

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on May 17, 2012, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, P. Chapman, R. Germinaro, B. Kirmil, C. Troetti

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

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

Present Board Members:

Mr. Larry Craybas
Mrs. Kristen Lacey
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien
Mrs. Robin Renner
Mr. Ted Stevenson

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen
Mr. Scott Clayton
Mr. William Duff
Mr. Bryan Terzian

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Scott Clayton was updated to present at: 7:05 PM
Mr. Stuart Carlsen was updated to present at: 7:25 PM
Mr. William Duff was updated to present at: 8:45 PM

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

- 2.A. April 26, 2012 - Regular Meeting

Discussion:

L. Craybas noted that M. O'Brien and S. Clayton were excused from the April 26th meeting as they gave the Chairman prior notice. Also, W. Duff had abstained on the motion to approve the statement of Board of Education on 2012-2013 Education Budget.

Motion Passed: Move to approve the minutes of April 26, 2012 - Regular Meeting as amended. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.
Mr. Stuart Carlsen Absent

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Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

3. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

3.A. C.A.B.E Student Leadership Awards

Discussion:

The Board congratulated the following students on receiving the C.A.B.E Student Leadership Award for 2012: Abdullah Hasan, Bethel High School; Madison Denny, Bethel High School; Kevin Sholtes, Bethel Middle School; and Kendall Meenan, Bethel Middle School.

3.B. C.A.P.S.S. Student Awards

Discussion:

The Board congratulated the following students on receiving the C.A.P.S.S. Student Award for 2012: Paige Grant, BHS Senior; Shawn McNamarra, BHS Senior

4. Correspondence

Discussion:

- Letter from Lt. Commander Mark Dwinells USN (Ret) to United States Representative Christopher Murphy regarding supporting the expansion of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps programs in the state of Connecticut and for your support of hiring a third instructor for the Bethel High School Navy JROTC program.
- Letter from Dr. Smith, Superintendent to Mr. Knickerbocker, First Selectman, regarding feedback from Parent Survey regarding effectiveness of communication, diversity of extra-curricular activities offered at each school, satisfaction with the quality of education at each school and direction of the school district in general.
- Email from Mr. Bill Hillman to Board of Education acknowledging and thanking Dr. Smith for complying with his FOI request.

5. Audience Participation

Discussion:

None.

6. Administrative/Board Member Update

Discussion:

- Dr. Smith and Dr. Jordan reviewed with the Board S.B. 458 – An Act Concerning Educational Reform and its impact on teacher certification and professional development requirements.
- Dr. Smith informed the Board the NJROTC has received 'Distinguished Unit with Honors' again.
- Dr. Smith informed the Board the Sikorsky Innovations STEM Challenge competition was held on Sat and results will be announced June 5th.
- Dr. Smith thanked L. Craybas and T. Stevenson for attending Sodexo's Future Chef competition.

7. Reports to the Board

7.A. Facilities

7.A.1. Rockwell/Johnson Schools Feasibility Study

Discussion:

Mr. Jim Barrett, DRA presented the options developed in the feasibility study to allow the Board to make plans to take the next steps.

Mr. Barrett explained the next steps for the Board are to think through the choices, come to a consensus on a direction, and meet to determine costs at that time.

7.B. Curriculum

7.B.1. BHS Field Trip Request - Quebec, Canada

Motion Passed: Move to approve request for BHS Field Trip to Quebec, Canada. Passed with a motion by Mr. Ted Stevenson and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

7.B.2. Multi-variable Calculus Curriculum Proposal

Motion Passed: Move to approve Multi-variable Calculus Curriculum. Passed with a motion by Mr. Ted Stevenson and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

7.C. Finance

7.C.1. Apple Lease Renewal

Motion Passed: Resolved: That the Bethel Board of Education approve the extension of the existing lease agreement by and between the Town of Bethel and the Apple Leasing dated May, 2011 for a term of five years, the lease obligation there under is \$104,924/yr. The Board of Education has confirmed that the total of all equipment lease obligations do not exceed the total figure for this purpose as approved in the 2011-12 Board of Education budget; that the equipment list attached to the proposed lease has been reviewed and is acceptable; and the lease terms and conditions including financing terms have been approved by the Director of Fiscal Services; and that all representations required by Lessor to be made by Lessee are true and complete; Be it Resolved: That the Bethel Board of Education authorizes the Director of Fiscal Services, Theresa D. Yonsky, on its behalf to negotiate with the Lessor and to execute any documentation reasonably required in connection with the execution of the Lease. The Board of Selectmen and Comptroller may rely upon certified true copy of this resolution as due authorization by the Bethel Board of Education that the Lease is in acceptable form and content and a binding obligation of the Bethel Board of Education that it will manage, administer and pay according to its terms, and Be it Further Resolved: That the Comptroller, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Attorney may rely upon these resolutions in executing the Lease and /or any other related documents required of the Lessee by the Lessor in order to affix its or his or her signature as may be required pursuant to the Town of Bethel Charter. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes

Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

Subsidiary Motion Passed: The Board of Education waives the bid process for the Apple Inc. purchases made through the Apple lease agreement renewed May/June 2012. Passed with a motion by Mr. Ted Stevenson and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

7.C.2. ePlus Lease Renewal

Motion Passed: Resolved: That the Bethel Board of Education approve the extension of the existing lease agreement by and between the Town of Bethel and the ePlus Group inc. dated April/May 2011 for a term of five years, the lease obligation there under is \$126,417.97/yr. The Board of Education has confirmed that the total of all equipment lease obligations do not exceed the total figure for this purpose as approved in the 2011-12 Board of Education budget; that the equipment list attached to the proposed lease has been reviewed and is acceptable; and the lease terms and conditions including financing terms have been approved by the Director of Fiscal Services; and that all representations required by Lessor to be made by Lessee are true and complete; Be it Resolved: That the Bethel Board of Education authorizes the Director of Fiscal Services, Theresa D. Yonsky, on its behalf to negotiate with the Lessor and to execute any documentation reasonably required in connection with the execution of the Lease. The Board of Selectmen and Comptroller may rely upon certified true copy of this resolution as due authorization by the Bethel Board of Education that the Lease is in acceptable form and content and a binding obligation of the Bethel Board of Education that it will manage, administer and pay according to its terms, and Be it Further Resolved: That the Comptroller, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Attorney may rely upon these resolutions in executing the Lease and /or any other related documents required of the Lessee by the Lessor in order to affix its or his or her signature as may be required pursuant to the Town of Bethel Charter. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

Subsidiary Motion Passed: The Board of Education waives the bid process for the HP Desktop purchases made through the e-plus lease agreement renewed in 2012. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Abstain
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

7.C.3. Approval - 2012-2013 School Year Lunch Prices

Motion Passed: Move to set the student school lunch prices for the 2012/2013 school year as follows: Elementary \$2.50 and High School/Middle School \$2.90. The BOE sets the school breakfast prices at the High, Middle and Johnson School at \$1.95 for the 2012/2013 school year. Passed with a motion by Mr. Stuart Carlsen and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

7.C.4. Approval Food Service Management Contract Renewal

Motion Passed: Move to renew the food service management company contract with Sodexo for the 2012-2013 school year. Passed with a motion by Mr. Stuart Carlsen and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes

Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

7.D. Personnel

7.D.1. Teachers Being Granted Tenure

Motion Passed: Move to grant tenure to the following teachers:

HIGH SCHOOL

Joel Totten (2/1/12)	Science Teacher
Shira Teich	Science Teacher
Katherine Burke	Language Arts Teacher
Ryan DeRubertis	Social Studies Teacher
Mattea Heller	Language Arts Teacher
Gregory Minor	Language Arts Teacher
Elizabeth Nischan	Language Arts Teacher
Amanda Kirk	Guidance Counselor
Alisa Trachtenberg	World Language Teacher
Diana Yonsky	Social Studies Teacher

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Victoria Butler	World Language Teacher
Nathan Rinas	PE/Health Teacher
Thomas Salvador	Language Arts Teacher
Robert Flynn (1/1/12)	Language Arts Teacher

JOHNSON SCHOOL

Kristina Esposito	Grade 5 Teacher
Robyn Gerety	Grade 4 Teacher
Lauren Zafrin	Grade 5 Teacher

BERRY SCHOOL

Jaime Demetrius	Special Education Teacher
Kristine Vichiola	Special Education Teacher
Erica Rogan (2/1/12)	Speech/Language Pathologist
Leah Resko	Special Education Teacher

ROCKWELL SCHOOL

Amanda Stephens	Grade 1 Teacher
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Passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes

Mr. William Duff	No
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

7.D.2. Resignations

Motion Passed: Move to approve the following resignations:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIGNATION DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Laura Gordon	6/30/2012	Rockwell School	Special Education Teacher
Gary Kingsbury	6/30/2012	Systemwide	Speech/Language Pathologist
Nick Nacheber	7/6/2012	Berry School	Head Custodian
Julie Corsak	6/30/2012	Berry School	School Nurse
Ashley O'Grady	6/30/2012	Middle School	Special Education Teacher
Patricia Cosentino	6/30/2012	High School	Principal

Passed with a motion by Mr. Stuart Carlsen and a second by Mrs. Robin Renner.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

8. Executive Session

8.A. CT General Statutes 1-210(b)(2)

Personnel BEA Sick Bank Request

Motion Passed: Move to enter into Executive Session at 8:50 PM. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Kristen Lacey and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes

Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent
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Motion Passed: Move to come out of Executive Session at 9:20 PM. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

9. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 9:20 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Stuart Carlsen and a second by Mr. William Duff.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder