

**Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting - Budget Workshop held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, in Board of Education Conference Room E, 1 School Street, Bethel, CT 06801.**

**Attendance: None.**

**Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, J. Variale, M. Caron, D. Burns, C. Troetti, M. Rutledge, A. Salerno, B. Watson, T. Soucy, C. Sipala**

**M. O'Brien, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.**

**Board Members Attendance:**

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman  
Mr. Scott Clayton  
Mr. Bill Foster  
Mrs. Jen Larsen  
Mrs. Courtney Martin  
Mr. Daniel Nostin  
Ms. Melanie O'Brien  
Mrs. Cathy Schaefer  
Mrs. Kara DiBartolo, Absent

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**1. Call to Order**

- A. Roll Call for Quorum
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Budget Workshop (Schools/Athletics)**

Dr. Carver and the administrative team answered questions from the Board regarding schools and athletics, non-contractual spending, curricular and extracurricular program fees, pay-to-play, athletic event fees, communications and research database services, increase in due/fees for high school affiliations to organizations, tutors, custodians and needed overtime, substitutes, FTE changes between buildings due to needs as they vary from year to year, instructional supplies, enrollment projects, high school tutors and paras, graduation leased equipment, teacher shortage areas, middle school sports and clubs transportation, interventionist needs, elementary class size, support for students performing at higher levels, impact to the budget by adding two (2) specialists to budget, health insurance, impacts of any cuts to the budget would result in cutting non-mandated programs, SEL coach, professional services items at BHS, repair and maintenance account for BHS, gate fees, activities and clubs participation. Also, what are the schools already doing without? Mrs. Martin stated that in Dr. Carver's budget presentation it is noted that based on current enrollment, 6 million dollars would need to be added to the budget to reach the State average for education budgets.

**3. Correspondence**

None.

**4. Public Comment**

None.

**5. Adjourn**

Move to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mrs. Courtney Martin.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman:	Yea
Mr. Scott Clayton:	Yea
Mr. Bill Foster:	Yea
Mrs. Jen Larsen:	Yea
Mrs. Courtney Martin:	Yea
Mr. Daniel Nostin:	Yea
Ms. Melanie O'Brien:	Yea
Mrs. Cathy Schaefer:	Yea

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Pare  
Board Recorder