

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons
April 10, 2019

Present

Angelo Amato
Doreen Fox
John Paul Garcia
EJ Maher
Christopher Pittenger
Dorothy Seaton
Lynette White
Namita Wijesekera

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Robert Davis

Absent

Call to Order

Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Dr. Pittenger said a few words about the unexpected passing of BOE member, Inez Kelso, and conducted a moment of silence.

Student Report

None.

PTO Report

A PTO report was given by MaryGrace Crisci. Mrs. Crisci reported on recent and upcoming PTO events.

Public Comment

Paula Cofrancesco, 27 North Humiston Drive. Suggested PTO publicizes their events in the Town newsletter to request donations.

Minutes

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Seaton to approve the March 13, 2019 Budget Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 1 abstain (Wijesekera), 1 vacancy (Kelso).*

Committee Reports

Finance: **Motion** by Maher, seconded by White to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the approved 2018-2019 Operating Budget through March 31, 2019, as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 vacancy (Kelso).*

Curriculum: Mr. Amato reported and the meeting agenda is on file.

Facilities: Dr. Wijesekera reported and the meeting agenda is on file.

Policy: The committee has not met recently.

Technology: The committee has not met recently.

Transportation: The committee has not met recently.

ACES: None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Wijesekera to approve the Connecticut State Department of Education's Health Food Option for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 vacancy (Kelso).*

Motion by Wijesekera, seconded by Amato to approve the Connecticut State Department of Education's Exemption for Food Items for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 vacancy (Kelso).*

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Seaton that the contract of employment of Jamie Perrotti, not be renewed for the following year upon the expiration of her one-year contract and the Superintendent is directed to advise such person in writing of this action. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 vacancy (Kelso).*

Motion by Wijesekera, seconded by Amato grant a Child Care Leave of Absence to Kimberly Van Tongeren for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year following her maternity leave. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 vacancy (Kelso).*

Motion by Maher, seconded by Garcia shorten the school year from 182 to 181 days allowing the last day of school for students to be Friday, June 14, 2019. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 vacancy (Kelso).*

Dr. Pittenger announced the Board of Education Vacancy created by Mrs. Kelso's passing. Mr. Garcia put forward the name of Lisa Gaw for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Superintendent Report Mrs. Murray reported that student enrollment was 378 on April 1, 2019.

Mrs. Murray stated that as of today there are 54 pre-registered incoming Kindergarten students which does not include the 2 Open Choice seats.

Mrs. Murray reported that the Flooring Project has been awarded to Bartholomew Company and the project is scheduled to start after the last day of school.

Mrs. Murray stated that the Extended School Year program may be held at Amity due to the capital improvement projects taking place over the summer. The final decision will be made after the Town budget meeting on May 20, 2019.

Mrs. Murray announced the Wellness Council 5K Color Run will be held on May 3, 2019 and invited the Board members to participate.

Director Report Mrs. Byrd reported on Curriculum and Special Services. Her report is on file.

Principal Report Mr. Davis reported on BCS recent and upcoming events. His report is on file.

Chairman Report Dr. Pittenger stated the budget was presented to the Board of Finance and have not heard any feedback.

Dr. Pittenger reminded Board members attend the Town budget meeting on April 22, 2019 and to vote on the budget on May 20, 2019.

Dr. Pittenger stated that during the CAFE Day on the Hill discussions included regionalization and the pursuit of shared services.

Dr. Pittenger indicated the Shared Services Committee met to discuss the regionalization model and will conduct a study to obtain more information.

Dr. Pittenger stated the last week's Open Forum was quiet and brief. Topics included regionalization, the proposed budget, and kindergarten enrollment.

Correspondence

Reviewed.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

Approved May 8, 2019

APPROVED