

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

Attendance: None

Administrative Attendance: T. Yonsky

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

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

Board Members Present: S. Carlsen, L. Craybas, J. DeRosa, M. Duff, K. Lacey, M. O'Brien, R. Renner

Board Members Absent: S. Clayton

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

2. **Action Items**
 - A. ***Bid Waiver***

Motion by S. Carlsen: The Board of Education waives the bid process for the Ergonomic Group Inc. purchases made through the e-plus lease agreement renewed in 2011.
Seconded by: J. DeRosa
Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by J. DeRosa: The Board of Education waives the bid process for the Apple Inc. purchases made through the Apple lease agreement renewed in 2011.
Seconded by: S. Carlsen
Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion by S. Carlsen: The Board of Education waives the bid process for the purchase of Meraki equipment for the purpose of wireless networks in BHS, BMS, and Berry School.
Seconded by: R. Renner
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. **Adjourn**

Motion by R. Renner: Move to adjourn at 11:52 a.m.
Seconded by: K. Lacey
Motion Carried Unanimously

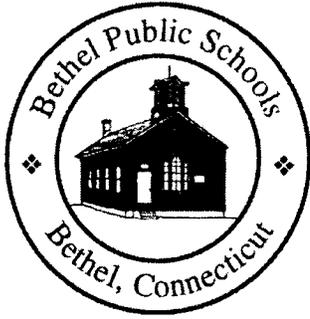
Respectfully submitted,

Robin Renner
Secretary

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To: Board of Education
From: Teri Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services 
Cc: Dr. Janice Jordan, Dr. Gary Chesley
Re: Bid waiver for purchase of meraki wireless equipment
July 19, 2011

The Bethel Board of Education IT Department has been exploring wireless systems over the last two years. Our IT Department installed meraki wireless systems in both Johnson and Rockwell Schools and have been very pleased with the results and the operation of these systems. The cost of these purchases were well less than the bidding threshold.

We would like to standardize using meraki equipment in our other three schools with a full system at Bethel High School and targeted locations in Bethel Middle School and Berry School.

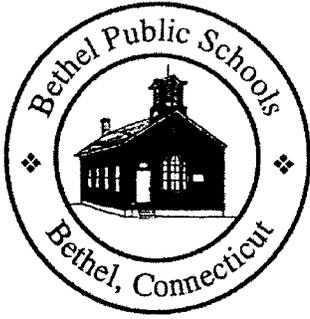
Meraki offers a standard price to CT school districts whether you buy direct or through a dealer. We have confirmed this by obtaining three quotes from three sources and they are identical.

The purchase of meraki equipment during 2011/2012 will exceed the bidding threshold of \$30,000.

Motion: The Board of Education waives the bid process for the purchases of meraki equipment for the purposes of wireless networks in BHS, BMS and Berry School.

Yay: 7 Nay: 0

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To: Board of Education
From: Teri Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services 
Cc: Dr. Janice Jordan, Dr. Gary Chesley
Re: Bid waiver for lease/purchase agreement – July 19, 2011 – eplus Lease

Our legal counsel has advised that technology purchases made through our leases should also be bid or bid waived to be in compliance with Bethel's charter.

The planned purchase of equipment from Ergonomic Group Inc. totals \$70,434.00. The units being purchased are HP 8000 Desktops 4GB without monitors for \$602 each. This quote was obtained through the State of Connecticut contract pricing. As a CT municipality we are able to obtain excellent pricing through the State of Connecticut and their bid awards. Therefore we are waiving our local bid process.

Motion: The Board of Education waives the bid process for the Ergonomic Group Inc. purchases made through the e-plus lease agreement renewed in 2011.

Yay: 7 Nay: 0

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Our legal counsel has advised that technology purchases made through our leases should also be bid or bid waived.

The purchase of equipment from Apple Inc. totals \$79,347.00. The unit price quotes were obtained directly through Apple Inc. and at the State of Connecticut contract pricing. This is specific Apple equipment and this is the best pricing available to the Bethel Board of Education. Therefore we are waiving the bid process.

Motion: The Board of Education waives the bid process for the Apple Inc. purchases made through the Apple lease agreement renewed June 2011.

Yay: 7 Nay: 

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