

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **Thursday, August 25, 2011**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, T. Yonsky

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. Chrzescijanek, S. Clayton (arrived 7:03 p.m.) M. Duff, W. Duff (arrived 7:05 p.m.), K. Lacey, M. O'Brien, R. Renner

Board Members Absent: None

- B. ***Pledge of Allegiance***

**Motion by L. Craybas: Move to add to the agenda:**  
**3A. Election of Vice Chairperson of Board of Education**  
**3B. Briefing from Mr. Germinaro on Hurricane preparations**  
**3C. Motion by Board member M. Duff**  
**Seconded by S. Carlsen**  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

2. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. ***June 28, 2011 – Regular Meeting***
  - B. ***July 19, 2011 – Special Meeting***
  - C. ***July 19, 2011 – Special Meeting***

**Motion by M. Duff: Move to approve the minutes of August 23, 2011, Special Meeting.**  
**Seconded by S. Carlsen**  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the minutes of:**  
***June 28, 2011 – Regular Meeting***  
***July 19, 2011 – Special Meeting***  
***July 19, 2011 – Special Meeting***  
**Seconded by M. O'Brien**  
**AYE: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, S. Clayton, M. Duff, M. O'Brien, R. Renner**  
**NAY: None**  
**Abstain: W. Duff – 6/28/11, 7/19/11, 7/19/11- Special Meeting, and 8/23/11**  
**K. Lacey – 6/28/11**  
**J. Chrzescijanek – 6/28/11, 7/19/11, 7/19/11- Special Meeting**  
**Motion Carried**

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3. **Correspondence**

- Letter from BOE member, Amy Mannion, resigning from the Board of Education.

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- Memo from Larry Craybas, Chairman, BOE, to Bill Slifkin, Chairman of the Bethel Board of Finance, regarding the collection of union dues from certified teachers.
- Memo from Larry Craybas, Chairman, BOE, to State Senators Mike McLachlan and Toni Boucher and State Representatives David Scribner and Dan Carter, regarding the reduction in municipal aide.
- Letter from William Slifkin, Chairman of the Bethel Board of Finance, to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education regarding the resolution passed by the Board of Finance regarding union negotiations.
- Letter to Dr. Smith, Principal Bethel Middle School, from Becky Douglas, President, Rising Star Outreach, regarding the work and funds raised by BMS students.
- Letter from Michael Duff, Chairman, BOE Buildings and Grounds Committee, to Mathew Knickerbocker, First Selectman, regarding a workshop scheduled with DRA, the architectural firm conducting the facility study for Rockwell and Johnson Schools.
- Email from David Calcheare, Director of Public Policy, CAPSS, regarding the new Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR) law.
- Letter from Lisa Stierner, Sr. Staff Associate for Professional Development, to Theresa Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services regarding CABA E-Meeting Service.
- Letter from BOE member, Jill DeRosa, resigning from the Board of Education.

### **3A. Election of Vice Chairperson of Board of Education**

**Motion by L. Craybas: Move to nominate Melanie O'Brien for Vice Chairperson for the remainder of the year ending on December 30, 2011.  
Seconded by S. Clayton  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion by W. Duff: Move to close nominations.  
Seconded by S. Clayton  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

### **3B. Briefing from Mr. Germinaro on Hurricane preparations**

Mr. Germinaro update the Board the Board on the preparations being made for Hurricane Irene.

### **3C. Motion by Board member M. Duff**

**Motion by M. Duff: Move that the contractual issues of union dues collection be placed on the Board of Education agenda as a subject to be discussed in executive session at the September 22, 2011 Board of Education meeting  
Seconded by S. Carlsen  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

### **4. Audience Participation**

Robert Fand, Kayview Ave, spoke about the collection of union dues being used for political purposes.

### **5. Administrative/Board Member Update**

- A) 2011 Summer School Summary  
Linda Anderson, Summer School Director, reviewed the 2011 summer school summary report with the Board.

- B) RTI Studio Overview  
Michelle Rutledge presented and overview of RTI Studio to the Board.

6. **Reports to the Board**

A. ***Policy***

1. ***First Reading -School Climate/Anti-Bullying Policy***

**Motion by M. O'Brien: Move to accept first reading of School Climate/Anti-Bullying policy.  
Seconded by S. Carlsen  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

2. ***First Reading – 4000 Series Polices***

**Motion by M. O'Brien: Move to accept first reading of 4000 Series.  
Seconded by S. Carlsen  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. ***Curriculum***

1. ***CMT/CAPT Presentation***

Dr. Chesley reviewed the CMT/CAPT scores with the Board.

2. ***Presentation of the Vision document***

Dr. Chesley presented the Vision document to the Board. Administrators will review and discuss their sections of the document at future Board meetings.

3. ***Senior English Curriculum Revision (42)***

4. ***Freshman English Curriculum Revisions (41)***

5. ***Spanish Curriculum Versions (12,21, 22, 31, 32)***

6. ***Approval – New French textbook for Honors French 41***

7. ***Math Curriculum New (Grades K,1, 2, and 3)***

8. ***Math Grade 6 Curriculum***

9. ***Syllabus and Pacing Chart for Advanced Music Theory***

10. ***Approval – Advanced Placement Music Theory Textbook***

11. ***Algebra 1A for BMS***

12. ***English 22 – BMS***

13. ***Kindergarten Language Arts***

14. ***Kindergarten Grammar 1-5***

15. ***Teacher Supervision and Evaluation Plan, Revised August 2011***

Dr. Jordan spoke to the Board about the revised Teacher Supervision and Evaluation Plan.

**Motion by R. Renner: Move to approve the following:**

***Senior English Curriculum Revision (42)***

***Freshman English Curriculum Revisions (41)***

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**Seconded by K. Lacey**  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**C. Finance**

**1. Albert W. Janesky Memorial Scholarship Fund, New Scholarship Fund and Banking Resolution**

**Motion by L. Craybas: Move to authorize the Business Office to establish a new scholarship account with Union Saving Bank and to further give authority to Gary M. Chesley and Theresa D. Yonsky to endorse all checks and orders for payment for the Board of Education and give authority to Richard F. Missimer to inquire about the account and request data regarding the account.**

**Seconded by S. Carlsen**  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**D. Personnel and Negotiations**

**1. Resignations/Appointments**

**Motion by M. Duff: Move to approve appointments as outlined in memo dated August 25, 2011.**

**Seconded by R. Renner**  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion by L. Craybas: Move to approve resignations as outlined in memo dated August 25, 2011.**

**Seconded by R. Renner**  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**10. Adjourn**

**Motion by L. Craybas: Move to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.**

**Seconded by R. Renner**  
**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pare  
Board Recorder