

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on October 20, 2016, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

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

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

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:02 PM:

Present Board Members:

**Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman
Mr. Scott Clayton
Mr. Larry Craybas
Mr. Bill Foster
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman
Mrs. Kristen Lacey
Mrs. Courtney Martin
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien
Mrs. Robin Renner**

Updated Attendance:

Mrs. Courtney Martin was updated to present at: 7:58 PM

1. Call to Order

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

2. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

Dr. Carver informed the Board:

- The Connecticut Association of Schools will be presenting Bethel Middle School their official award as Middle School of the Year on October 25, 2016. The award will be presented in an all school assembly, which celebrates the talents of the students.
- Mr. Troetti has been asked to present on the Pathways at Bethel High School to the Student Advisory Group of the State Board of Education.
- Gift to School System:
 - ❖ \$3,500 of school supplies, Bethel Middle School, from Wal-Mart of Danbury.
 - ❖ 100 Backpacks filled with school supplies, Districtwide, from Social Services, Town of Bethel.

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3. BOARD REPORTS - PROGRESS TOWARDS DISTRICT INITIATIVES

3.A. MS/HS SIIP Presentations

BHS and BMS presented School Improvement Plan for 2016-2017. Mr. Troetti, BHS Principal and Mr. DaPonte, BMS Principal presented.

4. Consent Calendar

4.A. Approval of Minutes

4.A.1. September 22, 2016

Motion Passed: Move to approve the minutes of September 22, 2016 as amended passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Abstain
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Abstain

5. Correspondence

- Letter from the State Department of Education informing the district that we have met all of our outstanding ADA compliance issues.
- Letter from one of our NJROTC parents, Chrissy Sholtes who outlines the importance of the program.
- Email, from Dr. Gangi, to the Board of Education and district administration regarding her concerns about SBAC and the CCSS.
- Email from a resident from Washinton, CT, John Buonaiuto, to the Bethel Board of Education regarding projected STEM Agri-science numbers.

6. Audience Participation

None.

7. Administrative/Board Member Update

- Current district enrollment is exactly 3000 students. Free & Reduced numbers went to 20% this year.
- November 22 at 6 PM Curriculum Committee meeting, this is a change in date for this meeting.

- November 8 at 6 PM Finance Meeting and Community Outreach Committee meeting at 7 PM.
- November 17 at 6 PM Policy Committee, at 7 PM BOE meeting.
- Possible sponsorship for Turf Field. A meeting will be held to discuss.
- Students are making informational videos on renovation project and asking for Board members to participate.
- Request for Montreal/Quebec trip for Columbus Day 2017 timeframe. It is recommended to look at international trip policy first before the trip is discussed.
- State is introducing new growth model for SBAC.

8. Reports to the Board

8.A. Policy

8.A.1. District Safe School Climate Plan - Regulation

The Bethel Public Schools is committed to providing a climate in which our students feel safe, both physically and emotionally. To that end, for the past several years, the district has had a District Safe School Climate Committee whose purpose is to develop district wide strategies to maintain a safe educational environment. One of our charges is to annually review our District Safe School Climate Plan. The District Safe School Climate Committee has staff representation from each school, district personnel and parents. In keeping with policy, the Safe School Climate Committee met in September, reviewed the existing plan and did not make any substantive changes. The plan itself is the regulation to the policy.

8.A.2. First Reading

8.A.2.a. Policy 5145.15 - Directory Information

Motion Passed: Move Policy 5145.15 - Directory Information for a first reading passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Robin Renner.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

8.A.2.b. Regulation 5125 - Student Records; Confidentiality

8.A.3. Second Reading/Approval

8.A.3.a. Policy 5145 - Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program

Motion Passed: Move to approve Policy 5145 - Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program

passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

8.A.3.b. Policy 6141 - Migrant Students

Motion Passed: Move that Policy 6141 Migrant Students be approved passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

8.B. Personnel

8.B.1. Appointment of 9-12 Curriculum Department Heads, K-12 Coordinators 6-8 Curriculum Leaders& PLC Leaders

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

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

8.C. Facilities

8.C.1. Long-Term 5 Year Capital Plan

Discussion on long-term items to be repaired/installed.

9. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 8:52 PM passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Renner
Board Secretary