

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **January 7, 2010**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: None

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, T. Yonsky, P. Chapman, P. Cosentino, D. DeBlois, B. Kirmil, L. Pica, K. Rezendes, K. Smith

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
A. ***Roll Call for Quorum***

Board Members Present: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, C. McCorkindale, A. Mannion, M. O'Brien, R. Renner

Board Members Absent: K. Harrison

B. ***Pledge of Allegiance***

2. **Approval of Minutes**
A. ***December 17, 2009***

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Motion by L. Craybas: Move to approve the minutes of December 17, 2009 as amended.

Seconded by S. Carlsen

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. **Robotics Team Presentation**

The BMS Robotics Team, the King Cobras, consisting of Slater Bjornson, Austin Connors, Justin Garcia, Joe Perrotta, and Lucas Silva presented their research on a new method for communicating the estimated time of arrival of school buses. All three robotics teams competed at the regional and State level.

4. **Correspondence**

- Letter from Matthew Knickerbocker, First Selectman to CT State Dept. of Education regarding funding of state charter schools by local governments.
- Letter from Dr. Chesley and Larry Craybas, Board of Education Chairman, to CT State Dept. of Education regarding funding of state charter schools by local governments.
- Invitation from LCDR Mark Dwinells, NJROTC, to the 7th Annual BHS Military Ball Friday, February 26, 2010.
- Letter from Dr. Chesley to Patrica Heinzer, CWA Co-President, regarding the 2010-2011 budget.

- Letter from Dr. Chesley to Sue Mitchell & Nancy Renz, CO- Presidents, Bethel Association of Educational Secretaries, regarding the 2010-2011 budget.
- Letter from Dr. Chesley to Al Robinson, President, Bethel Education Association, regarding the 2010-2011 budget.
- Letter from Dr. Chesley to Brian Kirmil, Bethel Administrators' Association, regarding the 2010-2011 budget.

5. Board Recognition

Gifts to the School System:

Systemwide - Assessment and therapy materials and software donated by Beth L. Muller, Bethel, CT.

6. Audience Participation

None.

7. Administrative/Board Member Update

Dr. Chesley informed the Board two articles about the Bethel Public Schools written by him will appear in national magazines. "Quid Pro Quo" appears in the January issue of Principal Leadership the second "One District's Journey to a Comprehensive Intervention Strategy" will appear in the National School Board Journal in the spring.

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to table Item 8A.

Seconded by S. Carlsen

Motion Carried Unanimously

1. *Parent- Student-Teacher Conferences*

Dr. Smith, Principal, Bethel Middle School, spoke to the Board about the new student/parent conference format at the middle school that promotes greater student self-awareness, provides an opportunity for students to reflect and set goals, and provides an chance for students to practice their oral and written communication skills. Dr. Smith said the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

2. *CONNCAN*

Dr. Chesley spoke to the Board about the ConnCAN Research Agency and the groups of students studied and reported on by ConnCAN relative to CMT Performance. 3 Bethel schools were identified as over-performing in some sub-group areas.

3. *"Delivering on the Promise" Concept & Implications*

Dr. Chesley reviewed the steps in place for intervention and the "Delivering on the Promise" strategy that has led to improved intervention K-3 and improved CMT scores.

4. SRBI – 4 Month Update

Dr. Chesley updated the board on the progress of SRBI, a Federal/State mandate, a highly proactive approach to academic intervention, the district has begun. The goal is improved student achievement for those with academic deficiencies. SRBI ensures planned and “tiered” intervention to all students in need of academic assistance. Principals spoke about SRBI efforts at their schools.

5. SPED – Continuum of Services

Linda Pica, Director of Special Education, spoke to the Board about the existing programs and services in special education. The programs are developed based on the needs of students. All are designed to improve student achievement. Special education and pupil services work in conjunction with general education and SRBI. The efforts of special education and pupil services staff support district initiatives, student achievement, and the provision of early intervention services.

6. The TASK Program (Alternative School) 4 Month Update

Dr. Cosentino, Principal, Bethel High School, updated the Board on the progress of the TASK Program. Dr. Cosentino showed a video highlighting the success of the program.

8. Reports to the Board

A. Curriculum

1. New Courses Presentation

- a. Facing History and Ourselves**
- b. Advanced Placement Language and Composition**
- c. Digital English 42**

Tabled.

2. Textbook Presentation

- a. Calculus: Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic (2010)**
- b. Geometry (2011)**
- c. The Wright Skills: Phonics and Word Study Kit (2007)**

Tabled.

B. Finance

1. Free & Reduced Lunch Report

Mrs. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services, reported to the Board the numbers of families on the Free & Reduced Lunch Program have increased due to the economy. The numbers have increased over a three-year period from 8% to 14%.

C. Facilities

1. Subcommittee Report

Motion by M. Duff: Move that the School Maintenance Procedures as accepted on January 7, 2010, be transmitted to all concerned parties as a guide to formulate a program to maintain school facilities.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by M. Duff: Move that all persons entering a school facility shall check in at main office upon entry and display visible authorized ID while in the building.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Failed

Motion by L. Craybas: Move to table motion.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by M. Duff: Move that the Board Chairman contact Tom Galliford, Town Fire Marshall to reinforce with Town employees the existing regulations for fire zone parking and work with Bob Germinaro, Supervisor of Facility Operations and Andrew Morosky, Director, Public Works regarding outside vendors to remind them of the need to observe fire restricted parking zones.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by M. Duff: Move that the Board Chairman transmit to all concerned parties the invitation to participate in the creation of a Maintenance Quality Control program.
Seconded by C. McCorkindale
Motion Carried Unanimously

9. **Recommended Executive Session**
CT General Statutes 1-210(b)(10)
▪ **Pending Litigation**

Board Members Present: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, C. McCorkindale, A. Mannion, M. O'Brien, R. Renner

Board Members Absent: K. Harrison

Administrators: G. Chesley, T. Yonsky, L. Pica (9:40 p.m. – 10:05 p.m.)

Motion by A. Mannion: Move to come out of Executive at 10: 25 p.m.
Seconded by: R. Renner
Motion Carried Unanimously

10. Adjourn

**Motion by R. Renner: Move to adjourn at 10:25 p.m.
Seconded by L. Craybas
Motion Carried Unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Paré
Board Recorder