

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on March 21, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, L. Rudinas, D. Muharem, K. Brooks, C. Troetti

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

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

**Present Board Members:**

Mr. Stuart Carlsen  
Mr. Larry Craybas  
Mr. William Duff  
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien  
Mrs. Robin Renner  
Mr. Ted Stevenson

**Absent Board Members:**

Mr. Scott Clayton  
Mrs. Kristen Lacey  
Mr. Bryan Terzian

**Updated Attendance:**

Mr. Scott Clayton was updated to present at: 7:10 PM

Mr. Craybas noted K. Lacey was absent due to a family emergency.

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- 2.A. February 21, 2013

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the minutes of February 21, 2013. 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	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes

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

### **3. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence**

Discussion:

Dr. Smith, the Board of Education, and the Board of Selectmen, recognized and thanked Mr. & Mrs. Kaoud for their generous donation of \$50,000 in security equipment for the Bethel Public Schools.

Dr. Smith thanked and recognized the Board as part of Connecticut's Board of Education Appreciation Month. Dr. Smith thanked our hardworking and dedicated board members for the time and effort they devote to board business.

The Board congratulated Romana Pilepich, BHS Junior, on being selected as one of the thirty Governor's Scholars of Connecticut for 2013. Romana was chosen from pool of more than 150 of the top juniors in Connecticut's high schools.

#### **3.A. HHRA Recycling Poster Contest Winners**

Dr. Smith, Dr. Jordan, and Mr. Craybas recognized and awarded the HHRA Recycling Poster Contest winners with their awards.

The Board recessed from 7:27 – 7:32 PM (To allow the large number of families attending for the HHRA contest to exit the room.)

### **4. Correspondence**

Discussion:

- Letter from Connecticut Art Education Association stating Anne B. Bogart has been selected for the Connecticut Art Education Association Award: Outstanding Secondary Level Art Educator. The CAEA represents Connecticut art educators and administrators as the state's professional visual arts education organization.
- Letter from Lisa Plumb, Senior Center Director, thanking Dr. Smith for his support of the programs between the Bethel Senior Center and the Bethel Public Schools.
- Letter from Dr. Smith and L. Craybas, BOE Chair, to Senator Boucher, Senator Mclaughlin, Rep. Scribner, and Rep. Carter regarding Raised Bill No. 374, An Act Requiring Behavioral Health Assessments for Children.

### **5. Audience Participation**

Discussion:  
None.

## 6. Administrator/Board Member Update

Discussion:

Dr. Smith informed the Board the Future Chefs competition will be held on Monday, March 25th, 2013, Bethel High School, Culinary Arts Room, 11:30 a.m. 5th grade students from Johnson School will compete in Sodexo's Future Chef Competition. Students will be preparing a healthy salad recipe that will be presented to a panel of judges.

Dr. Smith informed the Board that Chris Troetti, Principal, BHS, announced this week that not one, but two staff members at BHS have been selected to participate in the British Universities Summer School at Oxford University. Both Mattea Heller and Kristen O'Rourke have been selected. Mattea will study creative writing, and Kristen will study British literature. This is a great opportunity for both educators, and a great honor for Bethel High School.

### 6.A. Family-School Partnership Update

Discussion:

Janice Chrzescijanek, Family-School Partnership Chair, updated the Board on the progress of the Family-School Partnership Committee.

## 7. Reports to the Board

### 7.A. Policy

#### 7.A.1. First Reading

7.A.1.a. Policy/Regulation - Series 5000 - Search and Seizure

7.A.1.b. Policy/Regulation 5113 - Attendance

7.A.1.c. Policy/Regulation 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention

**Motion Passed:** Move to refer policies/regulations to the policy subcommittee for review.  
Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.

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

## 7.B. Personnel

### 7.B.1. Resignations

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the resignation of Jan Maria Jagush, Computer Teacher, BMS effective April 1, 2013. 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	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

## 7.C. Finance

### 7.C.1. Scholarship Account Signature Confirmation

**Motion Passed:** The Bethel Board of Education confirms the authorization of Dr. Kevin Smith, Superintendent of Schools & Theresa D. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services as signers on Wells Fargo bank account #2000012284278 and further authorizes Theresa D. Yonsky to change the account type with Wells Fargo Bank. The Board of Education authorizes Theresa D. Yonsky to discuss and transact business with Wells Fargo bank on behalf of the Bethel Board of Education with any Board of Education accounts held there. Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

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

## 8. Executive Session

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

**Motion Passed:** Move that the Board enter into Executive Session at 8:06 PM inviting in Laila Rudinas, Human Resource Manager. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. William Duff.

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

**Motion Passed:** Move to come out of executive session at 8:37 PM. 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	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

- 8.A.1. School Nurses' Association of Bethel Contract**
- 8.A.2. Custodian's Union Contract**

## 9. Adjourn

**Motion Passed:** Move to adjourn at 8:37 PM. 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	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

Respectfully submitted,  
 Susan Pare  
 Board Recorder