

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

Attendance: None.

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

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

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Scott Clayton

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Scott Clayton was updated to present at: 7:05 PM
Mr. Bryan Terzian was updated to absent at: 7:25 PM

1. Call to Order

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

Discussion:

Mr. Craybas, Chairman, asked for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Thomas Fritch, BHS 9th grade student. Thomas passed late Wednesday evening after a long battle with cancer.

Motion Passed: Move to move agenda item Facilities to agenda item #3. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.	
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes

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

2. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

2.A. CABE Board of Distinction Award - Level II

Discussion:

Dr. Smith congratulated the Board on winning the CABE Board of Distinction Award - Level II.
Dr. Smith presented the Board Chair with CABE plaque in recognition of the Board's achievement.

2.A.1. Exiting Board Member Recognition

Discussion:

Dr. Smith and Mr. Craybas thanked both Ted Stevenson and Bryan Terzian for their service to both the Board and the Community.

3. Facilities

3.A. Rockwell/Johnson School Feasibility Study Recommendation

Move to recommend to the Town of Bethel a building project to renovate as new with an addition, Johnson School followed by a building project to renovate as new Rockwell School. Motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

Discussion:

At the last Board meeting, Dr. Smith spoke to the Board about the renovation study done two years ago. While district enrollment was projected to decline slightly those declines have not materialized yet. We are currently 32 students above projected enrollment in PK-5.

After a very comprehensive study conducted by DRA and a related enrollment study conducted by Milone and MacBroom, it is the Superintendent's recommendation to proceed with plans to renovate-as-new both Rockwell and Johnson Schools with an addition to Johnson School.

Mr. Craybas stated the need for staging this project to accommodate the current economic climate and noted the Board has studied this project for three years and is doing its due diligence. Over time the Board will be able to look at student population to see where the enrollment numbers are going.

Motion to Amend Passed: To amend the motion from: "Move to recommend to the Town of Bethel a building project to renovate as new with an addition, Johnson School followed by a building project to renovate as new Rockwell School." to: "Move to recommend to the Town of Bethel a building project to renovate as new with an addition, Johnson School and renovate as
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new Rockwell School. To be sequenced with the renovation of Johnson School with addition first followed by renovation of Rockwell School." Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien 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	Yes

Motion Passed: Move to recommend to the Town of Bethel a building project to renovate as new with an addition, Johnson School and renovate as new Rockwell School. To be sequenced with the renovation of Johnson School with addition first followed by renovation of Rockwell School. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas 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	Yes

3.B. Capital Plan

Discussion:

Mrs. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services, reviewed the Capital Plan items with the Board.

Motion Passed: Move to approve the Five-Year Capital Project Plan. Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff 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	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

4. Correspondence

- Letter from State Treasurer to Mr. Troetti, BHS Principal, regarding CHET Advance Scholarship program. BHS Seniors, Kendra Curry and Megan Wade have been selected as winners and will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship.
- Letter to new Board members Jen Ackerman and Nick Hoffman from the Superintendent regarding the Board's Annual Meeting and New Board Member Orientation.

5. Consent Calendar

5.A. Approval of Minutes

5.A.1. October 17, 2013

Motion Passed: Move to approve the Consent Calendar. Passed with a motion by Mr. Stuart Carlsen 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	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

6. Audience Participation

Discussion:

Mr. Michael Williams, 51 Oak Ridge Road. Spoke to the Board about the renovations of Johnson and Rockwell Schools. He would like to see 360-degree video surveillance of the perimeter and double-door entry systems included in both renovations plans. Also, he has questions about the BHS Spanish course.

7. Administrative/Board Member Update

7.A. School Security Grant

Discussion:

Mrs. Yonsky informed the Board Governor Malloy announced that an additional 75 school districts will receive funds as part of the School Security Grant Program, part of the Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety Act. The state funding will be used to reimburse municipalities for a portion of the costs associated with security infrastructure improvements made in the wake of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown.

Bethel will receive a total of \$49,749.00. \$22,568.00 is State funded and \$27,181.00 is the local match.

7.B. Technology Grant

Discussion:

Mrs. Yonsky informed the Board Governor Malloy announced plans to fund over \$24 million in grant requests to bring more computers into classrooms and increase Internet bandwidth. This investment provides vital support to students, teachers, and school districts as local efforts accelerate to complete the transition to the Common Core State Standards and the accompanying computer-based Smarter Balanced assessments.

Berry, Rockwell, and Johnson Schools are each receiving a mobile cart w/30 MacBook Pros and wireless access at Johnson and Rockwell Schools. The Board funded \$80,000 and the State is funding \$70,414 through this grant.

7.C. Free/Reduced Lunch Report

Discussion:

Mrs. Yonsky informed the Board the Free/Reduced Lunch Program enrollment is 18.75% this year. This is up 5% from last year. The Board discussed the qualifications/application process.

7.D. Teacher Evaluation Plan

Discussion:

Dr. Jordan, Associate Superintendent, informed the Board the Teacher Supervision and Evaluation Program and the Administrators' Supervision and Evaluation Program have been revised to reflect the fact that the CAPT and CMT (except for science in grades 5, 8, and 10) are no longer the state's accountability measures. All references to the CMT and CAPT have been changed to the State's Smarter Balanced Assessments.

Motion Passed: Move to approve the Teacher Evaluation Plan as amended. 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

8. Reports to the Board

8.A. Curriculum

8.A.1. AP Biology Revisions

Motion Passed: Move to approve the AP Biology curriculum changes. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner 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

8.A.2. AP Chemistry Revisions

Motion Passed: Move to approve the AP Chemistry curriculum changes. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner 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

8.A.3. Chemistry 31/32

Motion Passed: Move to approve the Chemistry 31 and 32 curricula changes. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner 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

8.A.4. New Course Proposal - Conversaci n y composici n Cine (Film Course for Spanish)

Motion Passed: Move to approve the new course proposal entitled **Conversaci n y composici n Cine**. Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff 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

8.B. Policy

8.B.1. Second Reading

8.B.1.a. Policy/Regulation 6146 - Graduation Requirements

Motion Passed: Move to approve Policy 6146 - Graduation Requirements. 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

8.B.1.b. Policy 4131 - Professional Learning

Motion Passed: Move to approve Policy 4131 -Professional Learning and 4131 Appendix. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien 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

9. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. 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