

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons
February 13, 2019

Present

Angelo Amato
Doreen Fox
John Paul Garcia
Inez Kelso
EJ Maher
Christopher Pittenger arrived at 6:42 pm
Dorothy Seaton
Lynette White

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Robert Davis

Absent

Namita Wijesekera

- Call to Order** Mrs. Seaton called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- Student Recognition** Jake Doerrler was honored as a Connecticut Association School Visual Arts recipient and Amari Clinton was honored as the Connecticut Association School Performing Arts recipient. Both were honored at a banquet last week.
- Student Report** Leadership Council student, Amari Clinton 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.
- Presentation** The BCS Instructional Support Team of Mr. Bruni, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Laput, and Mrs. Monaco gave a presentation on Student Achievement and the role of the Instructional Support Team.
- Public Comment** Wendy Chadbourne, 47 Sperry Road. Transportation concern.
David Grimes, 22 Woods Road. Live Animals in the Classroom Policy concern.
- Minutes** **Motion** by Seaton, seconded by Fox to approve the December 12, 2018 Budget Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Wijesekera).*
Motion by Garcia, seconded by Amato to approve the January 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 1 absent (Wijesekera), 1 abstain (Kelso).*
- Committee Reports** **Finance: Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Maher to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the approved 2018-2019 Operating Budget through January 31, 2019, as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Wijesekera).*
Curriculum: Mr. Amato reported and the meeting agenda is on file.
Facilities: The committee has not met recently.

Policy: Motion by Fox, seconded by Seaton to accept revisions to Policies 3542.22, 4118.113/4218.113, 4133/4233, 6141.321, 6142.1, 6162.6, 6163.3, 6164.11, 6171, 6171.3, 6200, 7211 and Bylaw 9325 for first reading as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Wijesekera).*

Motion by Fox, seconded by Seaton to accept the deletion of Policy 6141.322 for first reading as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Wijesekera).*

Technology: The committee has not met recently.

Transportation: The committee has not met recently. A meeting will be scheduled for March.

ACES: Mrs. Kelso will be attending a meeting tomorrow.

Unfinished Business **Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Amato to adopt the Superintendent's recommended Spending Plan for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$6,942,161 and present to the Bethany Board of Finance. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Wijesekera).*

New Business **Motion** by Seaton, seconded by Fox to approve the revisions to Policy 5141.4 as revised. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Wijesekera).*

Superintendent Report Mrs. Murray reported enrollment was 378 on February 1, 2019.

Mrs. Murray announced that Trace Middleton has joined the staff as a full-time paraprofessional.

Mrs. Murray stated that as of today there are 47 pre-registered incoming Kindergarten students which include 2 Open Choice students.

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 reiterated the next steps in the Budget Process.

Dr. Pittenger mentioned that the Spring Open Forum has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 3rd.

Dr. Pittenger spoke about a recent meeting with BOWA Board Chairs and Superintendents regarding Beecher Road School lack of classroom space and regionalization. Dr. Pittenger asked that Mr. Maher speak about regionalization that was discussed at a recent Legislative Breakfast he attended.

Correspondence Reviewed and on file.

Public Comment None.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

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