

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, in Board of Education Conference Room E, 1 School Street, Bethel, CT.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, J. Variale, M. Rutledge

M. O'Brien, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Board Members Attendance:**

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

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**1. Call to Order (Policy 9326)**

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

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

**2.A. Community Partnership Program Recognition**

The Board, Dr. Sipala, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services, and Frances Peters, Transition Specialist, recognized community partners who support the Bethel Community Partnership Program.

**3. Consent Calendar (Policy 9326)**

**3.A. Approval of Minutes**

**3.A.1. March 23, 2023**

**Move to approve the minutes of March 23, 2023. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.**

Mrs. Courtney Martin: Abstain  
Mr. Daniel Nostin: Abstain  
Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman: Yea  
Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea  
Mr. Bill Foster: Yea

Mrs. Jen Larsen:	Yea
Ms. Melanie O'Brien:	Yea
Mrs. Cathy Schaefer:	Yea

#### **4. Correspondence (Policy 9326)**

None.

#### **5. Public Comment (Policy 9326)**

None.

#### **6. Administrative/Board Member Update (Policy 9326)**

##### **6.A. Board Chairperson Update**

Ms. O'Brien complimented the STEM Expo night and the mental health workshop given by Tom Salvador.

##### **6.B. Administrative Update**

Dr. Carver informed the Board Bethel did not receive the HVAC grant in the first round. The district will reapply for the second round in August. Dr. Carver updated the Board on the project close out. The district is entering the state testing series, SBAC, etc. in the next month. Also, the state reimbursement for excess cost came in at 76% because the state did not put the funding in excess cost as required.

##### **6.B.1. 2022-2023 BOE District Data Sheet**

Dr. Carver provided the Board the 2022-2023 BOE District Data Sheet.

#### **7. Reports to the Board**

##### **7.A. Curriculum, Assessment, & Professional Practices**

##### **7.A.1. Algebra I Curriculum**

**Move to approve the Algebra I Curriculum. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman and a second by Mr. Daniel Nostin.**

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

### 7.A.2. College Algebra Curriculum

**Move to approve the College Algebra Curriculum. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman and a second by Mrs. Cathy Schaefer.**

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

### 7.B. Policy (Policy 9310,9311,9313)

#### 7.B.1. First Reading

7.B.1.a. Regulation 6153 - Field Trips

7.B.1.b. Policy/Regulation 4111 - Recruitment and Selection

7.B.1.c. Policy/Regulation - 4111.1 Equal Employment Opportunity

7.B.1.d. Policy - 4111.3 Minority Recruitment Plan

7.B.1.e. Policy/Regulation - 4112 Appointments and Conditions of Employment

7.B.1.f. Policy/Regulation - 4112.5 Security Checks and Fingerprinting

**Move to accept Regulation 6153 - Field Trips, Policy/Regulation 4111 - Recruitment and Selection, Policy/Regulation - 4111.1 Equal Employment Opportunity, Policy - 4111.3 Minority Recruitment Plan, Policy/Regulation - 4112 Appointments and Conditions of Employment, Policy/Regulation - 4112.5 Security Checks and Fingerprinting for a first reading. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Ms. Melanie O'Brien.**

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

#### 7.B.1.g. Regulation - 4112.4 Health Examination Regulation

Tabled in committee.

**Move to table Regulation 4112.4 -Health Examinations. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. Daniel Nostin.**

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

### **7.B.2. Second Reading/Approval**

#### **7.B.2.a. Policy 6144.1 - Curricular Exemptions**

**Move to approve Policy 6144.1 - Curricular Exemptions. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. Bill Foster.**

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

### **8. Action Items**

#### **8.A. Class of 2023 Graduation Date**

**Move to approve Tuesday, June 13, 2023, as the Graduation Day for the Class of 2023. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien 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

## 9. Recommended Executive Session

**Administrative Attendance:** C. Carver, K. Brooks, J. Variale

### **Board Members Attendance:**

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

**Move to enter into Executive Session at 7:43 PM. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.**

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

### **9.A. CT General Statues 1-210(b)(2) Personnel - Non-Renewals**

### **9.B. CT General Statues 1-210(b)(9) Personnel - Negotiations**

- Bethel BOE Food Service Employees Union
- Bethel Paraeducators' Union
- Bethel Education Association
- Bethel Association of Educational Secretaries
- Bethel Administrators' Association
- School Nurses' Association of Bethel

**Move to come out of Executive Session at 8:08 PM. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. Bill Foster.**

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

**Move that the contract of employment as outlined not be renewed for the following school year upon its expiration at the end of the 2022-2023 school year, and understand the Superintendent of Schools has already advised such persons in writing of this action. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.**

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

**Move to approve MOUs as presented for: Bethel Paraeducators' Union Bethel Education Association Bethel Association of Educational Secretaries Bethel Administrators' Association School Nurses' Association of Bethel Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Daniel Nostin.**

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

## 10. Adjourn

**Move to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Daniel Nostin.**

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