

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Special Meeting** held on **February 11, 2008**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: Elaine O'Keeffe, Jessica Loscalzo, Jen Larsen

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, T. Yonsky, K. Brooks, P. Cosentino, D. DeBlois, L. DiBiase, K. Gombos, B. Kirmil, K. Rockwell, K. Smith, C. Troetti, L. Pica

B. Kingston, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

A. ***Roll Call for Quorum***

Board Members Present: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, M. Duff, K. Harrison, B. Kingston, B. Foulk, R. Renner

Board Members Absent: J. DeRosa, M. Knickerbocker

B. ***Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America***

2. **2008-2009 Education Budget Workshop**

Linda Anderson, Summer School Director, reviewed the Summer School program and costs. Mrs. Anderson answered questions from the Board about the program.

Ms. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services, reviewed several questions (questions 5 – 10, attached) presented by the Board about the 2008–2009 budget. The Board and administration discussed the need and costs for the proposed security guard at the high school (referred to facilities subcommittee), tutors, lunch monitors, world language teacher, special education costs, high school technology position, equipment, furniture, school nurses salaries, operating expenses, budget adjustments, Job Coach, ESL needs, music teachers, substitutes, interns, contingency account, Summer School Director's salary, health benefits, special education tuition costs, teacher aides, and custodial services.

Ms. Yonsky recommended the Board work on coming to a consensus on the budget and begin putting together a presentation to the Board of Finance. The Board will continue the budget discussion at the next Special Meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, February 19, 2008.

3. **Correspondence**

- Email from Robert Melvin regarding his concern about the high school ice hockey team funding being cut from the 2008–2009 budget.

B. Kingston requested a brief Executive Session.

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4. Executive Session
Connecticut General Statutes
1-18a(e)(2)

Motion by R. Renner: Move to enter Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously

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Motion by R. Renner: Move to come out of Executive Session at 10:15 p.m.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move that B. Kingston, Chairman, compose a letter to the
Editor of the News Times in support of Mr. Germinaro.
Seconded by: R. Renner

5. Adjourn

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to adjourn at 10:16 p.m.
Seconded by R. Renner
Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted

Susan Paré
Board Recorder