

**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**October 10, 2017**

**PRESENT**

John Paul Garcia  
Colleen Murray, Ex-Officio  
Dorothy Seaton, Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brandy Spargo  
Susan Carpenter

**ABSENT**

James Bruni  
Vivian Shih

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Mrs. Seaton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion by Garcia, seconded by Murray to approve the September 12, 2017 meeting minutes as revised. *The motion carries 3 yes, 2 absent (Bruni, Shih).*

**C. BUSINESS**

1. Mrs. Murray reviewed the September 2017 Operating Budget Summary.

**Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Seaton to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2017-2018 Operating Budget through September 30, 2017 as presented and forward to the Board of Education. *The motion carries 3 yes, 2 absent (Bruni, Shih).*

2. Mrs. Murray gave the committee an update on the state budget's impact on education in Bethany. Budgeting for 2018-2019 will be a challenge anticipating significant cuts to Excess Cost Sharing funding. Difficult decisions will need to be made on staffing and programming in order to be fiscally responsible. A BOE Budget Workshop will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> following the BOE Open Forum.

3. Future agenda items.

- a. Approval of the October 10, 2017 minutes
- b. Review the October 2017 Operating Budget Summary
- c. 2018-2019 Budget

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

1. **Motion** by Seaton, seconded by Garcia to adjourn meeting at 6:37 p.m. *The motion carries 3 yes, 2 absent (Bruni, Shih).*

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Carpenter  
Recorder

Approved November 7, 2017