

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting - Budget Workshop held on Thursday, January 25, 2024, in Board of Education Conference Room E, 1 School Street, PO Box 253, Bethel, CT 06801 and via Live Stream

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, J. Variale, D. Burns, C. Sipala, L. DiBiase, M. Rutledge, I. Velze

S. Clayton, 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. Jennifer Lewis:	Present
Mrs. Courtney Martin:	Present
Mr. Daniel Nostin:	Present
Ms. Pat Rist:	Present, arrived 7:05 PM

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Budget Workshop - IT, Curriculum, and Special Education

Dr. Carver and the administrative team answered questions from the Board regarding ESY, paraeducators, job coaches, special education public, outplacement, and in-district transportation, special education tuition, social workers, nurse staffing, and school psychologist staffing. Mrs. Ackerman spoke about her concern about not adding a school psychologist for next year and going into the school year without an additional full-time psychologist for the district. The administration and Board discussed how student needs are being addressed throughout the district. Speech and language, tutoring, curriculum staff, GED program, summer school, computer repair contract, PPS staffing and caseloads, OT staffing, dues & fees for curriculum, ESY staffing, professional special education services, professional learning for special education, Circle of Friends staffing, balancing staffing and class sizes to meet needs, programs at Berry and Rockwell School, IT staff opening and compensation issues, and PA 23-137 requiring that the district serve students with disabilities through the school year of their 22nd birthday.

3. Correspondence

None.

4. Public Comment

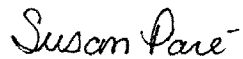
None.

5. Adjourn

Move to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. Daniel Nostin.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman:	Yea
Mr. Scott Clayton:	Yea
Mrs. Kara DiBartolo:	Yea
Mr. Bill Foster:	Yea
Mrs. Jen Larsen:	Yea
Mrs. Jennifer Lewis:	Yea
Mrs. Courtney Martin:	Yea
Mr. Daniel Nostin:	Yea
Ms. Pat Rist:	Yea

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Pare
Board Recorder