

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, in Board of Education Conference Room E, 1 School Street, Bethel, CT 06801.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, D. Burns, M. Rutledge, S. Sipala, M. Walsh, A. Salerno, B. Watson

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

Board Members Attendance:

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

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

Congratulations to BHS Senior, Mashnoov Chowdhury, for being selected as a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholar Program! Mashnoov was one of 16,000 students across the nation selected as a semifinalist.

2.A. Gifts, Grants, & Bequests

None.

3. BOARD REPORTS - PROGRESS TOWARDS DISTRICT INITIATIVES

3.A. 2022-2023 Data Summary Progress Update

Dr. Carver presented the 2022-2023 Data Summary Progress Update to provide the Board with an understanding of the state and local student outcome data. The presentation specifically focused on deepening an understanding of the State Accountability System and the district's progress within that system. Next month Dr. Carver would like to focus on local measures that are used to demonstrate progress as a school system.

3.B. Bethel Middle School & Johnson School SIP

Mr. Watson and Dr. Salerno gave a brief presentation on the BMS & JS School Improvement Plans for the 2023-2024 school year. They provided the Board with an overview of the focus of the schools. Mr. Watson noted both Johnson and Rockwell Schools are also involved in a "pilot" with the Center for Public Research and Leadership to develop and implement research-based strategies for school improvement. The pilot is focused on 5th and 6th grades in literacy.

4. Consent Calendar

4.A. Approval of Minutes

4.A.1. August 24, 2023 - Special Meeting

Move to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2023 - Special Meeting. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Jen Larsen.

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

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Administrative/Board Member Update

7.A. Board Chairperson Update

Ms. O'Brien spoke to the Board about the discussion and ideas of the Community Outreach, Alignment, and Communication committee at the September meeting. The committee reviewed the survey data and discussed ideas around the feedback from the surveys. They discussed parent engagement and events around reading, math, etc.

7.B. Administrative Update

Dr. Carver informed the Board that Mr. Germinaro will be retiring at the end of the year. Dr.

Carver held a Strategic Planning Committee meeting this week and will bring the revisions to the Board in October. Dr. Carver informed the Board in her role as President of CAPSS she has done some back-to-school social media and will also attend a national AASA conference at the end of the month.

7.B.1. 2023-2024 BOE District Data Sheet

Dr. Carver provided the Board the September data available in the 2023-2024 BOE District Data Sheet.

8. Reports to the Board

8.A. Policy

8.A.1. First Reading

8.A.1.a. Policy 1120 - Board of Education Meetings

8.A.1.b. Policy 6141.321 - Student Responsible Use Policy for Use of District Technology Resources

8.A.1.c. Policy & Regulation 4118.5 - Employee Responsible Use Policy for Use of District Technology Resources

8.A.1.d. Policy 5131.81 - Electronic Devices

8.A.1.e. Policy & Regulation 1330 - Use of School Facilities

Move to accept for first reading:

Policy 1120 - Board of Education Meetings

Policy 6141.321 - Student Responsible Use Policy for Use of District Technology Resources

Policy & Regulation 4118.5 - Employee Responsible Use Policy for Use of District Technology Resources

Policy 5131.81 - Electronic Devices

Policy & Regulation 1330 - Use of School Facilities Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mrs. Jen Larsen.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman: Yea

Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea

Mrs. Kara DiBartolo: Yea

Mr. Bill Foster: Yea

Mrs. Jen Larsen: Yea

Mrs. Courtney Martin: Yea

Mr. Daniel Nostin: Yea

Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

8.A.2. Second Reading/Approval

8.A.2.a. Regulation 5141.11 - School Bus Accidents

Dr. Carver provided the Board Regulation 5141.11 - School Bus Accidents for their information.

8.A.2.b. Regulation - 4112.4 Health Examination Regulation

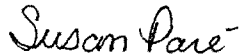
Dr. Carver provided the Board Regulation - 4112.4 Health Examination Regulation for their information.

9. Adjourn

Move to adjourn at 8:34 PM. Passed with a motion by Mr. Daniel Nostin and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Pare
Board Recorder