

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on February 21, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, T. Yonsky, J. Jordan, L. Pica, C. Troetti, P. Chapman, B. Kirmil

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

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:01 PM:

Present Board Members:

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

Absent Board Members:

Mrs. Robin Renner  
Mr. Bryan Terzian

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1. Call to Order
  - 1.A. Roll Call for Quorum

Discussion:

L. Craybas, Chairman, noted B. Terzian is unable to attend due to illness and R. Renner is attending parent/teacher conferences at BHS.

- 1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes

- 2.A. January 24, 2013 - Regular Meeting
  - 2.B. January 31, 2013 - Budget Workshop
  - 2.C. February 7, 2013 - Budget Workshop
  - 2.D. February 12, 2013 - Budget Workshop/Approval

<p><b>Motion Passed:</b> Move to approve minutes of February 7, 2013 and February 12, 2013. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Kristen Lacey.</p> <p>Mr. Stuart Carlsen                      Yes</p>
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Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
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

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the minutes of January 24, 2013. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.

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	Absent
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Abstain
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the minutes of January 31, 2013 as corrected. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.

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

### 3. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

Discussion:

- The Board publicly thanked the following individuals and agencies that collectively raised or donated \$10,000.00 through the selling of ribbons for Sandy Hook Elementary School:

Belinda Oliveira  
 Ingersoll Automotive of Danbury  
 Teed & Brown, Inc.

- L. Craybas, Chairman, congratulated Brian Kirmil, Principal, Rockwell School, on his retirement. The Board thanked Mr. Kirmil for his work in Bethel for the last 17 years.

#### **4. Correspondence**

- Letter from Dr. Lyn Merrill, WSCU, regarding professional development in Bethel.
- Letter to S. Holmberg regarding EMT program.

#### **5. Audience Participation**

Discussion:

None.

#### **6. Administrative/Board Member Update**

##### **6.A. BEA "Stuff a Bus"**

Discussion:

Ms. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services, informed the Board the BEA will be holding their 2nd annual BEA's "Stuff a Bus" Food Drive on March 25, 2013.

##### **6.B. Danielson Group Update**

Discussion:

Dr. Jordan, Associate Superintendent, informed the Board staff will be trained to look for distinguished teaching when observing teachers. Bethel is one of three school systems being trained at this time. Dr. Jordan said they will need to use subs to be able to do this work. Therefore, as discussed at the previous Board meeting, she will need to find money in the substitute line.

Dr. Jordan will bring the Teacher Evaluation Plan to the Board next month. Bethel's plan is a hybrid of the State plan.

##### **6.C. Safety & Security Update**

Discussion:

Dr. Smith, Superintendent, informed the Board Mr. Isam Kaoud, Bethel parent, will be at the next Board meeting. Mr. Kaoud donated over \$50,000 in security equipment.

Dr. Smith said all the planned work at Rockwell School has been completed. Berry School work will be completed March 8th.

Dr. Smith spoke to the Board about the steps the District has taken for school safety and security before and after the Sandy Hook tragedy.

Step 1 - Created positive safe school climate. Bethel Public Schools uses appropriate behaviors in schools.

Social emotional learning is taught in all of our schools.

Safe school climate policy was in place.

Step 2 - Parent partnerships, Family School Partnership, Parent University parent workshops

Bethel PD has a strong presence on the campus daily. The campus has now been assigned as a new policing zone.

Step 3 - Emergency response and crisis plan focuses on an "all hazards" approach. The plan follows the NIMS Guidelines.

Dr. Smith also referred to the importance of his recommendation of including the replacement of the school psychologist position in the 2013-2014 education budget.

Dr. Smith spoke about the training First Student Bus Co. has and how they will work with emergency responders when doing new drills in the near future.

#### **6.D. Parent University Update**

Discussion:

Dr. Smith said the Parent University event was well attended by 120 parents and was well received. Dr. Smith thanked Janice Chrzescijanek and the committee who worked on the event.

### **7. Reports to the Board**

#### **7.A. Curriculum**

##### **7.A.1. Textbook Approval**

##### **7.A.1.a. Enduring Visions**

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the Enduring Visions textbook. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.

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

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

**7.B. Finance**

**7.B.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, 2013 through June 30, 2014. 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. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Kristen Lacey.

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

**Motion Passed:** 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. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

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	Absent
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

## 8. Adjourn

**Motion Passed:** Move to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

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	Absent
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Absent

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Pare  
Board Recorder