

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Special Meeting - Workshop held on September 19, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, T. Soucy, A. Salerno, P. Chapman

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen
Mr. Larry Craybas
Mr. William Duff
Mrs. Kristen Lacey
Mrs. Robin Renner
Mr. Ted Stevenson

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Scott Clayton
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien
Mr. Bryan Terzian

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Bryan Terzian was updated to present at: 6:35 PM
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien was updated to present at: 6:55 PM
Mr. Scott Clayton was updated to present at: 7:35 PM

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Board Goals 2013-2014

Discussion:

Mr. Craybas spoke to the Board about setting goals focused on student achievement and linked to the vision. Mr. Craybas talked about how the goals need milestones to check progress and would like a report to the Board by the administration on progress twice a year. Mr. Craybas stated the Board needs to be informed and decisions need to be made in the best interest of the students. Mr. Craybas spoke about the Board's commitment to being more focused and committed to Robert's Rules of Order.

Dr. Smith reminded the Board of the district's vision and informed the Board the discussion will all tie back to the vision.

Dr. Smith reviewed the major changes taking place in 2013-2014 school year.

- Shift to implementing CCSS

- Shift in instructional practice aligned with CCSS
- Shift to CCSS aligned assessment (NWEA)
- Shift to more authentic performance assessments

Dr. Smith reviewed the Board's four goals:

1. Every child will be part of an active learning environment and every teacher will be learner-focused.
2. Bethel Public Schools will develop the strongest professional teaching force possible.
3. Technology will be a catalyst for the improvement of teaching and learning, communication, and data management.
4. The appearance, maintenance, and safety of our school buildings will mirror our educational values and the aspirations we hold for our children.

The Board discussed measuring student achievement beyond academics, social, etc., and the ability to track students beyond high school. The Board requested Mr. Lawlor, BHS Assistant Principal, present the Clearing House student tracking system to the Board in the future.

Motion Passed: Move to re-affirm the Board of Education's goals:

1. Every child will be part of an active learning environment and every teacher will be learner-focused.
2. Bethel Public Schools will develop the strongest professional teaching force possible.
3. Technology will be a catalyst for the improvement of teaching and learning, communication, and data management.
4. The appearance, maintenance, and safety of our school buildings will mirror our educational values and the aspirations we hold for our children. Passed with a motion by Mr. Stuart Carlsen and a second by Mrs. Robin Renner.

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

Dr. Smith reviewed the Strategic Goals and the Board discussed how the goals are and will be accomplished.

- Implementation of CCSS
- Increase the quantity and quality of instructional feedback to teachers
- Strengthen Communities of Practice
- Transform the instructional model
- Strengthen leadership practice in every building
- Improve our ability to interpret student learning data
- Utilize data to improve school processes
- Improve safety and school climate in every building
- Move forward with renovation plans for Rockwell and Johnson

- Advance personalized learning and college/career pathway initiative at secondary level

The Board discussed how to measure the goals throughout the year and how to work with parents so they will be able to work with and help their children be successful. The Board discussed the parent programs and if/how the successes are measurable.

Motion Passed: Move the Board accept the 2013-2014 strategic goals as outlined by Dr. Smith. Passed with a motion by Mr. Bryan Terzian and a second by Mrs. Kristen Lacey.

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	Yes

3. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mrs. Kristen Lacey.

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	Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder