

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **Thursday, February 4, 2010**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: Maria Lateef, Bryan Watson

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, K. Brooks, P. Chapman, P. Cosentino, D. DeBlois, K. Gombos, L. Pica, C. Troetti,

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Board Members Present: S. Carlsen (arrived 7:03 p.m.), L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, K. Harrison, A. Mannion, C. McCorkindale, M. O'Brien, R. Renner

Board Members Absent: None

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

2. **Audience Participation**

None.

3. **2010-2011 Education Budget Workshop**

Motion by L. Craybas: Move to reduce the Superintendent's proposed operating budget for 2010-2011 to \$37,750,000, a reduction of \$276,031. This revision represents a 3.23% increase versus the current school year, 2009-2010. Seconded by S. Carlsen

The Board asked the administration to come back to the Board with a proposed list of cuts.

The administration and Board discussed the impact of the poor economy on Bethel families. They spoke about how budget cuts impact students, staff, and academic achievement.

Motion by L. Craybas: Move to table motion until the next Board of Education meeting. Date to be determined. Seconded by S. Carlsen Motion Carried Unanimously

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4. **Adjourn**

**Motion by L. Craybas: Move to recess to a date to be determined at 8:15 p.m.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Paré
Board Recorder