

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **Thursday, May 21, 2009**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: None

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, D. DeBlois, B. Kirmil, 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, M. Duff, J. DeRosa, B. Kingston, M. Knickerbocker, R. Renner

Board Members Absent: B. Foulk, K. Harrison

BHS Representative: None

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

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

- A. ***Presentation of Inspire Your Career/Develop Your Dreams Poster Contest Winners***

The Board recognized the following students on winning the Inspire Your Career/Develop Your Dreams Poster Contest: First Place - Matthew Fuller, Grade 2, Rockwell School; Second Place - Elizabeth Rogers, Grade 2, Rockwell School; Third Place - Kiara Vasquez, Grade 2, Rockwell School.

The Board also recognized Boy Scout Andrew Smith of Troop 71 who is working toward his Eagle Scout rank and was in attendance as a requirement.

3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. ***May 7, 2009***

<p>Motion by R. Renner: Move to approve the minutes of May 7, 2009 as amended. Seconded by: B. Foulk AYE: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, M. Duff, J. DeRosa, B. Kingston, R. Renner NAY: None Abstain: M. Knickerbocker Motion Carried</p>

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4. **BHS Representatives Report**

None

5. **Administrative/Board Member Update**

Teri Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services, informed the Board she and Linda Anderson, Internship Coordinator, worked together to apply for the Work Force Initiative Grant. The grant is an opportunity for summer and year-round work with pay for students. Ms. Yonsky said she has also applied for ARRA funding that address school kitchens. She said it is a competitive grant that is targeted to more needy schools but she has applied for Rockwell, Johnson, and Middle School.

Dr. Jordan told the Board Data Team training for SRBI starts tomorrow and there will be two days of training next week and one day the following week. The Professional Development Council surveyed all the staff and she has received positive feedback. Eighty-one (81%) said as a result of professional development programs they made significant changes in their teaching. Eighty-three (83%) said teaching performance has been enriched or enhanced as a result of professional development. Dr. Jordan said at the next Board meeting the Teacher Evaluation Task Force will share the teacher evaluation document and ask for Board approval.

Dr. Chesley informed the Board the high school will have an open house for real estate agents on June 15th at 1 PM.

6. **Correspondence**

- Letter to Governor Rell from Senator Dodd and Senator Liberman requesting she clearly outline how ARRA funds will be distributed and to apply for those funds as soon as possible.

7. **Audience Participation**

None

8. **Consent Calendar**

- A. Health Services Report – April*
- B. Tuition Contracts Report – April*
- C. Enrollment Summary – May*

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

9. **Reports to the Board**

A. ***Curriculum***

1. ***Textbook Approval***

- ***Sociology In Our Times***

Board members had concerns about the textbook, Sociology In Our Times presented at the May 7, 2009 Board meeting.

Rosemary Pardalis, BHS Social Studies Department Chair, and Al Bibeau, BHS Social Studies Teacher, answered questions and the Board discussed their concerns about the textbook.

Motion by M. Knickerbocker: Move to approve the textbook *Sociology In Our Times* contingent on the department coming back with a course outline and what is discussed in the classroom.

Seconded by: R. Renner

Motion Withdrawn

Dr. Jordan, Associate Superintendent asked Mrs. Pardalis and Mr. Bibeau to look at other textbooks for the Board to review for approval.

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to table approval of the textbook *Sociology In Our Times*.

Seconded by: R. Renner

Motion Carried Unanimously

- ***Marketing Essentials***
- ***Introduction to Business***
- ***Life-Span Development***

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve the following textbooks:

- **Marketing Essentials**
- **Introduction to Business**
- **Life-Span Development**

Seconded by: R. Renner

AYE: S. Carlsen, M. Duff, J. DeRosa, B. Kingston, R. Renner

NAY: None

Abstain: L. Craybas, M. Knickerbocker

Motion Carried

2. *Presentation – “Moodle in Use”*

Tabled.

B. Personnel

1. Resignations/Appointments

**Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve the following resignation:
Robert Belden, 6th Grade Math Teacher, Middle School
Seconded by: S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the following appointments:
Katherine Kellogg, Social Studies Teacher, High School
Gregory Hughes, Grade 8 Math Teacher, Middle School
Jessica Wismar, Media Specialist, High School
Elizabeth Rey, Speech/Language Pathologist, Johnson School
Seconded by: M. Knickerbocker
Motion Carried Unanimously**

12. Adjourn

**Motion by M. Knickerbocker: Move to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.
Seconded by: S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Paré
Board Recorder