

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2015, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: Jen Larsen

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, T. Yonsky, M. Rutledge, C. Troetti, B. Germinaro

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman
Mr. Stuart Carlsen
Mr. Scott Clayton
Mr. Larry Craybas
Mr. William Duff
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman
Mrs. Kristen Lacey
Mrs. Robin Renner

Absent Board Members:

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

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1. Call to Order

- 1.A. Roll Call for Quorum
- 1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

Gifts to School System:

BMS - Used trumpet and case, Mr. Gutzman, Bethel, CT

3. Consent Calendar

3.A. Approval of Minutes

- 3.A.1. Minutes -September 17, 2015 - Special Meeting
- 3.A.2. Minutes -September 22, 2015 - Special Meeting
- 3.A.3. Minutes -September 28, 2015 - Special Meeting
- 3.A.4. Minutes of February 12, 2015 - AMENDMENT

Motion Passed: Move to approve to approve consent calendar passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Kristen Lacey.

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	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Audience Participation

Jen Larsen, 128 Grassy Plain St., spoke to the Board.

6. Administrative/Board Member Update

6.A. NJROTC Leadership Academy

NJROTC cadets presented on the Summer Leadership Academy in Newport, Rhode Island that was attended by the cadets.

7. Reports to the Board

7.A. Curriculum

7.A.1. World Languages Curriculum Revisions

Changes in the curriculum to World Languages was discussed with the Board. Accelerated Spanish & French are now at Middle School for 8th grade students to allow them to begin at Level III as a freshman.

Motion Passed: Move to approve the World Languages Curriculum Revisions 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	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

7.A.2. BHS Pathways

Mr. Troetti reviewed with the Board the BHS Pathways.

Motion Passed: Move to approve the BHS Pathways passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Robin Renner.

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	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

7.B. Policy - 2nd Reading/Approval

7.B.1. Policy 6146 - Graduation Requirements

Policy revision allows middle school students to receive high school credit.

Motion Passed: Move to amended language:

Remove "in accordance with their respective abilities to achieve." Revise #5 to read "an approved online course..." passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff 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	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

Motion Passed: Move to approve Policy 6146 - Graduation Requirements passed with a motion by Mrs. Kristen Lacey 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	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

7.B.2. 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 need clarification. Dr. Carver spoke to the Board regarding which require clarification. Minor revisions to language were made.

Motion Passed: Move to approve Policy 1324 - Solicitation of Funds within the Bethel Public Schools as amended passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff 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	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

7.C. Facilities

7.C.1. DRA Update

Dr. Carver provided information regarding the steps to look at for the building project.

7.C.2. AD-HOC Rockwell/Johnson School Facilities Committee

Dr. Carver discussed the proposal of an AD-HOC Rockwell/Johnson School Facilities Committee as recommended by the Resource Management and Business Operations Committee.

Motion Passed: Move to establish an AD-HOC Rockwell/Johnson School Facilities Committee passed with a motion by Mr. Stuart Carlsen and a second by Mr. William Duff.

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	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

7.C.3. Refuse Contract

Ms. Yonsky spoke to the committee about the refuse contract. The committee will recommend to the full Board to extend the LoPresti contract and waive the bid.

Motion Passed: The Board of Education waives the bid process for the purchase of trash/refuse services for the district and accepts the proposal of \$46,800 for this year and the following four years with LoPresti & Sons and authorized the Director of Fiscal Service to finalize and sign the new agreement passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff 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	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

8. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 8:26 PM passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff 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	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Renner
Board Secretary