

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **September 18, 2008**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: None

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, P. Cosentino, R. Germinaro, K. Gombos, D. Muharem, K. Smith, C. Troetti

B. Kingston, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 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

Board Members Absent: K. Harrison, M. Knickerbocker, R. Renner

BHS Representatives: A. Heffner, M. Porcelli, T. Wolff

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**

***A. September 4, 2008***

**Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve the minutes of September 4, 2008.**

**Seconded by L. Craybas**

**AYE: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, B. Kingston**

**NAY: None**

**Abstain: B. Foulk**

**Motion Carried**

3. **Correspondence**

- Email to Dr. Chesley from Barbara Zisser, parent, regarding Cheryl Hallock, BHS Guidance Secretary, and Debbie Hart, Operations Manager, First Student Bus Co. dedication to the students of Bethel.
- Memo to Dr. Chesley from Andrew Morosky, Director of Public Works, regarding Rockwell School Fans.
- Memo from Dr. Chesley to Andrew Morosky, Director of Public Works, and Bob Dibble, regarding Rockwell School Fans.
- Memo from Dr. Chesley to Andrew Morosky, Director of Public Works, response to memo dated September 15, 2008, from Mr. Morosky regarding Rockwell School Fans.
- Memo from Dr. Chesley to Andrew Morosky, Director of Public Works, requesting input to maintenance procedures.

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4. **BHS Representatives Report**

T. Wolff, Junior Class Representative, informed the Board Homecoming/Spirit Week will be held the week of September 22, 2008. The parade will be held Saturday at 11:00 a.m. The game against Oxford will be held at 1:00 p.m.; the dance will be held at 5:00 p.m.

A. Heffner, Junior Class Representative, informed the Board that the ROTC held a 9/11 commemoration on 9/11. On October 23, 2008, the "Names Can Really Hurt Us!" anti-bullying program will take place.

M. Porcelli, Junior Class Representative, said the activities fair was held at BHS during lunch for students to get information about clubs/activities at BHS. Each student at BHS has to be involved in a club or activity.

5. **Audience Participation**

Phil Gallagher, Sunsent Hill Rd, spoke regarding the budget results.

6. **Administrative/Board Member Update**

Dr. Chesley informed the Board open house at each of the schools has taken place in the last couple of weeks. He said he has begun holding vision meetings.

Dr. Cosentino updated the Board on the potential airborne asbestos at the high school on September 17, 2008. Students were sent home and the town's environmental consultant, Eagle Environmental, completed air sampling. The results showed that there was no asbestos hazard in the building.

7. **Consent Calendar**

*A. Tuition Contracts Report*

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to accept the Consent Calendar.**

**Seconded by J. DeRosa**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

8. **Reports to the Board**

*A. Policy*

*1. First Reading:*

- *Policy/Regulation 5131.911, Bullying*

Moved to second reading.

- *Policy/Regulation 6153, Field Trips*

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve Policy 6153, Field Trips**

**Seconded by J. DeRosa**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**2. Second Reading:**

- *Policy 5131.8, Out of School Behavior*
- *Policy 5131.913, Cyberbullying*

**Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve Policy 5131.913, Cyberbullying.  
Seconded by B. Foulk  
Motion Failed**

**Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to table Policy 5131.913 to make discussed small changes to be brought back at the next Board of Education meeting on October 2, 2008, for a second reading.  
Seconded by B. Foulk  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

- *Policy 5118.2, Children of Non-Resident Certified Staff: Qualified Tuition Reduction*

**Motion by M. Duff: Move to approve Policy 5118.2, Children of Non-Resident Certified Staff: Qualified Tuition Reduction  
Seconded by B. Foulk  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

**B. Curriculum**

**1. Summer School 2008**

Linda Anderson, Summer School Director, spoke to the Board about the 2008 Summer School Program.

**2. Internship Program 2008**

Linda Anderson, Internship Coordinator, spoke to the Board about the Internship and Cadet Teaching programs offered at BHS.

**3. New England League of Middle Schools Report**

Dr. Smith, Principal, Bethel Middle School, reviewed the New England League of Middle Schools report.

**Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to table field trip requests.  
Seconded by B. Foulk  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

- 4. Music Festival Cruise Field Trip Request**
- 5. BHS Costa Rica Field Trip Request**
- 6. BHS London Theater Field Trip Request**

**C. Facilities**

**1. Maintenance Procedures**

**Motion by M. Duff: Move to approve Maintenance Procedures.  
Seconded by S. Carlsen  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

**A. Bethel Middle School Fire System Update**

Mr. Germinaro, Supervisor of Facility Operations, explained to the Board the need for repairs to the fire system caused by micro-organisms in the system reducing water flow. Mr. Germinaro is waiting for a lab report to move forward with treating the system.

**B. Capital Plan 2009**

Mrs. Yonsky explained to the Board the Board annually takes a study of its facilities and presents to the Town a Capital Plan. Mrs. Yonsky formally turned this task over to the facilities committee to set a timeline.

**D. Personnel**

**1. Appointments**

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the following appointments:  
Melissa Khalatbari, Health Teacher, Johnson/Middle School  
Lynne Longo, Psychologist, Berry School  
Seconded by J. DeRosa  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve 9-12 Curriculum Department Heads, K-12 Coordinators, 6-8 Curriculum Leaders & Johnson School Team Leaders as outlined in memo dated September 18, 2008.  
Seconded by J. DeRosa  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

**9. Recommended Executive Session  
*CT General Statutes 1-18a(e)(2)*  
**1. Negotiations****

**Motion by J. DeRosa: Move that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 10:25 p.m.  
Seconded by S. Carlsen  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Board Members Absent: K. Harrison, M. Knickerbocker, R. Renner

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

**Motion by B. Foulk: Move that the Board of Education come out of Executive Session at 10:35 p.m.**

**Seconded by S. Carlsen**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion by B. Foulk: Move to approve the contract between the Bethel Board of Education and the Bethel Administrators' Association effective 7/1/2009 to 6/30/2011, pending approval by the Bethel Administrators' Association.**

**Seconded by J. DeRosa**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

9. Adjourn

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.**

**Seconded by J. DeRosa**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Paré  
Board Recorder