

**Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on November 19, 2015, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.**

**Attendance: None.**

**Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, M. Rutledge**

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

**Updated Attendance:**

**Mr. Scott Clayton was updated to present at: 7:20 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence**

- 2015 Cohort Graduation Rates by School (see attached document).
- Connecticut Administrators of Programs for English Language Learners (CAPELL) recently announced its winners for the spring 2015 state-wide contest, "The Power of Bilingualism." Current Bethel High School ninth grader, Vinicios Andrade and Johnson School fifth grader, Sergio Ortega were recognized as the state's two runner-ups among many entries.
- Congratulations to the Boys' Soccer team for winning the 2015 Southwest Conference Championship! The Wildcats beat Barlow High School 2-0 to take the win, earning the title for the first time in over a decade.
- Congratulations to Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer and Girls' Field Hockey, all of whom made the state playoffs.

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- Congratulations to the Bethel High School Marching Wildcats for placing 6th place in the U.S. Band Nationals, Level IIA.
- In the month of November, as a nation, we honor our Veterans who serve or have served to protect our freedom. This month, Johnson, Middle, and the High School brought in Veterans to educate our students on their experiences. We thank all Veterans for their service to our country.
- Thank you to Todd Ingersoll who donated \$7,000 from the Car Drive to BHS for production lighting in the BHS auditorium.
- Thank you to Todd Ingersoll who purchased a new scoreboard for Basketball in BHS Gym.
- Thank you to Todd Ingersoll who purchased board games for all classes at Johnson School for indoor recess.

### 3. Consent Calendar

#### 3.A. Approval of Minutes

##### 3.A.1. October 15, 2015

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the minutes of October 15, 2015 as corrected passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

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

### 4. Correspondence

- Letter from CASBO informing Board Theresa D. Yonsky has recently been elected as Secretary/Treasurer of the Connecticut Association of School Business Officials (CASBO).
- Letter to Mrs. Dionne Craig from BMS Principal, Mr. Derek Muharem regarding sponsorship of BMS student for Boston trip.
- Letter from the Commissioner of Education regarding the adoption of the SAT as the Grade 11 Assessment.

- Email from Robert Locke thanking the Board of Education for supporting veterans with age appropriate veteran education for students on Veterans Day.

## 5. Audience Participation

None.

## 6. Administrative/Board Member Update

### 6.A. CABE New Board Member Orientation and Board Leadership Workshops, December 9, 2015.

Dr. Carver informed the Board the CABE New Board Member Orientation and Board Leadership Workshops are December 9, 2015. Dr. Carver asked Board members to let Mrs. Paré know if you are interested in attending any of the sessions.

## 7. Reports to the Board

### 7.A. Curriculum

#### 7.A.1. K-5 Quaver Music Program

Mrs. Renner informed the Board that Quaver Music is a state-of-the-art general music program that allows students to learn through authentic musical experiences such as singing, performing on instruments, dance/movement and creating/composing.

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve purchasing and implementing the K-5 Quaver Music Program for the all K-5 classrooms for 2016-2017 passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner 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	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

#### 7.A.2. Social Studies Curriculum Revisions

Mrs. Renner informed the Board the Grade 6-8 Social Studies revisions were made to existing curriculum and assessments in Social Studies. The Social Studies Department dealt mostly with revisions to the curricula, particularly incorporating new standards.

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the Social Studies Curricula Revisions passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

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. School Resource Officer MOU**

**Motion Passed:** Move to accept for a first reading passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien 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	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

#### **7.B.1.b. Regulation 5125 - Student Records**

**Motion Passed:** Move to accept for a first reading passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien 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	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

### 7.B.1.c. Policy/Regulation 5144.1 - Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students

**Motion Passed:** Move to accept for a first reading 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.d. Policy/Regulation 5113 - Attendance and Tardiness-to-School

**Motion Passed:** Move to accept for a first reading passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien 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	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

### 7.B.2. Second Reading Approval

#### 7.B.2.a. Policy 5114 - Student Discipline

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve Policy 5114 - Student Discipline (Suspension/Expulsion Due Process) passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien 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	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

## **7.C. Resource Management & Business Operations**

### **7.C.1. AC Rockwell & Electrical Quote**

The Board of Education requested a total project cost for the air conditioning projects at Johnson and Rockwell Schools. Dr. Carver and Mrs. Yonsky provided an overview of the scope of work and expense.

**Motion Passed:** Move to install air conditioning at the Johnson School Media Center and designated areas at Rockwell School 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. Johnson School Bens Bells Memorial Mural - Liz Teed**

Elizabeth Teed was a beloved 4th grade teacher at Johnson School who passed away last year. In her memory, the administration, in conjunction with the Teed family is requesting to place a Ben's Bells tile mural on the front of Johnson School, with a plaque in her memory. Dr. Carver outlined the process of making and installing the tile mural at Johnson School.

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Board approve the installation and dedication of the mural to Elizabeth Teed passed with a motion by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman 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	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

### **7.C.3. Five-Year Capital Project Plan**

Mr. Hoffman, Mrs. Yonsky, and Dr. Carver reviewed the Five-Year Capital Project Plan with the Board

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the Five-Year Capital Project Plan and submit to the First Selectman passed with a motion by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman 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.C.4. Budget Transfers**

Mrs. Yonsky reviewed the 1st quarter budget transfers with the Board. Mrs. Yonsky also reviewed the Free/Reduced Lunch data with the Board. The Free/Reduced Lunch percentage has decreased by .02%.

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the 1st quarter budget transfers as outlined by Mrs. Yonsky passed with a motion by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman 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. Recommended Executive Session**

#### **8.A. CT General Statues 1-210(b)(9) Negotiations - BEA Negotiations**

**Motion Passed:** Move to enter into Executive Session at 8:18 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

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

**Motion Passed:** Move to come out of Executive Session at 8:42 PM 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	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the BEA Contract as negotiated passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. William Duff.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Abstain
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. Adjourn

**Motion Passed:** Move to adjourn at 8:43 PM 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	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Pare, Board Recorder