

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on March 19, 2015, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: Jen Larsen

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, T. Yonsky, C. Troetti, M. Rutledge

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

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

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

Updated Attendance:

- Mr. Stuart Carlsen was updated to present at: 7:02 PM
- Mr. William Duff was updated to present at: 7:13 PM
- Mrs. Kristen Lacey was updated to present at: 7:02 PM

1. Call to Order

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

It was the consensus of the Board to move agenda item 7A - Curriculum to the first agenda item.

2. Curriculum

2.A. World History II Textbook Review

Dr. Galbraith, BHS Social Studies Dept. Chair, presented the World History II Textbook for approval.

The Social Studies department is proposing a new textbook, World History & Geography: Modern Times, that aligns to the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework Standards from the National Council for Social Studies (NCSS) and the CT Core Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading and Writing.

Motion Passed: Move that the World History II textbook be approved by the Board of Education passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas 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	Abstain
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

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2.B. Physics AP C course and Textbook Review

Mr. Turek, BHS Science Dept. Chairman, presented the Physics AP C course and textbook.

The science department is proposing a new course, Physics AP C and new textbook, Fundamentals of Physics Extended, to create a pathway for students who have taken Physics 1 and 2. This year-long college-level course is designed for students who wish to pursue a career in the physical sciences or engineering.

Motion Passed: Move that Physics AP C course and textbook be approved by the Board of Education passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas 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	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

3. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

3.A. Board Member Appreciation Month

The Month of March is Connecticut Board of Education Appreciation Month. The administration took the opportunity to say "thank you" to our hardworking and dedicated board members. We thank you for the time and effort you devote to board business.

3.B. BMS Designated a NELMS Spotlight School

Dr. Carver informed the Board that Bethel Middle School has again been designated as a NELMS Spotlight School. Bethel Middle School continues to exemplify an excellent learning community for young adolescents and upholds best practices for middle level education.

During the recent renewal visit the reviewers saw a variety of indicators that made it evident that Bethel Middle School has continued to make progress and is committed to effective instruction, collaboration, teaming, continual growth, and a solid understanding of the young adolescent.

The New England League of Middle Schools commended Bethel Middle School for the following:

- Forward thinking model of a Learning Community to instill 21st Century Learning Skills;
- Implementing a STEM program;
- Looping practices in advisory and administration;
- Commitment to including all stakeholders in the decision-making process including custodial, clerical, and cafeteria staff;
- Comprehensive guidance/support services department; and
- Development of a Parent University and a new parent mentor program.

4. Consent Calendar

4.A. Approval of Minutes

4.A.1. February 19, 2015 - Regular Meeting

4.A.2. February 19, 2015 - BOF Presentation

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

5. Correspondence

- Press Statement Regarding Former Berry School Employee
- Letter to Parents Regarding Former Berry School Employee
- Letter to Berry School Parents Regarding Former Berry School Employee
- Letter to Parents Regarding Information Session for Parents Regarding Former Berry School Employee
- Letter to School Community Regarding the Arrest of a Former Berry School Employee
- Q & A for Parents Regarding Former Berry School Employee

Mrs. Renner stated the administration has done a great job of keeping the community informed within the restrictions of the law.

Mr. Craybas complimented the administration on the Q&A documents to the community as they made the process clear and answered questions.

Mr. Hoffman complimented the administration on the dignity and grace in the way they handled the situation.

6. Audience Participation

Jen Larson, 128B Grassy Plain St., complimented Berry for the opportunity to work with the staff as part of her observation requirements. Mrs. Larson noted the State complimented the program at Berry School.

7. Administrative/Board Member Update

7.A. Help Desk Update

Dr. Carver provided an overview to the Board on the Help Desk System, including the demand on current staffing levels, an understanding of how many tickets are being processed and of what type, trends by category, and analysis of systemic issues.

Dr. Carver and Mr. Dave Arre, Supervisor of Technology Operations, answered questions from the Board regarding Help Desk items, demand, and staffing needs.

8. Reports to the Board

8.A. Policy - 1st Reading

8.A.1. Policy 5141.4 - Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect

Policy 5141.4, Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect was revised to reflect legislative changes. The policy itself has been reviewed by our attorneys at Shipman and Goodwin and the Bethel Board of Education, Policy Subcommittee. The Policy Subcommittee gave input and our attorneys made further revisions. The draft reflects the changes and questions.

8.A.2. Policy 5141.41 - Abuse or Neglect of Disabled Adults

Policy 5141.41, Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Adults with an Intellectual Disability or Autism Spectrum

Disorder was revised to reflect legislative changes. The policy itself has been reviewed by our attorneys at Shipman and Goodwin and the Bethel Board of Education, Policy Subcommittee. The Policy Subcommittee gave input and our attorneys made further revisions. The draft reflects the changes and questions.

8.B. Finance

8.B.1. Apple & ePlus Leases

Motion Passed: The Board of Education waives the bid process for the Apple Inc. and HP purchases made through the Apple lease agreement renewed March/April 2015 passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas 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	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

Motion Passed: Move to approve the technology lease as presented by Ms. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman.

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

8.C. Personnel

8.C.1. Resignations/Appointments

Motion Passed: Move to accept the resignation/appointments as outlined passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas 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	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

9. Action Item

9.A. Class of 2015 Graduation Date

Dr. Carver and Mr. Troetti, BHS Principal, spoke to the Board about the issues with scheduling a date at WCSU and the scheduling of graduation dates in the future.

As per statute, the Board will take action on the graduation date for the Class of 2015 after April 1st. Action will be

taken at special meeting on April 2, 2015.

10. Recommended Executive Session

Present Board Members:

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

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, T. Yonsky

Motion Passed: Move to enter into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas 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	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

10.A. C.G.S 1-210(b)(3)

Discussion of any matter that would result in the disclosure of confidential records or information excluded from the FOIA's disclosure requirements under C.G.S

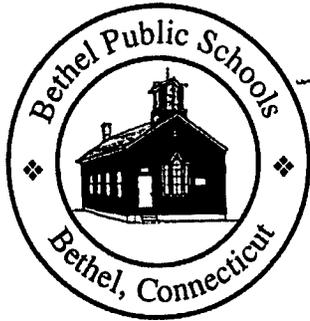
Motion Passed: Move to come of out Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. William Duff.	
Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

11. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas 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	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder



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To: Board of Education
From: Teri Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services 
Cc: Dr. Christine Carver, Dr. Kristen Brooks
Re: Bid waiver for Apple and HP purchases included in the Apple Finance lease renewal – March/April 2015

Our legal counsel has advised that technology purchases made through our leases should also be bid or bid waived.

The purchase of equipment from Apple Inc. totals approximately \$114,383 and from HP totals approximately \$86,608 through the Apple Finance lease renewal. The unit price quotes were obtained directly through Apple Inc. and HP at their public sector pricing especially for education. This is the best pricing available to the Bethel Board of Education. Therefore we are waiving the bid process.

Motion: The Board of Education waives the bid process for the Apple Inc. and HP purchases made through the Apple lease agreement renewed March/April 2015.

Yay: 9 Nay: 0

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