 30-day extension requested by the Town.

Mrs. Murray reported that the Annex abatement is completed and VASE contractors are on-site working on the exterior of the building. Early this spring the furnace will be installed and the District will go out to bid on the roof.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

## **Future Agenda Items**

- Approval of the January 7, 2020 minutes
- January 2020 Budget Summary Review
- Budget update
- Paraprofessional Negotiations
- Bus Negotiations
- Audit
- Annex II

Colleen M. Murray  
Recorder

Approved February 11, 2020

APPROVED