

**Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on March 20, 2014,
in Board of Education Conf. Room E.**

Attendance: Jen Larsen

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky (left 7:30 p.m.), B. Watson, M. Rutledge, C. Troetti

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

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:03 PM:

Present Board Members:

**Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman
Mr. Stuart Carlsen
Mr. Larry Craybas
Mr. William Duff
Mrs. Kristen Lacey
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien
Mrs. Robin Renner**

Absent Board Members:

**Mr. Scott Clayton
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman**

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Scott Clayton was updated to present at: 7:06 PM

1. Call to Order

- 1.A. Roll Call for Quorum**
- 1.B. Pledge of Allegiance**

2. Board Recognition

- 2.A. 2013 CABA Award of Excellence for Educational Communications**

Mr. Robert Trefry, Associate Director, CABA, presented the 2013 CABA Award of Excellence for Educational Communications to Award Winner: Cindy Feuerman, BHS Media Technology, the category of Special AV Project - Bethel Public Schools, BHS Freshmen Orientation.

2.B. Board of Education Appreciation Month

The month of March is Connecticut Board of Education Appreciation Month. Dr. Smith thanked the Board members for for the time and effort they devote to board business.

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2.C. Gifts to the School System

Gifts to the School System:

Johnson School - Used washing machine, Ken Zimmerman, Bethel, CT.

3. Correspondence

- Email from Janice Jordan, Associate Superintendent, regarding Invention Convention.
- Letter to Governor Malloy from Dr. Smith, Superintendent regarding Common Core State Standards.
- Letter to BOE from Education Connection regarding Scholarship.
- Email to the BOE from Kathllen Quader, Johnson School Teacher regarding Junior Achievement.
- Email from Gina Kappes, parent, regarding opting out of SBAC.

Correspondence regarding Superintendent's search petition

1. Email from Kim Lemone, parent, regarding Superintendent's search petition.
2. Email from Gina Kappes, parent, regarding Superintendent's search petition.
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4. Email from Jan Neuner, community member, regarding Superintendent's search petition.
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8. Email from Kim Lemone, parent, regarding Superintendent's search petition.
9. Email from Irene Santangelo, parent, regarding Superintendent's search petition.
10. Email from Jan Neuner, community member, regarding Superintendent's search petition.
11. Email from Irene Santangelo, parent, regarding Superintendent's search petition.
12. Email from Mary Beth Cooke, parent, regarding Superintendent's search petition.
13. Email from Irene Santangelo, parent, regarding Superintendent's search petition.

4. Consent Calendar

4.A. Approval of Minutes

4.A.1. Minutes - February 6, 2014 - Special Meeting- Parent University

4.A.2. Minutes February 20, 2014 - Executive Session

4.A.3. Minutes February 20, 2014 - Special Meeting

4.A.4. Minutes February 20, 2014 - Regular Meeting

<p>Motion Passed: Move to approve the Consent Calendar. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen. Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman Yes</p>

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

5. Audience Participation

Jen Larsen, 128 Grassy Plain St., thanked the Board members for giving their time for all the children of Bethel.

6. Administrative/Board Member Update

6.A. Common Core State Standards (CCSS)/Smarter Balanced Assessments Consortium (SBAC) Update

Dr. Smith spoke to the Board regarding the recent legislative hearing on the two bills pertaining to the CCSS and the propagation of misinformation about "Opting Out" of the SBAC Field Test. Dr. Smith reviewed the implementation process since the State of CT adopted the the CCSS in July of 2010. Dr. Smith spoke about the BPS opting to participate in the SBAC Field Test rather than the legacy assessments (CMT/CAPT).

7. Reports to the Board

7.A. Personnel

7.A.1. Appointments/Resignations

Motion Passed: Move to approve the appointments as outlined. Passed with a motion by Mr. Stuart Carlsen and a second by Mrs. Robin Renner.	
Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

8. Recommended Executive Session

8.A. CT General Statutes 1-210(b)(2) Personnel - Secretaries Union Sick Bank Request

8.B. CT General Statutes 1-210(b)(9) Negotiations - Paraprofessionals & Secretaries

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan

Board Members Present:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman

Mr. Stuart Carlsen

Mr. Scott Clayton

Mr. Larry Craybas

Mr. William Duff

Mrs. Kristen Lacey

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

Mrs. Robin Renner

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Nicholas Hoffman

Motion Passed: Move to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 PM. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

Motion Passed: Move to come out of Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes

Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
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Motion Passed: Move to approve Sick Bank request. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Kristen Lacey.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

9. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. William Duff.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder