

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

PRESENT

John Paul Garcia
Inez Kelso
Christopher Pittenger
Dorothy Seaton
Lynette White
Namita Wijesekera

ADMINISTRATION

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Robert Davis

ABSENT

Doreen Fox

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

- a. Mrs. Murray introduced the many new staff members that joined the District this school year.

3. PTO REPORT

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

4. VISITORS PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Seaton to adopt the July 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. *The motion carries 6 yes, 1 absent (Fox), 2 vacancies (Bruni, Shih).*

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. The Finance Committee met recently and recommended:
- i. **Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Kelso to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the approved 2017-2018 Operating Budget through June 30, 2018, as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes, 1 absent (Fox), 2 vacancies (Bruni, Shih).*
 - ii. **Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Wijesekera to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the approved 2018-2019 Operating Budget through July 31, 2018, as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes, 1 absent (Fox), 2 vacancies (Bruni, Shih).*
 - iii. **Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Kelso to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the approved 2018-2019 Operating Budget through August 31, 2018, as presented. *The motion carries 6 yes, 1 absent (Fox), 2 vacancies (Bruni, Shih).*

The Finance Committee also discussed a new Financial System, EFS State Report, 2019-2020 Budget Preparation, and the new Auditors.

- b. The Curriculum Committee met earlier today and discussed Curriculum updates, iReady, Curriculum Mapping and SBAC Scores.
- c. The Facilities Committee will meet on September 17, 2018.
- d. The Policy Committee will meet in October.
- e. The Technology Committee will meet in October.
- f. Mrs. Kelso will attend ACES tomorrow.
- g. The Transportation Committee met earlier this evening and discussed the new bus routes.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Motion** by Seaton, seconded by Wijesekera to adopt the 2018-2019 Board of Education Operational Goals. *The motion carries 6 yes, 1 absent (Fox), 2 vacancies (Bruni, Shih).*
- b. **Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Seaton to delay the Discussion and Appointment of Board of Education Members to later in the agenda. *The motion carries 6 yes, 1 absent (Fox), 2 vacancies (Bruni, Shih).*

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Superintendent's Report:
 - Mrs. Murray reported that BCS student enrollment on September 1, 2018, was 362 students.
 - Mrs. Murray mentioned personnel that recently joined BCS including Kai Byrd, Kitchen staff, Building Substitutes and an Instructional Aide.
 - Mrs. Murray reported on all the facility, technology and District updates that took place over the summer months.
 - Mrs. Murray stated that minor revisions were made to the Administration and Teacher Evaluation Plans. Both plans were submitted to the State Department of Education and approved in August.
 - Mrs. Murray announced a Community Read Project funded by a Grant through the Clark Memorial Library. There are a variety of activities planned throughout the year. She provided each Board member with a copy of the activities and invited them to join in.
- b. Kai Byrd, Director of Special Services, Curriculum & Instruction reported on:
 - August Professional Learning opportunities for faculty and staff
 - New Teacher Orientation
 - Special Education Updates
- c. Robert Davis, Principal reported on:
 - Opening of School
 - Open House
 - 2018-2019 Parent Academies

10. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Pittenger introduced Angelo Amato, BOE member-elect. Mr. Amato spoke about himself and his reasons for seeking a seat on the Bethany Board of Education.

- a. **Motion** by Pittenger, seconded by Seaton to appoint Angelo Amato to fill the Bethany Board of Education vacancy created by Dr. Vivian Shih's resignation for the remainder of Dr. Shih's unexpired term ending on June 30, 2019. *The motion carries 6 yes, 1 absent (Fox), 2 vacancies (Bruni, Shih).*

Dr. Pittenger introduced EJ Maher, BOE member-elect. Mr. Maher spoke about himself and his reasons for seeking a seat on the Bethany Board of Education.

- b. **Motion** by Pittenger, seconded by Garcia to appoint Edward J. Maher to fill the Bethany Board of Education vacancy created by James Bruni's resignation through June 30, 2019. *The motion carries 6 yes, 1 absent (Fox), 2 vacancies (Bruni, Shih).*

11. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. Dr. Pittenger stated that he will be in touch with the new BOE members to bring them up to speed on the workings of the BOE.
- b. Dr. Pittenger reminded BOE members about the CABA Conference in November.
- c. Dr. Pittenger will be sending out possible dates for the Fall Open Forum.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. None.

13. VISITORS PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. None.

14. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.


Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

Approved October 10, 2018

APPROVED