

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on December 17, 2015, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

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

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

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

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Nicholas Hoffman was updated to present at: 7:00 AM

1. Selection of Temporary Chairperson

Motion Passed: Move to nominate Dr. Christine Carver as temporary Chairman passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

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

2. Call to Order

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

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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 2016 passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

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

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 2016 passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

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

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

Motion Passed: Move to nominate Robin Renner for Secretary of the Board of Education for 2016 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. Nicholas Hoffman	Absent
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes

Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
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3.B. 2016 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Mr. Craybas asked Board members to let him know which committees they would like to be on for 2016.

Motion Passed: Move to approve the 2016 Board of Education Meeting Dates passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Robin Renner.

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

3.C. Code of Ethics

Dr. Carver noted the success of our school system depends on an effective working relationship between the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools. This code incorporates those standards and responsibilities most critical to productive Board and Superintendent relations. Board members signed the Code of Ethics for 2016.

4. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

- Congratulations to the Board on winning the CABA Board of Distinction Award - Level III! The Awards ceremony took place as part of the CABA/CAPSS Conference, on Friday, November 20th. This is the third year the Board has received Level II.

Gifts the School System:

- Bethel Middle/High School, a collection of The History Channel books, DVDs, and games, from A+E Networks, Stamford, CT.
- Bethel High School, \$9,640.00 donation for BHS EMT program for the BHS EMT Trip to JEMS EMS Today Conference, Mr. Arnhold, Arnhold Foundation, NY, NY.

5. Consent Calendar

5.A. Approval of Minutes

5.A.1. November 19, 2015 - Regular Meeting

Motion Passed: Move to approve the minutes of November 19, 2015 passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.

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

6. Correspondence

- Letter to Selectmen from T. Yonsky regarding the Capital Project Plan.
- CABA Press Release regarding CABA Board of Distinction Award.

7. Audience Participation

None.

8. Administrative/Board Member Update

Dr. Carver informed the Board as requested the approximate costs and different options for Physical Management Training for staff as mandated.

8.A. Sodexo Food Services - Healthy Foods

Mrs. Yonsky reviewed with the Board the presentation given to the subcommittee by Amanda Riley, Sodexo Food Services Manager. Sodexo is now serving Boars Head cold cuts at BHS and they are very popular. Individual Chicken Caesar Salads, and paninis are also very popular. Last year they began serving gluten free options, 100% beef hot dogs, and all natural chicken tenders. Students are eating healthier options. At Rockwell and Berry student are eating a lot fruit and the entree salads are big seller at the elementary schools too. Staff at BHS will be able to pre-order lunch via an app in January and plan to roll it out at BMS at a later date. Mrs. Riley, Sodexo Food Services Manager, will also be meeting with students from BHS/BMS for feedback on the lunch program.

9. Reports to the Board

9.A. Curriculum

9.A.1. Global Studies Pathway at BHS

The Global Studies Pathway is an experience for students interested in pursuing a future career

in a field requiring a global perspective (i.e. politics, finance, travel). Students would have the opportunity to engage in career-based experiences, attend professional learning conferences, become affiliated with national organizations, participate in educational travel or mission trips, and complete a Capstone project related to global studies.

Motion Passed: Move to approve the Bethel High School Global Studies Pathway effective 2016-2017 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. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

9.B. Policy

9.B.1. Second Reading/Approval

9.B.1.a. School Resource Officer MOU - (Regulation 5142.4)

Dr. Carver reviewed the revisions incorporated from the committee meeting. The document meets all of the Board's and administrations concerns.

Motion Passed: Move to approve the Bethel Board of Education and Bethel Police Department's School Resource Officer Memorandum of Agreement passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman.

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

9.B.1.b. Regulation 5125 - Student Records

Dr. Carver informed the Board parent groups are requesting to have access to Directory Information. The current policy and regulations limit the distribution of Directory Information to specific groups, which do not include parent groups. In reviewing the current policy, there do seem to be inconsistencies regarding the type of groups that have access to directory

information, which needed to be addressed. Regulation has been revised effective 12/17/15.

9.B.1.c. Policy/Regulation 5144.1 - Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students

Motion Passed: Move to approve Policy/Regulation 5144.1 - Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman.

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

9.B.1.d. Policy/Regulation 5113 - Attendance and Tardiness-to-School

Motion Passed: Move to approve Policy/Regulation 5113 - Attendance and Tardiness-to-School passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman.

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

10. BOARD REPORTS - PROGRESS TOWARDS DISTRICT INITIATIVES

10.A. Mathematics

Dr. Kristen Brooks, Mrs. Lauren Reid, & Mrs. Amy Weed presented to the Board the progress towards district initiatives in mathematics. The presentation informed the Board of Education on math instruction and the district's efforts to improve student achievement and our teachers' efficacy in teaching mathematics within the district.

Stuart Carlsen, Board member, tendered his resignation from the Board after 14 years of service. The Board thanked Mr. Carlsen for his years of service, dedication, and commitment to the Board

and the students of Bethel.

11. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 8:45 PM passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder