

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **Thursday, November 4, 2010**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: None

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, P. Cosentino, B. Germinaro, B. Kirmil, D. Muharem

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
 - A. ***Roll Call for Quorum***

Board Members Present: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, A. Mannion, M. O'Brien

Board Members Absent: K. Harrison, C. McCorkindale, R. Renner

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. ***October 21, 2010 – Regular Meeting***

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the minutes of October 21, 2010 – Regular Meeting.
Seconded by A. Mannion
AYE: S. Carlsen, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, A. Mannion, M. O'Brien
NAY: None
Abstain: L. Craybas
Motion Carried

- B. ***October 25, 2010 – Special Meeting***

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve the minutes of October 25, 2010 – Special Meeting.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
AYE: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, M. O'Brien
NAY: None
Abstain: A. Mannion
Motion Carried

3. **Correspondence**
 - Memo from Mark K. McQuillan, Commissioner of Education, to Dr. Chesley regarding 2009-2010 Strategic School Profiles (SSP) delayed release date.
4. **Administrative/Board Member Update**
 - A. ***CABE Resolutions to be voted on***

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the resolutions depicted in Delegate Assembly 2011 Proposed Resolutions Regular Calendar (Group 1).
Seconded by A. Mannion
Motion Carried Unanimously

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Motion by L. Craybas: Move to amend motion by removing the following resolutions from the motion: II.1, II.5, II.6, II.8, and II.11.

Seconded by S. Carlsen

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by L. Craybas: Move to add “year to year” to the last line of resolution II.1 - FUNDING MANDATORY PROGRAMS.

“CABE SUPPORTS THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION MAKING STATE MANDATES ON LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION UNENFORCEABLE UNLESS SAID MANDATES ARE FULLY FUNDED YEAR TO YEAR BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE.”

Seconded by M. O’Brien

AYE: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, A. Mannion, M. O’Brien

NAY: M. Duff

Motion Carried

Motion by M. O’Brien: Move to approve resolutions II.5 – TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION as written.

Seconded by S. Carlsen

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve resolutions II.6 – MANDATED BENEFITS.

Seconded by S. Carlsen

AYE: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, M. Duff, M. O’Brien

NAY: J. DeRosa, A. Mannion

Motion Carried

Motion by L. Craybas: Move to approve resolutions II.8 – ELEMENTARY WORLD LANGUAGE COURSE (K-5) COUNTING AS ONE CREDIT TOWARDS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

Seconded by S. Carlsen

AYE: S. Carlsen, M. Duff

NAY: L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, A. Mannion, M. O’Brien

Motion Carried

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to amend resolutions II.11 – STUDENT ASSESSMENT as follows:

“CABE URGES THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ON-GOING FUNDING, RESOURCES, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICTS TO EVALUATE ASSESSMENT DATA AND ALLOW GREATER USE OF DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING IN THE ADJUSTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICE.”

Seconded by S. Carlsen

AYE: S. Carlsen

NAY: L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, A. Mannion, M. O’Brien

Motion Carried

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move that if resolution II.1 and II.11 are not accepted by the Delegate Assembly the Bethel Board of Education delegate is here-by authorized to vote for these resolutions as originally drawn.

Seconded by J. DeRosa

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Audience Participation

None.

6. Reports to the Board

A. Curriculum

- 1. Textbook Adoption: *Our Country and Its Regions* (Vol.2, McGraw-Hill 2009)**

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve *Our Country and Its Regions* textbook.

Seconded by A. Mannion

Motion Carried Unanimously

- 2. Curriculum Adoption: *Social Studies curriculum***

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve 8th Grade Social Studies Curriculum.

Seconded by A. Mannion

Motion Carried Unanimously

- 3. Full-Day Kindergarten Proposal for 2011-2012**

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to support Full-Day Kindergarten Proposal.

Seconded by J. DeRosa

Motion Carried Unanimously

- 4. C.A.T.S. Program**

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to pilot C.A.T.S. Program.

Seconded by A. Mannion

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Facilities

- 1. Feasibility Study: Meeting with selected Architectural Firms**

M. Duff, Facilities Subcommittee Chairman, said the Facilities Subcommittee met and will meet again and come up with a short list of architectural firms to present to the Board at its meeting on November 18, 2010.

- 2. Long-Term Capital Plan**

M. Duff, Facilities Subcommittee Chairman, said a formal presentation of the Long-Term Capital Plan will be presented to the Board at its meeting on November 18, 2010 and action will be required.

C. Policy

1. First Reading:

a. Series 2000 – Administration

**Motion by M. O’Brien: Move to accept first reading of Series 2000 – Administration.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously**

b. Series 9000 – Bylaws of the Board

**Motion by M. O’Brien: Move to accept first reading of Series 9000 – Bylaws of the Board.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously**

D. Review of the Vision for the Bethel Public Schools

- 1. “Looking Forward” (page 7)**
- 2. “The Vision for Teaching and Learning” (pages 8-13)**

Dr. Jordan reviewed some of the challenges in the district. She also spoke about professional development, the need for the full-day Kindergarten program, RTI Studio and data collection, response to intervention, and the need for additional staff.

3. “The Vision for Technology “ (pages 66-68)

Mr. DeBlois answered questions the Board had about the use of technology in the district.

4. “The Vision for Channel 26 and Video Communications” (pages 68-71)

Mrs. Fildes answered questioned the Board had about the programs and curriculum for Channel 26/Video Communications.

7. Adjourn

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.
Seconded by M. Duff
Motion Carried Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Paré
Board Recorder