

Tentative minutes of the **Bethel Board of Education Special Meeting** held on **Thursday, May 19, 2011**, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: Matt Knickerbocker

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

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, M. O'Brien, R. Renner

Board Members Absent: S. Clayton, K. Lacey, A. Mannion

B. ***Pledge of Allegiance***

2. **Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence**

A. ***CABE Student Leadership Awards***

The Board recognized the following students on receiving the CABE Student Leadership Award for 2011: Melissa Osorio, Bethel High School, Caitlyn Peterson, Bethel Middle School, and Justin Fargiano, Bethel Middle School.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

A. ***May 5, 2011***

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to approve the minutes of May 5, 2011.
Seconded by M. Duff
AYE: S. Carlsen, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, M. O'Brien, R. Renner
NAY: None
Abstain: L. Craybas
Motion Carried

4. **Correspondence**

- Letter from Mr. Carlsen, Board of Education member, to the Bethel Patch and Danbury News Times regarding the budget.
- Letter from Mrs. O'Brien, Board of Education member, to the Bethel Patch and Danbury News Times regarding the budget.
- Letter from Mrs. Renner, Board of Education member, to the Bethel Patch and Danbury News Times regarding the budget.
- Letter from Kindergarten teachers, Cynthia Jugler, Marjorie Paist, Kimberly Trombetto, Kristen Sprock, Sabrina Luis, and Kate Degruccolo, to the Bethel Patch and Danbury News Times in support of the budget and full-day Kindergarten.
- Letter from Mr. Craybas, Board of Education Chairman, and Dr. Gary Chesley, Superintendent of Schools, to the Bethel Patch and Danbury News Times thanking community for supporting the budget.

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5. **BHS Representatives Report**

Melissa Osorio, BHS Representative, reported to the Board on the spring activities at BHS.

6. **Audience Participation**

Matthew Knickerbocker, 10 Colonial Drive. Congratulated the CABE Award winners and thanked the administration and Board members for their work on the education budget.

7. **Administrative/Board Member Update**

Dr. Chesley informed the Board the NJROTC unit has been named a unit with Distinguished Honors.

T. Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services spoke to the Board about staff participation in Walk Across America and the CIGNA's Women's Health meetings available to staff next week.

A. NJROTC Review

Bethel High NJROTC unit cadets gave a presentation reviewing the work and activities of the cadets for the 2010-2011 school year.

B. Community Programs Review

Linda Anderson, Coordinator of Community Programs, provided the Board with an overview of 2010-2011 activities under her supervision. She reviewed the Student Internship program, Cadet Teaching program, Cooperative Work Experience program, and Summer School program.

8. **Reports to the Board**

A. Policy

Melanie O'Brien, Policy Subcommittee Chair, reported to the Board the committee is postponing changes until new legislation becomes available at the end of June for the bullying and harassment policy. The committee also discussed and tabled a Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) policy. A preliminary draft is expected by the end of May.

B. Curriculum

1. Approval - Television Production & Broadcast Journalism Textbook

<p>Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to approve <i>Television Production & Broadcast Journalism Textbook</i>. Seconded by R. Renner Motion Carried Unanimously</p>

C. Personnel

1. Teachers Being Granted Tenure

Motion by M. O'Brien: Move to grant tenure to the following teachers:

High School

**Vanessa Eisenman
Kathleen McGowen
Bridget O'Donnell
Katarzyna Bittner
Joseph Shaboo
Kristen Dirzius**

Middle School

Maria Lateef

Johnson School

**Elizabeth Teed
Danielle Westervelt-Crane**

Berry School

**Allanah Greco
Kathleen Orcutt**

Rockwell School

**Kristen Sprock
Christy Bibb
Nancy Geraghty-Anastasi
Victoria Yusko**

Seconded by L. Craybas

AYE: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, M. O'Brien, R. Renner

NAY: None

Abstain: M. Duff

Motion Carried

2. Resignations

Motion by L. Craybas: Move to accept the resignation of Mark Goodwin, BHS Athletic Director/PE Teacher.

Seconded by S. Carlsen

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Job Descriptions

- a) 7.01 Head Custodian**
- b) 7.02 Custodian**

Motion by J. DeRosa: Move to table to seek legal counsel and returned to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting.

Seconded by S. Carlsen

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Finance

1. Approval – Food Service Management Contract Renewal

Motion by L. Craybas: Move to renew the food service management company contract with Sodexo for the 2011-2012 school year.

Seconded by J. DeRosa

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Approval - 2011/2012 School Year Lunch Prices

Motion by L. Craybas: Move to set the student school lunch prices for the 2011-2012 school year as follows: Elementary \$2.45 and High School/Middle School \$2.85. The BOE sets the school breakfast prices at the High School and Middle School at \$1.85 for the 2011-2012 school year.

Seconded by M. O'Brien

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Approval - Tuition Rates for 2011/2012

Motion by S. Carlsen: Move to set the tuition rates for non-resident students attending Bethel Public Schools for the 2011-2012 school as stated in the memo to the Board dated May 19, 2011.

Seconded by R. Renner

Motion Carried Unanimously

9. Adjourn

Motion by M. O'Brien: Move to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Seconded by S. Carlsen

Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Paré

Board Recorder