

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **Thursday, March 18, 2010**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Public Attendance: Jen Larsen

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, K. Brooks, P. Cosentino, L. Pica, K. Smith

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

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

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

Board Members Absent: J. DeRosa, K. Harrison, C. McCorkindale

BHS Representative: None

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. ***February 18, 2010***

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the minutes of February 18, 2010.
Seconded by M. Duff
Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. ***March 4, 2010***

**Motion by M. Duff: Move to approve the minutes of March 4, 2010 as amended.
Seconded by S. Carlen
Motion Carried Unanimously**

**Motion by L. Craybas: Move that the Board of Education will return to the Town SPED Excess Cost reimbursement dollars above the 60% reimbursement rate included in the Board of Education's 2010-2011 Budget. The return will be capped at \$200,000. There are two assumptions inherent in this proposal, that there will be no extraordinary SPED expense during the 2010-2011 school year and that the Board of Education budget, as approved by the Board of Finance at 2.56%, is passed in referendum.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously**

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6. **Audience Participation**

Jen Larsen, 128 Grassy Plain St. Recommended looking into having elementary students have recess prior to lunch.

7. **Administrative/Board Member Update**

A. *Plagiarism Video*

Ms. Lerz, BHS English Dept. Head, presented a video on plagiarism.

B. *Community Based Transition*

Mrs. Pica, Director of Special Education, recognized individuals, businesses, and agencies for their contributions and commitment to the Bethel Schools' community-based Transition Program.

Dr. Chesley spoke about the NJROTC Inspection Report he received and the quality of the NJROTC program.

Mrs. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services, spoke to the Board about opening a new scholarship account for the Marty Ryan Scholarship Fund.

Motion by A. Mannion: Move to authorize the Bethel Public Schools Business Office to open and maintain a new scholarship bank account named The Marty Ryan Scholarship Fund and for appropriate Board of Education officers and staff to sign related banking documents.

Seconded by R. Renner

Motion Carried Unanimously

8. **Consent Calendar**

A. *Health Services Report*

B. *Tuition Contracts Report*

C. *Maintenance Report*

The Board discussed whether or not there is a statutory requirement for the Board to receive the health and tuition reports. There was a consensus to no longer require the Health Services Report and Tuition Contracts Reports as part of the consent calendar. Mrs. Pica will look into whether the reports are required by statute.

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to accept the consent calendar.

Seconded by R. Renner

Motion Carried Unanimously

9. **Reports to the Board**

A. *Curriculum*

I. *Summer School Pre-K*

Tabled.

B. Policy

1. First Reading:

- a. Policy/Regulation 5131.82 – Sexting**
- b. Regulation 3541 - Transportation**
- c. Policy 3541.5 – Transportation Safety Complaints**
- d. Policy 3541.24 – Transportation, Parent’s/Guardian’s Responsibility**

Moved to second reading.

C. Personnel

1. Resignations

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the following personnel resignations:
Elizabeth Althen, Grade 5 Teacher, Johnson School
Blakely Cohen, Reading/LA Teacher, BMS
Seconded by M. Duff
Motion Carried Unanimously**

10. Action Items

A. Adoption - 2010-2011 School Calendar

**Motion by R. Renner: Move to approve the 2010-2011 School Calendar.
Seconded by: S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. Accept - 2011-2012 Proposed School Calendar

**Motion by M. Duff: Move to accept the 2011-2012 School Calendar.
Seconded by A. Mannion
Motion Carried Unanimously**

11. Adjourn

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.
Seconded by A. Mannion
Motion Carried Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Paré
Board Recorder