

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **Thursday, May 5, 2011**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: None

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, B. Kirmil, K. Smith, C. Troetti

J. DeRosa, Vice 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, S. Clayton, J. DeRosa, K. Lacey, A. Mannion, M. O'Brien, R. Renner

Board Members Absent: L. Craybas, M. Duff

- B. ***Pledge Allegiance***

2. **Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence**
 - A. ***Presentation of Elementary Recycle Poster Contest Winner***

Dr. Chesley presented Emma Lutjen her award. She was unable to attend the Board meeting on the evening when other children received their ribbons.

Gift to the Schools:

Bethel High School, \$20 donation to Boys' Lacrosse Team from The Relay Bookhouse, LLC, Bethel, CT.

3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. ***April 7, 2011***

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| <p>Motion by S. Clayton: Move to approve the minutes of April 7, 2011. Seconded by R Renner AYE: S. Carlsen, S. Clayton, J. DeRosa, A. Mannion, M. O'Brien, R. Renner NAY: None Abstain: K. Lacey Motion Carried</p> |
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4. **Correspondence**

- Letter from Mrs. Mannion, Board of Education member, to the Bethel Patch and Danbury News Times in support of full-day Kindergarten.
- Letter from Mr. Craybas, Board of Education Chairman, to the Bethel Patch and Danbury News Times regarding the budget.
- Letter from Mrs. DeRosa, Board of Education Vice Chairman, to the Bethel Patch and Danbury News Times regarding the budget.

5. **Audience Participation**

None.

6. **Administrative/Board Member Update**

Dr. Chesley informed the Board the middle school's Curriculum Expo will be held on May 10th. Dr. Chesley also discussed the article in the *News Times* regarding the decrease in students attending quality preschools in Danbury and his article published in *Education Week* on teacher tenure.

Mrs. Yonsky introduced Kirsten, an intern from Germany, who worked in the business office for two weeks to be immersed in the English language.

Mrs. Renner spoke about the foreign exchange students visit from France and complimented Mrs. Trachtenburg for putting together a wonderful program.

A. 2009 - 2010 Strategic School Profile

Dr. Chesley and Dr. Jordan reviewed the SSP with Board and answered questions from the Board.

B. 2010 Racial Statistics Summary

Dr. Jordan reviewed and discussed the Racial Statistics Summary report with the Board.

C. Approval of the 2012-2013 School Calendar

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to accept the 2012-2013 School Calendar.

Seconded by M. O'Brien

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Reports to the Board

A. *Curriculum*

- 1. *Approval – Revised Benchmarks for Kindergarten and Grade 1 Mathematics and Kindergarten Language Arts Curriculum***

Motion by A. Mannion: Move to approve Kindergarten and Grade 1 Mathematics and Kindergarten Language Arts Curriculum.

Seconded by R. Renner

Motion Carried Unanimously

- 2. *Approval - Television Production & Broadcast Journalism Textbook***

Tabled. The textbook is available for review.

- 3. *Teacher Evaluation Document – 2011 Revisions***

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve the Teacher Evaluation Document

Seconded by R. Renner

Motion Carried Unanimously

8. Recommended Executive Session

CT General Statutes 1-210(b)(9)

- 1. *Negotiations***

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to enter into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

Seconded by M. O'Brien

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Board Members Absent: L. Craybas, M. Duff

Administrators: G. Chesley, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky

Attendance: L. Rudinas, Human Resources Manager

Motion by A. Mannion: Move to come out of Executive at: 8:10 p.m.
Seconded by M. O'Brien
Motion Carried Unanimously

9. **Adjourn**

Motion by A. Mannion: Move to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.
Seconded by K. Lacey
Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pare
Board Recorder