

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Annual/Regular Meeting** held on **Thursday, December 15, 2011**, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

**Attendance:** None.

**Administrative Attendance:** G. Chesley, T. Yonsky, D. DeBlois, B. Kirmil, L. Pica, K. Smith

**L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.**

**Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:04 PM:**

**Present Board Members:**

Mr. Stuart Carlsen  
Mr. Scott Clayton  
Mr. Larry Craybas  
Mrs. Kristen Lacey  
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien  
Mrs. Robin Renner  
Mr. Ted Stevenson

**Absent Board Members:**

Mr. William Duff

**Updated Attendance:**

Mr. William Duff was updated to present at: 7:08 PM

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**1. Selection of Temporary Chairperson**

**Motion Passed: Move to nominate Dr. Gary Chesley as temporary Chairman.  
Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.  
Unanimously**

**2. Call to Order**

- 2.A. Roll Call for Quorum
- 2.B. Pledge of Allegiance

**3. Annual Meeting**

- 3.A. Election of Officers
  - 3.A.1. Nominations for Chairman of the Board

**Motion Passed: Move to nominate Larry Craybas for Chairman of the Board of Education for 2012. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.  
Unanimously**

### 3.A.2. Nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board

**Motion Passed: Move to nominate Melanie O'Brien for Vice Chairman of the Board of Education for 2012. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.**  
Unanimously

### 3.A.3. Nominations for Secretary of the Board

**Motion Passed: Move to nominate Robin Renner for Secretary of the Board of Education for 2012. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.**  
Unanimously

### 3.B. Appointments to Standing Committees

Appointments to standing committees will be made and brought to the Board at a future meeting.

### 3.C. 2012 Board of Education Meeting Dates

**Motion Passed: Move to approve the 2012 Board of Education Meeting Dates.**  
Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.  
Unanimously

## 4. Approval of Minutes

### 4.A. November 17, 2011 - Regular Meeting

**Motion Passed: Move to table the minutes of November 17 2011 - Regular Meeting for discussion. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.**  
Unanimously

### 4.B. December 1, 2011 - Special Meeting

**Motion Passed: Move to approve the minutes of December 1, 2011 - Special Meeting.**  
Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Robin Renner.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Abstain
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Abstain

5. **Administrative/Board Member Update**

Mrs. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services informed the Board there is a need to set up an Ad-Hoc Transportation Committee for the purpose of reviewing a bus route request.

Larry Craybas, William Duff, and Robin Renner volunteered for the committee.

6. **Board Recognition**

6.A. NACD 2011 Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award Presentation

Tabled. The National Association of Gifted Children representative was unable to attend meeting.

7. **Correspondence**

8. **Audience Participation**

None.

9. **Reports to the Board**

9.A. Policy - Second Reading/Approval

9.A.1. Regulation 5131.911 - Safe School Climate Plan

**Motion Passed: Motion to approve Regulation 5131.911 - Safe School Climate Plan and to submit plan to the State Department of Education as prescribed by statute. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Robin Renner. Unanimously**

9.A.2. Bylaw 9270 - Conflict of Interest

9.A.3. Bylaw 9222 - Resignation/Removal from Office

**Motion Passed: Move to recommend for first reading Bylaws 9222 - Resignation/Removal from Office and 9270 - Conflict of Interest. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen. Unanimously**

9.A.4. Policy 3524.2 - Hazardous Materials in Schools, Green Cleaning Program

**Motion Passed: Move to approve Policy 3524.2 - Hazardous Materials in Schools, Green Cleaning Program. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Larry**

Craybas.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Abstain

**9.B. Curriculum**

- 9.B.1. Digital Music--new course
- 9.B.2. Grade 9 and Grade 10 Social Studies summer curriculum work
- 9.B.3. Changes to Freshman Biology
- 9.B.4. Digital Academy Physics--new aspect of three year old Digital Academy program
- 9.B.5. Reorganization of the Journalism program
- 9.B.6. Facing History and Ourselves summer curriculum work
- 9.B.7. Advanced Placement Psychology syllabus submitted to College Board

**10. Textbook Review/Approval**

- 10.A. Advanced Placement US History--Textbook Approval
- 10.B. US History (honors and college prep)--Textbook Approval
- 10.C. Go Math! for grades 4 and 5--Textbook Approval

**Motion Passed: Move to approve all curriculum items (9B1-9B7) and the Go Math! for grades 4 and 5 textbook, curriculum, and tools and to table textbook approval for Advanced Placement US History and US History. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mr. William Duff.**

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Abstain

**11. Recommended Executive Session**

**CT General Statutes 1-210(b)(2)**

**Personnel Teacher Union Sick Bank Request**

**Motion Passed: Move to enter into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and invite into Executive Session Mrs. Yonsky and Dr. Smith. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.  
Unanimously**

**Motion Passed: Move to come out of Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. Stuart Carlsen and a second by Mr. William Duff.  
Unanimously**

**Motion Passed: Move to approve Sick Bank request.  
Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.  
Unanimously**

**Motion Passed: Move to approve response to complaint. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.**

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	No
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	No
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes

**Motion Passed: Move to allow Personnel Subcommittee to finalize Dr. Smith's contract - pending Board approval. Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mr. Larry Craybas.  
Unanimously**

**12. Adjourn**

**Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Kristen Lacey.  
Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Paré  
Board Recorder