

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **Tuesday, January 26, 2010**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: Jen Larsen, M. Knickerbocker

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, P. Cosentino, D. DeBlois, B. Germinaro, B. Kirmil, D. Muharem, L Pica, K. Smith,

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

A. ***Roll Call for Quorum***

Board Members Present: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, A. Mannion, C. McCorkindale (arrived 7:25 p.m.), M. O'Brien, R. Renner (arrived 7:10 p.m.)

Board Members Absent: K. Harrison

B. ***Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America***

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. ***January 7, 2010 – Regular Meeting***

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the minutes of January 7, 2010, Regular Meeting.  
Seconded by M. O'Brien  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. ***January 21, 2010 – Special Meeting***

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the minutes of January 21, 2010, Special Meeting.  
Seconded by J. DeRosa  
AYE: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, A. Mannion, M. O'Brien, R. Renner  
NAY: M. Duff  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

3. **Correspondence**

None.

4. **Administrative/Board Member Update**

Dr. Jordan distributed the high school Program of Studies. She told the Board that parents were receiving the Program of Studies tonight during Curriculum Night at the high school. Dr. Jordan spoke about the January 19, 2010 Professional Development Day. She said she received great feedback and the quality of the workshops was again very high.

5. **Audience Participation**

Bill Hillman, 86 Walnut Hill Road, commended the administration on the use of PowerSchool's Parent Portal. Mr. Hillman said he doesn't want to see the programs of the last ten years cut during the budget process.

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6. **Reports to the Board**

***A. Finance***

***1. Superintendent's Recommended 2010-2011 Education Budget***

Dr. Chesley and Teri Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services, presented the 2010-2011 Education Budget. Dr. Chesley spoke about the vision of the Board of Education and the context of the budget. Last year's 0% budget increase included cuts in personnel and supplies, savings on health and transportation, and an increase in pay-to-participate. He spoke about the many successes in the Bethel schools.

Dr. Chesley is recommending a 3.99% increase for the 2010-2011 Education Budget.

\$504,971 Increase to Salary Account: Increase of 2.01%

\$474,963 Increase to Benefit Accounts: Increase of 7.78%

\$510,591 Increase to Health Insurance: Increase of 10.00%

\$17,085 Increase to Purchased Professional Services: Increase of 3.45%

\$0 Purchased Property Services: No Increase 0%

\$433,243 Other Purchased Services: Increase of 13.72%

\$16,999 Supplies: Increase of 1.63%

\$10,575 Equipment: Increase

\$778 Dues and Fees: Increase

Budget proposed: \$38,026,031  
3.99% increase

Current contractual obligations: \$37,963,058  
3.82% increase

New Initiatives:  
TASK paraprofessional \$29,730  
(Alternative High School)  
Coaches & Advisors \$33,243  
Total Additions: \$62,973

7. **Adjourn**

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.**  
**Seconded by R. Renner**  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Paré  
Recorder