

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Special Meeting held on September 22, 2015, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, T. Yonsky, A. Salerno, D. Legnard, T. Soucy, C. Troetti

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:05 PM:

Present Board Members:

**Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman
Mr. Stuart Carlsen
Mr. Scott Clayton
Mr. Larry Craybas
Mr. William Duff
Mrs. Kristen Lacey
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien
Mrs. Robin Renner**

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Nicholas Hoffman

Updated Attendance:

**Mr. Nicholas Hoffman was updated to present at 7:10 PM
Mr. William Duff was updated to absent at: 9:10 PM**

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1. Call to Order

1.A. Roll Call for Quorum

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Passed: Move to move agenda item 7.A.2 - Smarter Balanced Assessment, CMT and CAPT Results/SRBI Update to the end of the agenda passed with a motion by Mrs. Kristen Lacey and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

2. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

Gifts to the School System

- 100 Backpacks and School Supplies, Bethel United Methodist Church, Bethel, CT

Bethel Public Schools has been ranked #33 of Top 100 School Districts in CT by Niche.

2.A. NCTE Convention

Congratulations to Kara DiBartolo. Kara DiBartolo will be speaking at the National NCTE Convention in November.

3. Consent Calendar

3.A. Approval of Minutes

3.A.1. August 20, 2015 - Regular Meeting

Motion Passed: Move to approve the minutes of August 20, 2015 - Regular Meeting as amended passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.	
Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Abstain
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

4. Correspondence

- Letter from SEEC to Mr. Matthew Paulsen regarding the SEEC findings and conclusions regarding File #2015-030.

5. Audience Participation

None.

6. Administrative/Board Member Update

7. Reports to the Board

7.A. Curriculum

7.A.1. Art Curriculum Revision

Dr. Brooks reviewed the Art Curriculum revisions with the Board for the following: Art Grade 3, Art Grade 4, Art Grade 6, HS Art 1, HS Ceramics 1, and HS Ceramics II. The art curriculum

revision timeline has varied between 1998-2006. They have established a long-term curriculum revision plan this year.

Motion Passed: Move to approve the curriculum revisions for the following: Art Grade 3, Art Grade 4, Art Grade 6, HS Art 1, HS Ceramics 1, and HS Ceramics II passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

7.B. Policy

7.B.1. First Reading

7.B.1.a. Policy 6146 - Graduation Requirements

This policy is being reviewed to add language so that students who take high school courses in middle school will be granted high school credit. The two most frequent areas in which our students at Bethel Middle School take high school courses are in mathematics and world language.

Motion Passed: Move to accept the First Reading and move to committee for review passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

7.B.1.b. Policy 1324 - Solicitation of Funds within the Bethel Public Schools

This summer, the fundraising policy was reviewed with all parent groups. There were a few concerns which needed clarification. Minor revisions to language were made.

Motion Passed: Move to accept the First Reading and move back to committee for review passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Larry Craybas.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes

Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

7.C. Personnel

7.C.1. Appointments/Resignations

Motion Passed: Move to accept the appointments/resignations as outlined and the appointments of 9-12 Curriculum Department Heads, K-12 Coordinators, 6-8 Curriculum Leaders & PLC Leaders passed with a motion by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

7.C.2. Job Description - Athletic Director - 1.13

Motion Passed: Move to approve Job Description 1.13 - Athletic Director as amended passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

7.D. Facilities

7.D.1. Weather Related Issues

Dr. Carver reviewed the weather related issues due to two days of heat and the lack of air-conditioning at Rockwell and Johnson. Water was brought in for students and staff, industrial fans were brought in, and classes rotated into other rooms at Rockwell and Johnson. Mr. Germinaro monitored the temperatures in each building every 2 hours. Dr. Carver noted

that if Rockwell and Johnson were to dismiss early the entire district would have to dismiss due to the bus tiers. Knowing renovations are coming down the line Dr. Carver has looked at air-conditioning options where needed. The 2nd floor classrooms at Rockwell School and Kindergarten classrooms could be provided window units. Mr. Germinaro has been given a quote for \$10,000. To do the same at Johnson School, Mr. Germinaro has been given a quote for \$15,000. Dr. Carver and Mrs. Yonsky noted the Board could use the unexpended funds account for this purpose.

Motion Passed: Move to move this item, air-conditioning needs at Rockwell and Johnson Schools, to the Resource and Business Management Committee passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

8. Action Items

8.A. Board of Education Goals 2015-2016

At the Board of Education Retreat in July, the Board established six goals for the 2015-2016 school year. This is an action item to formally adopt those goals.

1. Utilize research-based intervention models to close achievement gaps.
2. Provide sustained opportunities for authentic STEM (i.e. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) experiences so students can develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.
3. Expand opportunities for personalized learning in Grades K-12.
4. Establish a comprehensive human capital management system to attract, develop, and retain the exceptional educators critical to delivering 21st century learning experiences for all students.
5. Engage parents, guardians and the community in the education process.
6. Ensure the functionality, appearance, safety of our school buildings, and the security of students mirror the educational values and aspirations we hold for Bethel's children.

Motion Passed: Move to approve the Board of Education Goals for 2015-2016 passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes

Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

9. Smarter Balanced Assessments, CMT, and CAPT Results/Scientific Research-Based Interventions (SRBI) Update

Dr. Carver and Mrs. Rutledge provided an overview of:

1. The connection between the state assessments and our district curriculum.
2. The purpose of the state assessments, legislative requirements and how we use the results locally.
3. Analysis of the results, including the strengths, areas for growth and next steps.
4. Our revised intervention systems and the work for the 2015-2016 school year.

10. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 9:38 PM passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

Respectfully submitted,
 Susan Pare
 Board Recorder