

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: Jen Larsen

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, C. Troetti, M. Rutledge, G. Lawlor, L. Pica, B. Germinaro, D. DeBlois, M. Lerz, B. Kirmil, D. Muharem, K. Gombos

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

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1. Call to Order

1.A. Roll Call for Quorum

Discussion:

Mr. Craybas, Chairman, asked for a moment of silence in honor of David W. Deakin, former First Selectmen, who recently passed away. Mr. Deakin had the foresight to purchase the land for Bethel's school campus. The campus was named the David W. Deakin Educational Park several years ago.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Audience Participation

Discussion:

None.

3. 2013-2014 Education Budget Workshop

Discussion:

Dr. Smith, Dr. Jordan, and Ms. Yonsky, Director for Fiscal Services, answered questions on the budget that were submitted by Board of Education members.

Ms. Yonsky answered line item questions regarding regular education out of district tuition, pay-to-play, substitute teacher line, and student activity. The Board discussed the student activity accounts. Ms. Yonsky explained the funds in student activity accounts can only be used for the purposes the accounts were set up for. Ms. Yonsky informed the Board that all bookkeeping for student activity is handled through the business office at central office. Connecticut statues allow only student activity accounts to accept donations. If donations are used for technology those purchases are reviewed prior by Mr. DeBlois, Supervisor of Information Technologies, to be sure those purchases meet the district's needs and aligns with the district's Technology Plan.

Mrs. Pica, Director of SPED and Pupil Services, answered questions regarding the SPED tuition line. Mrs. Pica explained Educational Cost Sharing (ECS) to the Board and the service centers the district uses for out-placed students and what services they provide to meet the students needs. Mrs. Pica spoke about DCF placements and the Board's responsibility for tuition. Tuitions for DCF placements are based on a State formula.

Dr. Smith answered questions about the use of specials teachers during their free time. Specials teachers run intervention groups or cover other classes for other teachers to allow time for PLCs and data teams.

Board members completed reviewing the submitted Q & A questions.

The Board discussed the 460 account. Mr. Germinaro, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds answered questions on line item details of the 460 account.

Mr. Terzian questioned the need to replace benches at BMS. He stated he would rather see the funds go to replacing ceiling tiles at BMS. Dr. Smith explained the current benches are beyond repair and either need to be replaced or removed.

Mr. Terzian and Mr. Duff offered to find other sources to fund the replacement of the benches at BMS.

Motion Failed: Move to approve a facilities "460" budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$549,392.00 as presented in the budget documents prepared by the Administration. Failed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

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| Mr. Stuart Carlsen | No vote |
| Mr. Scott Clayton | No vote |
| Mr. Larry Craybas | No vote |
| Mr. William Duff | No vote |
| Mrs. Kristen Lacey | No vote |
| Mrs. Melanie O'Brien | No vote |
| Mrs. Robin Renner | No vote |
| Mr. Ted Stevenson | No vote |
| Mr. Bryan Terzian | No vote |

Motion to Amend Passed: To amend the motion from: "Move to approve a facilities "460" budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$549,392.00 as presented in the budget documents prepared by the Administration." to: "Move to amend motion to approve a facilities "460" budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$549,392.00 with the reallocation of \$4,800.00 for new benches at BMS to be used for ceiling tiles at BMS. " Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mr. Bryan Terzian.

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| Mr. Stuart Carlsen | Yes |
| Mr. Scott Clayton | Yes |
| 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 Failed: Move to approve an operating budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$40,830,969 as presented in the budget documents prepared by the Administration. Failed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

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| Mr. Stuart Carlsen | No vote |
| Mr. Scott Clayton | No vote |
| Mr. Larry Craybas | No vote |
| Mr. William Duff | No vote |
| Mrs. Kristen Lacey | No vote |
| Mrs. Melanie O'Brien | No vote |
| Mrs. Robin Renner | No vote |
| Mr. Ted Stevenson | No vote |
| Mr. Bryan Terzian | No vote |

Motion to Amend Passed: To amend the motion from: "Move to approve an operating budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$40,830,969 as presented in the budget documents prepared by the Administration." to: Move to amend the motion to include:

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| Add: School Psychologist | \$78,496 | .20% |
| Add: NJROTC Instructor | \$44,000 | .11% |
| Deduct: Regular Ed Tuition Adjustment | (\$2,192) | |
| Deduct: Contingency Account Adjustment | (\$5,000) | (.02%) |

For a total Board of Education Proposed Budget of \$40,946,273 a 3.24% increase.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Robin Renner.

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| Mr. Stuart Carlsen | Yes |
| Mr. Scott Clayton | Yes |
| Mr. Larry Craybas | Yes |

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| 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. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

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| Mr. Stuart Carlsen | Yes |
| Mr. Scott Clayton | Yes |
| 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