

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

Present

Angelo Amato
Doreen Fox
John Paul Garcia
Inez Kelso
EJ Maher
Christopher Pittenger
Dorothy Seaton
Lynette White

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Robert Davis

Absent

Namita Wijesekera

Call to Order

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

Student Report

Leadership Council students, Scarlett Zhai and Zoe Benton-Browning presented a report on recent school activities.

Mrs. Gorski, Bethany First Selectwoman, presented the Board with a Proclamation recognizing March as Board of Education Appreciation Month. Mrs. Murray presented the Board with a book for the Learning Commons. Leadership students presented the Board with Kindness Rocks.

PTO Report

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

Public Comment

David Grimes, 22 Woods Road. Live Animals in the Classroom Policy concern.

Minutes

Motion by Seaton, seconded by Fox to approve the February 13, 2019 Budget Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Wijesekera).*

Committee Reports

Finance: Motion by Kelso, seconded by Amato to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the approved 2018-2019 Operating Budget through February 28, 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 will be meeting on Monday.

Policy: The committee has not met recently.

Technology: The committee has not met recently.

Transportation: Mrs. Kelso reported and the meeting agenda is on file.

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

Unfinished Business Motion by Fox, seconded by Seaton to approve the 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 as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Wijesekera).*

The Board directed the Superintendent to create Administrative Regulations in furtherance of Policy 6163.3.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Seaton to amend the motion to delete Policy 6141.322 as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Wijesekera).*

New Business

Dr. Pittenger discussed the Shared Resources and Regionalization meeting that took place with the other BOWA districts. Discussion ensued.

The Board reviewed their Mid-Year Goals and did not recommend any revisions.

Superintendent Report Mrs. Murray reported that student enrollment was 377 on March 1, 2019.

Mrs. Murray announced that Crystal Casey will be joining the staff as a part-time paraprofessional.

Mrs. Murray stated that as of today there are 53 pre-registered incoming Kindergarten students which include 2 Open Choice students.

Mrs. Murray reported that the Flooring Project has gone out to bid.

Mrs. Murray reviewed the Next Generation Accountability Report.

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 presentation to the Board of Finance went well.

Dr. Pittenger stated that he will be preparing an article on the budget with Mrs. Murray for the Bethany Bulletin. A letter to parents will be sent as well.

Dr. Pittenger reminded Board members that the Open Forum is scheduled for April 3rd.

Dr. Pittenger stated that CABA Day on the Hill will be held on March 20th.

Dr. Pittenger stated the Amity musical will be held on April 11th and Board members are invited to attend.

Correspondence

None.

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

Motion by Seaton, seconded by Fox that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss the Mid-Year update on the Superintendent's Goals and that the Superintendent is invited to attend. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Wijeseskera) at 8:35 p.m.*

Attendance

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Reconvene

Moved from Executive Session and the regular meeting reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

Approved April 10, 2019

APPROVED