

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons
November 7, 2018

Present

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

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Robert Davis

Absent

Dorothy Seaton
Namita Wijesekera

Call to Order

Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

New Staff

Mrs. Murray introduced new District staff members including Portia Whitted, Marissa McDermott, Caitlin Eaton, Rachel D'Amora, and Margaret Dunn.

Student Report

Leadership Council students, Mia Hartmann and CJ Doerrler presented a report on recent school activities.

PTO Report

A PTO report was given by the Leadership Council students. Mia Hartmann and CJ Doerrler reported on recent and upcoming PTO events.

Public Comment

Louise Avakian, 56 Green Hill Road. Ms. Avakian spoke about the Spanish Program.

Minutes

Motion by Kelso, seconded by Fox to approve the October 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. *The motion carries 6 yes, 2 absent (Seaton, Wijesekera), 1 abstain (Maher).*

Committee Reports

Finance: Motion by Maher, seconded by Amato to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the approved 2018-2019 Operating Budget through October 31, 2018, as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Seaton, 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 Garcia to accept 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 for first reading as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Seaton, Wijesekera).*

Motion by Fox, seconded by Garcia to accept adoption of Policy 6171.1 and Bylaw 9327.1 for first reading as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Seaton, Wijesekera).*

Motion by Fox, seconded by Garcia to accept the deletion of Policies 4111.3/4211.3, m5145.16, and 6161.8 for first reading as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Seaton, Wijesekera).*

Technology: The committee has not met recently.

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

Transportation: The committee has not met recently.

Unfinished Business None.

New Business **Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Kelso to approve the proposed Bethany Public School District Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Seaton, Wijesekera).*

Motion by Maher, seconded by Fox to amend the agenda to add the approval of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Seaton, Wijesekera).*

Motion by Pittenger, seconded by Garcia to approve the approve the Child Nutrition Authorized Signatures Change Form to include Superintendent, Colleen Murray as the first person and Principal, Robert Davis as the second person designated to authorize and sign Child Nutrition claims for reimbursement as required by the Connecticut State Department of Education. *The motion carries 7 yes, 2 absent (Seaton, Wijesekera).*

Superintendent Report Mrs. Murray reported enrollment was 365 on November 1, 2018.

Mrs. Murray provided an update on the 2019-2020 Budget Development process.

Director Report Mrs. Byrd reported on Curriculum and Special Education. 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 recent BOE Open Forum was brief and congenial
Dr. Pittenger reminded members of the CABE/CAPSS Convention on November 15th and November 16th.

Dr. Pittenger recognized the Board receiving the CABE Board Leadership Award for the second year in a row.

Dr. Pittenger announced the State Board of Education is looking for new members.

Correspondence Reviewed and on file.

Public Comment None.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.


Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

Approved December 12, 2018