

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting -Budget Workshop - Schools/Athletics held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 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, M. Rutledge, M. Caron, D. Burns, J. Taranovich, M. Walsh, A. Salerno, T. Soucy, B. Watson, B. Grieco

S. Clayton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Attendance:

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman:	Present
Anthony Cassio:	Present
Mr. Scott Clayton:	Present
Mrs. Kara DiBartolo:	Present
Mr. Bill Foster:	Present
Mrs. Jen Larsen:	Present
Mrs. Courtney Martin:	Present
Ms. Pat Rist:	Present
Mr. Jeffrey Spies:	<i>Absent</i>

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1. Call to Order

1.A. Roll Call for Quorum

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Budget Workshop (Schools/Athletics)

Dr. Carver and her administrative team answered questions submitted by the Board on health insurance costs history, a self-insured model, collaborative athletic teams, pay-to-play caps, additional school psychologist position, stipends for coaches and advisors for after-school clubs, student transportation increase, technology supplies and software, funding for paraeducators, substitute teachers, sport uniform replacements, tutoring cuts impact, custodial overtime, reductions in technology hardware and copier lease, increase ins technology supplies to maintain current platforms, tuition increase for students attending Shepaug, contractual increase for regular and special education student transportation, outside consultant for enrollment study, dues & fees, adult education mandated services provided by WERACE - GED, ESL services, library books and reference materials, textbooks, athletic trainer, Circle of Friends preschool reductions, and library/media center models. The Board will meet again on Thursday, February 6, 2025, for the next budget workshop.

3. Correspondence

- Written Testimony Raised Bill 1217 to Members of the Committee for Children from Dr. Christine Carver, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Dan Carter, First Selectman, Town of Bethel, and Mr. Nick Ellis, Chair, Bethel Board of Finance.

4. Public Comment

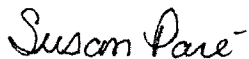
None.

5. Adjourn

Move to adjourn at 8:09 PM. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Ms. Pat Rist.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Pare
Board Recorder