

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Special Meeting held on January 10, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: Jen Larsen

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, D. DeBlois

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 06:00PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 6:00 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

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Scott Clayton
Mr. Bryan Terzian

Updated Attendance:

Mrs. Robin Renner was updated to absent at: 7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

1.A. Roll Call for Quorum

Discussion:

Mr. Craybas noted S. Clayton had a prior work commitment and was unable to attend.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Audience Participation

2.A. Public Input Regarding the 2013-2014 Education Budget

Discussion:

Jason Atkins, Hollyberry Drive, stated his family had moved to Bethel for the school system. He was impressed with how the tragedy in Newtown was handled at Berry School on December 14, 2012. Would prefer funds go into programs not armed guards.

Heather Pontonio, Lexington Meadows, stated her family moved here for full-day Kindergarten. She is concerned with the Professional Development line in the budget. She would like it to remain or increase to allow teachers to receive needed professional development.

Kim Lemone, 13 Allan Way, stated she would like to see full-year foreign language in 6th grade next year. She would also like to see money in the budget for security for all the schools and would like to see more enrichment programs.

Michelle Boraski, Oak Ridge Road, stated the schools have improved since she moved to Bethel and feels the current level of security at the schools is above par. Would like to look at bus routes/number of busses for cost savings. She would like to remove pay-to-play/participate next year. She is currently spending \$40 for BMS afterschool clubs.

Jen Larsen, Grassy Plain Street, stated she would like to see an additional instructor for NJROTC. Currently the freshman class is split into two semesters. Mrs. Larsen asked what the Board was looking at and how are they working with the gifted children.

Dr. Smith spoke about cluster grouping and possibly rolling it into middle school.

3. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 7:12 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	Absent
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder