

Minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **Thursday, October 7, 2010**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: G. Chesley, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, R. Germinaro, D. DeBlois, K. Brooks, P. Chapman

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Board Members Absent: J. DeRosa, K. Harrison, A. Mannion

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

2. **Approval of Minutes**  
A. ***September 23, 2010***

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the minutes of September 23, 2010, as corrected: Page 2, Barnum Ball should be on April 2, 2011**  
**Seconded by: R. Renner**  
**AYE: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, M. Duff, M. O'Brien, R. Renner**  
**NAY: none**  
**Abstain: C. McCorkindale**  
**Motion Carried**

3. **Correspondence**  
**None**

4. **Administrative/Board Member Update**

Dr. Chesley:

- Copy of R.M.T. Johnson School application for Connecticut Association of Schools Outstanding Elementary School 2010. The site visit is scheduled for October 18, 2010 and if selected the administration should know within days.
- Bethel Public Schools has received a grant award for Education Jobs Fund in the amount of \$476,994.
- Superintendent Report entitled *My College Options for the Bethel Public School District, 2009-2010*, received by Dr. Chesley, gives data on students' career interests, college preferences and also gives comparative data by district, state and national levels.

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Mrs. Yonsky:

- Mrs. Yonsky attended the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. Town officials M. Knickerbocker, First Selectman, B. Koslowski, Comptroller, and P. Gallagher, Chairman, Finance Committee, also attended the conference which offered workshops on the schools and the future of education in Connecticut.

Dr. Jordan:

- Principals Dr. Brooks and Mr. Kirmil hosted the Harvest Ball and raised \$24,000. Dr. Brooks indicated Berry School will use their share of the funds for Smart Boards and Rockwell School will use their share for Smart Boards and facility improvements. She thanked the parents and PTO's for their outstanding support.
- Agenda for Bullying Prevention Task Force Meeting will discuss two workshops being offered for parents. One on October 13<sup>th</sup> when parents are able to bring their laptops to receive help in adjusting the settings within the social networking sites and one on October 18<sup>th</sup> when they do not bring laptops as they will only see it demonstrated.

5. **Audience Participation**  
none

6. **Reports to the Board**

a. **Finance**

1. **Budget Transfers – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

The Finance Subcommittee reviewed the transfers with Mrs. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services, and recommended approval by the full Board.

**Motion by S. Carlsen: That the Board of Education approve the budget transfers for the period of July 1, to September 30, of fiscal 2010-11 as presented by the Director of Fiscal Services.**

**Seconded by M. O'Brien**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

b. **Curriculum**

1. **Social Studies for Kindergarten, Grade One Grade Two**

2. **Social Studies for Modern World History Grade Ten**

3. **Social Studies for Ancient World History Grade Nine**

The Curriculum Subcommittee reviewed the curriculum with Dr. Jordan, Associate Superintendent, and recommended approval by the full Board.

**Motion by R. Renner: Move to approve Social Studies for Kindergarten, Grade One and Grade Two; Social Studies for Modern World History Grade Ten; Social Studies for Ancient World History Grade Nine**

**Seconded by S. Carlsen**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

c. **Facilities**  
1. **460 Account**

- Robert Germinaro, Supervisor of Facility Operations, reviewed the status of workorders for each of the schools. Dr. Chesley informed the Board they have contracted with a specialty painting company to paint the ceiling of the Middle School auditorium.

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Add to the Agenda a Presentation by Dr. Jordan  
Seconded by M. O'Brien  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

7. **Presentation for Professional Development Day**

Dr. Jordan gave a presentation on keeping our schools and our technology use safe for our students and ourselves that will be the topic for the staff Professional Development Day on October 8th. Dr. Jordan will review staff responsibility as well as student responsibility as outlined in our policies on social networking, cyberbullying, electronic publications, websites and other types of print or electronic publications. Reviewing our policies is important to create and maintain very safe environments for learning with technology.

8. **Recommended Executive Session**

*CT General Statutes 1-200(8)*

1. *Pending Litigation*

**Motion by R. Renner: Move to go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Invited to attend: Dr. Chesley, Dr. Jordan, Mrs. Yonsky  
Seconded by S. Carlsen  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

Board Members Absent: J. DeRosa, K. Harrison, A. Mannion

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

**Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to come out of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.  
Seconded by R. Renner  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

The Board authorizes the Chairman to respond in writing to Mr. Gaita's letter as presented to and approved by the Board.

9. **Adjourn**

**Motion by C. McCorkindale: Move to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.  
Seconded by S. Carlsen  
Motion Carried Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Spillane  
Board Recorder