

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **Thursday, September 4, 2008**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: Jen Larsen

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, P. Cosentino, P. Chapman, D. DeBlois, R. Germinaro, B. Kirmil

B. Kingston, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

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

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

Board Members Absent: B. Foulk

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. ***August 24, 2008***

Motion by L. Craybas: Move to approve the minutes of August 24, 2008 as amended.

Seconded by R. Renner

AYE: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, K. Harrison, B. Kingston, R. Renner

NAY: None

Abstain: M. Knickerbocker

Motion Carried

3. **Correspondence**

- Letter to Jeffrey Finch, Chief, Bethel Police Dept., regarding new teenage driving laws.

4. **Administrative/Board Member Update**

Ms. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services, updated the Board on the status of the security grants. Applications will also be made for the middle and high school in the second round of applications. Rockwell School has been awarded a federal grant to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables to be made available to students outside of their lunch period.

Dr. Jordan informed the Board the Bethel Educational Foundation has awarded three grants. Johnson School was granted \$1,649 for *Senteo* Interactive Response Systems to

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be used with their new SMARTBoards. Bethel High School was granted \$4,000 for "Names Can Really Hurt Us!" an anti-bullying program. Bethel Middle School was granted \$11,650 for their "Phys Tech" program. This new program includes *Wii* Sports program, DDR, and heart rate monitors.

The first Professional Development Day is September 19, 2008. Every school will be participating in teacher evaluation seminars. Dr. Jordan will be provide additional information in the next Board packet.

Dr. Chesley referred the Board to the article on Danbury Public Schools new bus company and the issues they are currently facing. Dr. Chesley commended Dr. Cosentino, BHS staff, and the ROTC cadets for a great job during open house.

Dr. Chesley informed the Board Bethel will be hosting two large meetings of high school administrators and middle school administrators to discuss cooperative ideas.

Dr. Chesley asked the Board to review the insurance cost trend survey from Segal.

Dr. Chesley informed the Board he will be sending out the second edition of the e-newsletter. He has received 63 emails from parents saying it is a great communication tool.

Mr. Kingston congratulated Dr. Chesley and Ms. Yonsky on the decision not to go for the low bid of the new bus company Danbury is currently experiencing difficulties with. Mr. Kingston also congratulated Dr. Cosentino for getting Bethel High School ready for opening day.

5. **Consent Calendar**

A. Facilities Report - Summer

<p>Motion by M. Knickerbocker: Move to accept the Consent Calendar. Seconded by S. Carlsen Motion Carried Unanimously</p>
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6. **Audience Participation**

David Stevenson, Bethel Education Foundation Member, spoke in support of the "Phys Tech" program and its benefits.

7. **Reports to the Board**

A. Curriculum

1. Review of 2008 Testing Performance

Dr. Jordan and Dr. Chesley reviewed the 2008 test scores for AP, CAPT, and CMT.

B. Policies/Regulations

1. First Reading

- *Policy 5131.8, Out of School Misconduct*
- *Policy 5131.913, Bullying*
- *Regulation 4118.5, Responsible Computer Network Use*

Referred to Policy Subcommittee

C. Personnel

1. Resignations/Appointments

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the following personnel appointments:
Victoria Janega, Spanish Teacher, Middle School
Thomas Salvador, Language Arts Teacher, Middle School
Seconded by M. Knickerbocker
Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by M. Knickerbocker: Move to approve the following personnel resignations:
Lisa Strizver, School Psychologist, Berry School
Mimi Herald, Health Teacher, Johnson/Middle School
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously

8. Recommended Executive Session

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

1. Superintendent's Evaluation

Motion by R. Renner: Move that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 9:06 p.m.
Seconded by M. Knickerbocker
Motion Carried Unanimously

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Board Members Absent: B. Foulk

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

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move that the Board of Education come out of Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.
Seconded by L. Craybas
Motion Carried Unanimously

9. **Adjourn**

**Motion by R. Renner: Move to adjourn at 10:20p.m.
Seconded by K. Harrison
Motion Carried Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Paré
Board Recorder