

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2017

PRESENT

John Paul Garcia
Christopher Pittenger, Ex-Officio
Dorothy Seaton, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Colleen Murray

ABSENT

James Bruni
Vivian Shih

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Mrs. Seaton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion by Garcia, seconded by Pittenger to approve the June 6, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. *The motion carries 2 yes, 1 abstain (Seaton), 2 absent (Bruni, Shih).*

C. BUSINESS

1. Mrs. Murray reviewed the June 2017 Operating Budget Summary and Fiscal Year End.

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Pittenger to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2016-2017 Operating Budget through June 30, 2017 as presented and forward to the Board of Education. *The motion carries 3 yes, 2 absent (Bruni, Shih).*

2. Mrs. Murray reviewed the July & August 2017 Operating Budget Summaries.

Motion by Pittenger, seconded by Garcia to accept the report of expenditures and adjustments to the 2016-2017 Operating Budget for July 31, 2017 and August 31, 2017 as presented and forward to the Board of Education. *The motion carries 3 yes, 2 absent (Bruni, Shih).*

3. 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.

4. Mrs. Murray led a discussion on plans to create the 2018-2019 budget. Delays in budget development might be seen due to teacher negotiation outcomes and grant funding. An approximate timeline was established.

5. Future agenda items.

- a. Approval of the September 12, 2017 minutes
- b. Review the September 2017 Operating Budget Summary
- c. 2018-2019 Budget

D. ADJOURNMENT

1. **Motion** by Garcia, seconded by Pittenger to adjourn meeting at 7:02 p.m. *The motion carries 3 yes, 2 absent (Bruni, Shih).*

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Murray
Recorder

Approved October 10, 2017