

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting** held on **Thursday, January 13, 2011**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: Jen Larsen, Dana Eaton

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

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, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, A. Mannion, M. O'Brien (left 8:30 p.m.), R. Renner

Board Members Absent: K. Harrison

- B. ***Pledge of Allegiance***

2. **Vision - Community Discussion**

Dr. Chesley spoke about the Bethel Public Schools Vision document and its purpose. He reviewed the history of the Bethel Public Schools during the last decade, spoke about the challenges ahead to begin the discussion among those present.

3. **Reports to the Board**
 - A. ***Curriculum***
 1. ***Textbook Adoption: "Go Math!" (Grades K-3)***

<p>Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve "Go Math!" textbook for grades K-3. Seconded by A. Mannion Motion Carried Unanimously</p>

2. ***Textbook Adoption: "Psychology" (Advanced Placement Psychology)***

<p>Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve: "Psychology" textbook for Advanced Placement Psychology. Seconded by R. Renner Motion Carried Unanimously</p>
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3. ***Approval of a Field Trip to France: (November 2011 is the trip date)***

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The Curriculum subcommittee reviewed the proposal and recommended to the full Board for approval. Mrs. Trachtenberg, BHS Spanish/French Teacher, answered questions from the Board.

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve the field trip to France in November 2011.
Seconded by S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously

A. By-Law Review/Approval

0. Role of Board and Members (Powers, Purposes, Duties)	9000
B	
A. Limits of Authority	9010 B
B. Public Statements	9020 B
C. Commitment to Democratic Principles in Relations to Community, Staff, Student	9030 B
1. Organization	
A. Number of Member, Terms of Office.....	9110 B
B. Officers and Auxiliary Personnel.....	9120 B
(1) Chairperson.....	9121 B
(2) Vice Chairperson	9122 B
(3) Secretary to the Board	9123 B
C. Committees.....	9130 B
(1) Committee of the Whole	9131 B
(2) Standing Committees.....	9132 B
(3) Special/Advisory Committees	9133 B
D. Board Representatives	9140 B
2. Members	
A. Election	
(1) Filling Vacancies	9221 B
(2) Resignation/Removal from Office.....	9222 B
B. New Board Member Orientation.....	9230 B
C. Board Member Development.....	9240 B
D. Remuneration and Reimbursement.....	9250 B
E. Board Member Protection	9260 B
F. Conflict of Interest.....	9270 B
(1) School Board Member Ethics.....	9271 B

B. Policy Approval

1. Administrative Staff Organization.....	2100	P
A. Management Positions/Team		

(2) Professional Development.....	2112	P
D. Superintendent of Schools		
(1) Recruitment and Appointment of Superintendent	2141	P
(2) Evaluation of Superintendent.....	2142	P
E. Administrative Staff.....	2150	P
(1) Recruitment and Hiring of Administrative Staff	2151	P
(2) Evaluation of Administrative Staff.....	2152	P
2. Administrative Operations		
A. Administrative Leeway in Absence of Board Policy	2210	P
B. Representative and Deliberative Groups	2220	P
(1) Administrative Council.....	2222	P
C. Control and Communication Channels and Systems		
(1) Virus Protection.....	2230.1	P/R
(2) Policy and Regulation Systems	2231	P
3. School Governance.....		2300 P

Mr. Craybas reported more work needs to be done on the polices. Another subcommittee meeting will be scheduled to continue work on the both the 2000 and 9000 series.

Dr. Chesley asked the Board if they are interested in the Head Start Program in order to move forward with investigating the program. The Board discussed the program and concerns they have. They would like the administration to investigate the program and get more information so the Board can make an informed decision.

4. Correspondence

Dr. Chesley informed the Board the following correspondence was received.

- Letter to Chief Finch, Bethel Police Department, from Dr. Chesley regarding Youth Officer responsibilities proposal.
- Letter to Dr. Chesley from Chief Finch, Bethel Police Department, in response to proposal for Youth Officer responsibilities.
- Email from Board member Cynthia McCorkindale. She has resigned her position on the Board of Education.
- Article from Courant.com quoting Board Chair, Larry Craybas, regarding school officials concerns about the loss of federal stimulus money and its impact on local budgets.

5. **Action Items**

A. *Appointment to 2011 Standing Committees*

Subcommittees 2010-2011

Curriculum

Chair – Jill DeRosa

Amy Mannion

Melanie O’Brien

Robin Renner

Alternate – TBD

Finance

Chair – Stuart Carlsen

Kris Harrison

Michael Duff

Larry Craybas

Alternate – Jill DeRosa

Policy

Chair – Melanie O’Brien

TBD

Robin Renner

Stuart Carlsen

Alternate – Kris Harrison

Facilities

Chair – Michael Duff

Kris Harrison

Jill DeRosa

Stuart Carlsen

Alternate – Melanie O’Brien

Community Outreach

Chair – Robin Renner

Melanie O’Brien

TBD

Amy Mannion

Alternate – Larry Craybas

Personnel & Negotiations

Chair – Larry Craybas

Jill DeRosa

Stuart Carlsen

Michael Duff

Alternate – Amy Mannion

Ad-Hoc

(On as needed basis)

Transportation

Food Service

Robin Renner

Special Representation

(On as needed basis)

Education Connection

PTO

Robin Renner

6. **Adjourn**

Motion by R. Renner: Move to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Seconded by A. Mannion

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Paré

Board Recorder