

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Policy Subcommittee Meeting held on November 12, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: Larry Craybas

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

M. O'Brien, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 6:06 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

Mrs. Robin Renner

Mr. Ted Stevenson

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Scott Clayton

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen was updated to absent at: 6:23 PM

**1. Policy/Regulation 6146 - Graduation Requirements**

Discussion:

Reviewed language changes and the increase to 25 credits required for graduation.

Committee discussed students who will still need to take additional remedial coursework if they do not demonstrate academic performance at the level needed for graduation.

**Motion Passed:** Move to recommend Policy/Regulation 6146 - Graduation Requirements to Board for approval. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes

**2. Policy 4131 - Professional Learning**

Discussion:

Policy was completely re-written and describes in detail many of the mandated changes to "staff development" especially changes that state Professional Learning is much more than

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"in-services," but is also the work of Professional Learning Communities or any school group working to solve a professional problem of practice.

The Appendix lists the mandated topics for districts. The list needs to be monitored yearly and address the topics on an "as needed or as documented in our data as a need" basis.

**Motion Passed:** Move to recommend Policy 4131 -Professional Learning and 4131 Appendix to the Board for approval. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes

### 3. Audience Participation

Larry Craybas, 15 Kellogg St., suggested changes in the language of Policy 6146 and questioned SPED and ELL language in Policy 6146.

**Motion Passed:** Move to amend Policy 4131 - Professional Learning in paragraph 1 to read "The Board is committed to building the capacity, capabilities, and professional expertise of its teachers, administrators, and others through its Professional Learning programs." Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Absent
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes

### 4. Adjourn

**Motion Passed:** Move to adjourn at 6:46 PM. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Absent
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Pare  
Board Recorder