

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **Thursday, March 6, 2008**, in the Rockwell School Cafeteria.

Attendance: Jen Larsen, Tamia Smith

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, T. Yonsky, J. Jordan, P. Chapman, P. Cosentino, D. DeBlois, B. Germinaro, K. Gombos, B. Kirmil, C. Troetti

B. Kingston, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

A. Roll Call for Quorum

Board Members Present: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, B. Foulk, B. Kingston, M. Knickerbocker, R. Renner

Board Members Absent: K. Harrison

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

Mr. Anthony Nunes strings orchestra students played a few musical selections for the Board.

Emily Johnson, Grade 3, sang the National Anthem for the Board.

2. **Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence**

A. CABA 2007 Award of Excellence for Educational Communications

Steven Wright, a CABA Representative, presented to the Board the CABA Awards for Excellence for Education Communication in the Special Project (AV) category and Special Project category:

- Award Winner – Cindy Feuerman, Bethel Public Schools, South African Choir Workshop
- Award Winner – Dr. Chesley and Dr. Jordan, Bethel Public Schools, Survival Guide for New Teachers

B. Presentation of Elementary Recycling Poster Contest Winners

Dr. Chesley and Dr. Jordan presented awards to students who placed first, second, and third in the recycling poster contest.

C. Gifts to the School System:

Bethel High School

- Camera and lens donated by R. Pardalis, New Fairfield, CT

3. **Approval of Minutes**

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**TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK**

A. February 7, 2008 – Regular Meeting

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the minutes of February 7, 2008.
Seconded by R. Renner
AYE: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, M. Duff, B. Kingston, M. Knickerbocker, R. Renner
NAY: None
Abstain: J. DeRosa, B. Foulk
Motion Carried

B. February 11, 2008 – Special Meeting

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the minutes of February 11, 2008, Special Meeting.
Seconded by B. Foulk
AYE: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, M. Duff, B. Foulk, B. Kingston, R. Renner
NAY: None
Abstain: J. DeRosa, M. Knickerbocker
Motion Carried

C. February 19, 2008 – Special Meeting

Motion by M. Knickerbocker: Move to approve the minutes of February 19, 2008, Special Meeting.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Correspondence

- Letter to Linda Vaden Goad, Dean of Arts & Sciences, WCSU from Dr. Chesley regarding partnership.
- Email to Board of Education from Gina Kappes requesting a 6th grade Foreign Language program.
- Email from Chris Seifrit regarding naming of the new BHS gym.
- Memo from Dr. Chesley to Laura Vasile, Director of Health, regarding BHS Concession Room.
- Memo from Linda Anderson, Coordinator of Community Programs, regarding 2007 Summer School student enrollment

M. Knickerbocker stated the tone of the correspondence received from Laura Vasile, Director of Health, regarding BHS Concession Room is unfortunate and he is sorry to see it.

5. Administrative/Board Member Update

Dr. Chesley reviewed the voice mail and email messages sent to parents regarding the asbestos at BHS. Pat Cosentino, Principal, and Chris Troetti, Assistant Principal, informed the Board of the schedule for CAPT testing and the options the students have to

make up of the section of CAPT test that was not completed due to the early dismissal caused by the detection of asbestos.

6. **Audience Participation**

Jen Larsen, 128 Grassy Plain St., spoke regarding the February 19, 2008, special meeting of the Board of Education. She would have liked to have audience participation before the Board voted on the budget.

7. **Reports to the Board**

A. Curriculum

A. CAPT Review

Dr. Jordan explained the CAPT test to the Board. She reviewed the four sections of the CAPT test and what is expected of students.

B. CT Virtual Learning

Dr. Chesley reviewed the list of courses available on CT Virtual Learning. Pat Cosentino, Principal BHS, explained how CT Online courses are used at BHS for enrichment and to meet graduation requirements. Virtual HS offers students courses not available at BHS.

C. CMT Score Review

Dr. Chesley reviewed the CMT mathematics scores for grades 3 – 6.

B. Personnel

1. Appointments/Leave of Absence

Item moved to executive session.

<p>Motion by M. Knickerbocker: Move to add item 7C. - Policy to the agenda. Seconded by S. Carlsen Motion Carried Unanimously</p>

C. Policy

***2. Policy/Regulation 5131.6 - Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco
(including Performance-Enhancing Substances)***

<p>Motion by L. Craybas: Move to approve Policy/Regulation 5131.6 as revised. Seconded by J. DeRosa Motion Carried Unanimously</p>

C. Finance

1. Budget Transfers

Mrs. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services informed the Finance Subcommittee \$9,000 will be needed for ADA compliance for a wheelchair ramp at BHS.

Mr. Knickerbocker suggested the town should share part of the burden for this cost if it cuts into services for the students. The Board of Education will need to address this with the Board of Finance.

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve budget transfers as delineated by the Director of Fiscal Services in Budget Transfers 1/1/2008 – 2/29/2008 Detail by Object Code.

Seconded by M. Knickerbocker

Motion Carried Unanimously

8. Action Items

1. *Adoption - 2008-2009 School Calendar*
(Motion to approve Proposed Calendar)

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to adopt the 2008 – 2009 School Calendar.

Seconded by R. Renner

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. *Accept - 2009-2010 Proposed School Calendar*
(Motion to accept Proposed Calendar)

Motion by M. Knickerbocker: Move to accept the 2009 – 2010 School Calendar.

Seconded by S. Carlsen

Motion Carried Unanimously

9. Recommended Executive Session

A. *Personnel*

CT General Statutes 1-18a(e)(2)

1. *PPS Staff Analysis*

2. *Sick Bank Request*

Motion by R. Renner: Move that the Board of Education enter Executive Session at 9:09 p.m.

Seconded by J. DeRosa

Motion Carried Unanimously

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Board Members Absent: K. Harrison

Attendance: G. Chesley, T. Yonsky, J. Jordan

Motion by R. Renner: Move that the Board of Education come out of Executive Session at 9:19 p.m.
Seconded by M. Knickerbocker
Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by R. Renner: Move to approve Sick Bank.
Seconded by M. Knickerbocker
Motion Carried Unanimously

10. **Adjourn**

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to adjourn at 9:20 p. m.
Seconded by B. Foulk
Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Paré
Board Recorder