

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **February 23, 2012**, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, T. Yonsky, K. Brooks, D. DeBlois, D. Muharem, B. Kirmil, M. Rutledge, L. Pica, C. Troetti

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 07:00PM.

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

Present Board Members:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen
Mr. Larry Craybas
Mr. William Duff
Mrs. Kristen Lacey
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien
Mrs. Robin Renner
Mr. Ted Stevenson
Mr. Bryan Terzian

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Scott Clayton

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

- 2.A. 2011 Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award

Discussion:

Brooke Burling, Executive Director of the CT Assoc. for the Gifted presented BMS student Ethan Brown with the Connecticut 2011 Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.A. January 19, 2012 - Regular Meeting
- 3.B. January 24, 2012 - Regular Meeting
- 3.C. January 26, 2012 - Regular Meeting
- 3.D. February 2, 2012 - Regular Meeting
- 3.E. February 16, 2012 - Regular Meeting

Motion Passed: Move to approve the minutes of January 19, 2012, January 24, 2012, January 26, 2012, February 2, 2012, and February 16, 2012. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

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

Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

4. Correspondence

Discussion:
None.

5. Audience Participation

Discussion:
Bill Slifkin, Katrina Circle, appreciates the transparency of the BOE budget and supports the BOE budget and 460 Account.

Jim Roden, Juniper Road, supports the 460 Account in its entirety and would like the DARE program reinstated.

Motion Passed: Move to move agenda item 8.A.3. - 460 Account Budget Approval to item 5.A. on the agenda and to add item 5.B. - Transportation Hearing Recommendation. Passed with a motion by Mr. Stuart Carlsen and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.

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

5.A. 460 Account Budget Approval

Discussion:
The Board discussed the items eliminated from the 460 Account budget during the facilities subcommittee meeting and items eliminated after the meeting. The Board discussed the need for ADA compliance and safety on items removed from the 460 Account budget and the need to include them as originally discussed at the facilities subcommittee meeting.

Motion Passed: Move to add back into the 460 Account the following items: HS 300-9 = \$9,800MS 600-4 = \$3,700MS 600-5 = \$2,800RS 500 -7 = \$1,200JS 400- 9 = \$3,000JS 400-13 = \$3,680BS 200-5 = \$3,600BS 200-8 = \$3,500 Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. William Duff.

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

Motion Passed: Move to approve and put forward to the Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance the 460 Account in the amount of \$535,406.27. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

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

5.B. Transportation Hearing Recommendation - Toll Brothers Bus Stop Request

Discussion:

L. Craybas explained the details of the transportation hearing and the Toll Brothers request for a bus stop in the Summit, a Toll Brothers Community, L. Craybas informed the Board the road in the Summit exceeds the grade to be considered a Town road and therefore is a private road not maintained by the Town, and is liability for the Board to send a school bus onto. Currently CT state law prohibits school buses on private roads.

M. O'Brien stated sending a bus on a private road would set a precedent. The students are currently walking within the walking distance in the Board's transportation policy.

L. Craybas stated it is the recommendation of the transportation committee for the Board to respectfully decline the request.

Motion Passed: Move to decline request to send buses up into the Summit, a Toll Brothers Community, to pick up students for reasons stated and would like T. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services, to send correspondence to Toll Brothers informing them. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

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

6. Administrative/Board Member Update

6.A. 2010-2011 Strategic School Profile

Discussion:

Dr. Smith briefly reviewed the Strategic School Profile (SSP) with the Board. The Strategic School Profile will be on the next agenda to answer any questions the Board may have.

6.B. Update - Dr. Smith's Entry Plan for First 100 Days

Discussion:

Dr. Smith reviewed with the Board his updated First 100 Days Plan.

6.C. Update - Kindergarten Progress

Discussion:

Mickie Rutledge, Supervisor of Reading/Language Arts, presented to the Board the new full-day Kindergarten students progress in developmental reading assessments, writing prompts, sight words, and math.

7. Legislative Proposal

Discussion:

Dr. Smith informed the Board there is not a lot known at this time. 67% of the respondents say there are too many requirements/data reporting requirements; the State would also like to make it easier for non-traditional people to enter into the teaching profession.

M. O'Brien questioned the redundancies in reporting for State and Federal reports. She would like some feedback so she can be specific when discussing redundancies in reporting with legislators.

8. Reports to the Board

8.A. Finance

8.A.1. Healthy Foods Certification

Motion Passed: 1) On behalf of the Bethel Board of Education and pursuant to section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, we hereby certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under our jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will meet said standards during the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored. 2) Pursuant to section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, I hereby acknowledge that the Board of Education or governing authority, will exclude from certification food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, provided that (1) such food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2) such sale is at the location of the event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store. Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mr. Bryan Terzian.

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

8.A.2. Banking Resolution - Official Signature

8.A.2.a. Union Savings Bank Signatures

Motion Passed: The Bethel Board of Education authorizes a change in agents and authorized signers on the Town of Bethel/Bethel Board of Education accounts with Union Savings Bank from Gary M. Chesley, Superintendent to Kevin J. Smith, Superintendent. Theresa D. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services and Richard F. Missimer, Accountant remain as agents and authorized signers on said accounts. Passed with a motion by Mr. Ted Stevenson and a second by Mr. William Duff.

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

8.A.2.b. Fidelity Investment Accounts Signatures

Motion Passed: The Bethel Board of Education authorizes a change to the agents and signers on the following Fidelity Investment accounts: Hennessey Memorial Scholarship Fund, Account # X57-633062 and Hennessey Teacher Award, Account # X57-633054 as follows: Kevin J. Smith will replace Gary M. Chesley as Superintendent of Schools effective immediately. All other agents and authorized signers on these accounts remain the same. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

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

9. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. Stuart Carlsen and a second by Mr. William Duff.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder