

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **Thursday, December 16, 2010**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: J. Larsen

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, K. Brooks, D. DeBlois, L. DiBiase, P. Goolkasian, L. Pica, K. Smith

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

1. Call to Order

A. *Roll Call for Quorum*

Board Members Present: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa (arrived 7:04 p.m.), M. Duff, A. Mannion, M. O'Brien, R. Renner

Board Members Absent: K. Harrison, C. McCorkindale

BHS Representative: None

B. *Pledge Allegiance*

2. Approval of Minutes

A. *December 2, 2010*

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Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the minutes of December 2, 2010 as corrected.

Seconded by A. Mannion

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Board Recognition

Gifts to the School System:

Bethel High School

- 3 SmartBoards, Mr. Todd Ingersoll, President, Ingersoll Auto of Danbury
- AED (Automated External Defibrillator), Mr. Matthew Cassavechia, EMT-P Director of EMS, Danbury Health Systems, Danbury Hospital Development Fund

4. Correspondence

- Letter from Dr. Cosentino to Mr. Matthew Cassavechia, EMT-P, Director of EMS, Danbury Health Systems, thanking the Danbury Hospital Development Fund for their generous donation of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

- Letter from Dr. Cosentino to Mr. Todd Ingersoll, President, Ingersoll Auto of Danbury, thanking him for his donation of three SmartBoards to BHS.
- Letter from State Rep. Elizabeth Boukus, complimenting the NJROTC cadets for their assistance in June at a community celebration event in Plainville.

5. **BHS Representatives Report**

None.

6. **Administrative/Board Member Update**

A. **Legislative Discussion Items**

Mrs. Yonsky reviewed six of Board's legislative priorities that Board members need to discuss with legislators. A meeting will be arranged for a couple Board members to meet with legislators.

B. **Review of Learning Disabled Guidelines**

Mrs. Pica, Director of Special Education, reviewed the 2010 State mandated changes in the guidelines governing the identification of students with learning disabilities and answered questions from the Board.

Dr. Chesley informed the Board Javier Reyes was selected to the Class M All-State team as a Tight End. Chris Valenti was selected as an Offensive Tackle.

Dr. Jordan informed the Board Dr. Chesley and Dr. Smith presented the Bethel Teacher Evaluation plan at a CAPSS conference last week. The plan was highly praised at the conference and by Charlotte Danielson the researcher.

Dr. Chesley informed the Board on January 13th a Community Discussion on the Vision with the Board of Education and parent organizations will be held.

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to add to the agenda Item #6-C – Job Descriptions
Seconded by A. Mannion
Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to accept the resignation of Jessica Gomes, BHS Math Teacher.
Seconded by A. Mannion
Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. Job Descriptions

Dr. Chesley spoke about the Board of Education's IT department working with the Town of Bethel and their computer network. The job descriptions reflect the additional responsibilities of the positions.

Motion by L. Craybas: Move to approve the following Job Descriptions:

1.28 – Supervisor of Technology Operations

1.31 – Technology Support Specialist

1.32 – Supervisor of Information Technologies

Seconded by A. Mannion

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Audience Participation

Jen Larsen, 128B Grassy Plain St., spoke about the special education program in Bethel and how well the program works for students.

8. Reports to the Board

A. *Curriculum*

1. *New Course Proposal: AP Psychology*

2. *New Course Proposal: AP Music Theory*

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve AP Psychology Curriculum and AP Music Theory Curriculum.

Seconded by R. Renner

Motion Carried Unanimously

**B. *Review of the Vision for Special Education and Pupil Services*
(pages 48-50)**

Mrs. Pica, Director of Special Education, Ms. DiBiase, Supervisor of Special Education, and Mrs. Goolkasian, MS/HS Special Education Department Chair, answered questions from Board on the Vision for Special Education and Pupil Services.

C. *Policy Approval*

Policy # 2000 Administration: Concept and Roles

Policy # 2100 Administration: Administrative Staff Organization

Policy # 2111 Administration: Equal Employment Opportunity

Policy # 2113 Administration: Grievance Procedures Title IX
Policy # 2121 Administration: Lines of Responsibility
Policy # 2130 Administration: Job Descriptions
Policy # 2131 Administration: Superintendent of Schools

Regulation #2131 Administration: Superintendent of Schools
Regulation #2120 Administration: Organizational Chart

Motion by M. O'Brien: Move to approve the following policies:

Policy # 2000 Administration: Concept and Roles
Policy # 2100 Administration: Administrative Staff Organization
Policy # 2111 Administration: Equal Employment Opportunity
Policy # 2113 Administration: Grievance Procedures Title IX
Policy # 2121 Administration: Lines of Responsibility
Policy # 2130 Administration: Job Descriptions
Policy # 2131 Administration: Superintendent of Schools
Regulation #2131 Administration: Superintendent of Schools
Regulation #2120 Administration: Organizational Chart
Seconded by J. DeRosa
Motion Carried Unanimously

9. Action Items

A. *Appointments to 2011 Standing Committees*

Mr. Craybas reviewed the Board's mission and how each subcommittee will work to support the mission. Mr. Craybas proposed the following Subcommittee Chairs:

Curriculum – Jill DeRosa
Policy – Melanie O'Brien
Buildings/Grounds – Mike Duff
Finance – Stuart Carlsen
Personnel – Larry Craybas

Mr. Craybas requested volunteers for the Community Outreach Committee. Mr. Craybas and Mrs. Renner volunteered as Co-Chairs.

Mr. Craybas asked Board members to send him the committees they are interested in serving on.

10. Executive Session

CT General Statutes 1-200(6)(e)

1. *Personnel*

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

Board Members Absent: K. Harrison, C. McCorkindale

Motion by A. Mannion: Move to enter into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.
Seconded by R. Renner
Motion Carried Unanimously

**Motion by J. DeRosa: Move that the Board of Education come out of Executive Session
at 8:30 p.m.**
Seconded by R. Renner
Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.
Seconded by R. Renner
Motion Carried Unanimously

11. Adjourn

Motion by R. Renner: Move to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.
Seconded by J. DeRosa
Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Paré
Board Recorder