

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**BCS Learning Commons**  
**December 12, 2018**

**Present**

Angelo Amato  
Doreen Fox arrived at 6:36 pm  
Inez Kelso  
EJ Maher  
Christopher Pittenger  
Lynette White  
Namita Wijesekera stepped out from 6:55 to 7:01 pm

**Administration**

Colleen Murray  
Kai Byrd

**Absent**

John Paul Garcia  
Dorothy Seaton

**Call to Order**

Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Student Report**

Leadership Council students, Nidhi Kompalli and Zachary Plaza presented a report on recent school activities.

**PTO Report**

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

**Public Comment**

Seth Koos, 82 Humiston Drive. Mr. Koos spoke about Transportation concerns.

**Minutes**

**Motion** by Maher, seconded by Kelso to approve the November 7, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. *The motion carries 6 yes, 2 absent (Garcia, Seaton), 1 abstain (Wijesekera).*

**Committee Reports**

**Finance: Motion** by Maher, seconded by Wijesekera to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the approved 2018-2019 Operating Budget through November 30, 2018, as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Garcia, Seaton).*

**Curriculum:** Mrs. Fox reported and the meeting agenda is on file.

**Facilities:** The committee has not met recently.

**Policy:** The committee has not met recently.

**Technology:** The committee has not met recently.

**ACES:** Mrs. Kelso will be attending the meeting tomorrow.

**Transportation:** The committee met to discuss a transportation appeal.

**Unfinished Business**

**Motion** by Fox, seconded by Kelso to approve the revisions to Policies 1140, 1250, 1321, 2100, 2130, 3231, 3320, 3520.13, 3541, 4111/4211, 5114, 5123, 5125, 5131.6, 5141.21, 5141.25, 5141.3, 5144.1, 5145.2, and 6162.51 as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes, 3 absent (Garcia, Seaton, Wijesekera).*

**Motion** by Fox, seconded by Kelso to adopt Policy 6171.1 and Bylaw 9327.1 as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes, 3 absent (Garcia, Seaton, Wijesekera).*

**Motion** by Fox, seconded by Maher to delete Policy 4111.3/4211.3, 5145.16 and 6161.8 as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes, 3 absent (Garcia, Seaton, Wijesekera).*

**New Business**

**Motion** by Maher, seconded by Amato to approve the schedule of regular Board of Education meeting dates for January 2019 through January 2020 pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-21. *The motion carries 6 yes, 3 absent (Garcia, Seaton, Wijesekera).*

**Superintendent Report** Mrs. Murray reported enrollment was 371 on December 1, 2018.

Mrs. Murray explained the Trex Plastic Recycling Program.

**Director Report**

Mrs. Byrd reported on Curriculum and Special Education. Her report is on file.

**Principal Report**

Mrs. Byrd reported on BCS Recent and Upcoming Events on behalf of Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis' report is on file.

**Chairman Report**

Dr. Pittenger stated that the CABA/CAPSS Convention was very well attended.

Dr. Pittenger stated that Mrs. Murray will be discussing the budget process in the Budget Workshop following Executive Session this evening.

**Correspondence**

Reviewed and on file.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Executive Session**

**Motion** by Maher, seconded by Wijesekera that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session to discuss Special Education staffing and that the Superintendent, the Director of Special Services, Curriculum and Instruction, and the Business and Finance Coordinator be invited to attend. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Garcia, Seaton) at 7:20 p.m.*

**Attendance**

Angelo Amato  
Doreen Fox  
Inez Kelso  
EJ Maher  
Christopher Pittenger  
Lynette White  
Namita Wijesekera

**Reconvene**

Moved from Executive Session and the regular meeting reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

  
Susan L. Carpenter  
Recording Secretary

Approved January 9, 2019