

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
BCS Learning Commons
September 11, 2019

Present

Doreen Fox
John Paul Garcia
Lisa Gaw
Christopher Pittenger
Dorothy Seaton
Shawn Uscilla
Lynette White
Namita Wijesekera

Administration

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd
Thomas Reed-Swale

Absent

EJ Maher

Call to Order

Dr. Pittenger called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. A moment of silence was held in memory of the victims of September 11th followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of New Staff

Mrs. Murray introduced new Bethany Community School staff members to the Board.

PTO Report

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

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Seaton to approve the July 15, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. *The motion carries 7 yes, 1 absent (Maher), 1 abstain (Wijesekera).*

Committee Reports

Finance:

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Fox to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the approved 2018-2019 Operating Budget through June 30, 2019, as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Maher).*

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Gaw to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the approved 2019-2020 Operating Budget through July 31, 2019, as presented. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Maher).*

Motion by Wijesekera, seconded by White to adopt the report of expenditures and adjustments to the approved 2019-2020 Operating Budget through August 31, 2019, as presented. *The motion carries 8 year, 1 absent (Maher).*

Curriculum:

Mrs. Fox reported that the committee met earlier today and discussed Curriculum updates, Eureka!, SBAC scores and the SBAC presentation. The committee supports the recommended changes to the eligibility identification criteria and appeal process for the Eureka! program effective in the 2019-2020 school year.

Facilities:	Mrs. Seaton reported that the committee met last night and discussed the June, July and August operating budget summaries, year end surplus, EFS state report, audit update and 2020-2021 budget preparation.
Policy:	The committee will be meeting in November.
Technology:	The committee will be meeting October.
ACES:	Nothing to report at this time.
Transportation:	Mrs. Wijesekera reported that the committee met earlier today and discussed bus route updates and the bus contract negotiation process.
Unfinished Business	None.
New Business	Motion by Seaton, seconded by Garcia to adopt the 2019-2020 Board of Education Goals as amended. <i>The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Maher).</i>
Superintendent Report	<p>Mrs. Murray reported that student enrollment was 372 on September 1, 2019.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray stated that there are still two openings for a Building Substitute and Instructional Aide.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray provided an update on summer Building & Grounds projects including flooring project/floor decals, driveway and sidewalk, painting, new signage, roof repairs, old schoolhouse repairs, chromebooks for Kindergarten, new grade 3 chromebooks, new/upgraded security cameras, new audio speakers, new outdoor access points, new switches, redundant firewall for added security, phone extensions were redone to make new room numbers, Salto fob server was updated with new room number, new financial platform, service cable, concrete stairs and ramp, and Annex II updates.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray spoke about the process for capital improvement projects.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray stated that there were no changes to the Administrator and Teacher and Evaluation Plans for the 2019-2020 school year and both have been submitted to the State Department of Education.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray stated that there will be a Regionalization Meeting at Amity High School on September 26, 2019.</p> <p>Mrs. Murray reviewed the process and timeline of the Strategic Plan and Steering Committees.</p>
Director Report	Mrs. Byrd reported on Curriculum and Special Services. Her report is on file.
Principal Report	Mr. Reed-Swale reported on BCS recent and upcoming events. His report is on file.

Chairman Report

Dr. Pittenger polled the Board members who chose October 23, 2019 for the Fall Open Forum.

Dr. Pittenger will be preparing a letter to the BCS community introducing the Board of Education and their role. The draft will be sent to all members for feedback.

Dr. Pittenger stated that he spoke briefly at the August PD meeting welcoming teachers and staff back for the new school year.

Dr. Pittenger reminded Board members that the CABA Convention will be held on November 15 & 16 and encouraged Board members to attend.

Correspondence

Reviewed and on file in the Board of Education Office.

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

Motion by Pittenger, seconded by Uscilla that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to discuss Pending Claims and Litigation and that the Superintendent and Director of Special Services, Curriculum and Instruction be invited to attend. *The motion carries 8 yes, 1 absent (Maher).*

Attendance

Present

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Christopher Pittenger
Dorothy Seaton
Shawn Uscilla
Lynette White
Namita Wijesekera

Others

Colleen Murray
Kai Byrd

Absent

EJ Maher

Reconvene

Moved from Executive Session and the regular meeting reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Susan L. Carpenter
Recording Secretary