

Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2013 7:00 PM

Board of Education Conf. Room E, 1 School Street, PO Box 253, Bethel, CT
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1. Call to Order

1.A. Roll Call for Quorum

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes

2.A. January 24, 2013 - Regular Meeting

2.B. January 31, 2013 - Budget Workshop

2.C. February 7, 2013 - Budget Workshop

2.D. February 12, 2013 - Budget Workshop/Approval

3. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

4. Correspondence

5. Audience Participation

6. Administrative/Board Member Update

6.A. BEA "Stuff a Bus"

6.B. Danielson Group Update

6.C. Safety & Security Update

6.D. Parent University Update

7. Reports to the Board

7.A. Curriculum

7.A.1. Textbook Approval

7.A.1.a. Enduring Visions

7.B. Finance

7.B.1. Healthy Foods Certification

8. Adjourn

Tentative minutes of the Curriculum Subcommittee held on Thursday, January 24, 2013, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: J. Jordan, K. Smith, T. Yonsky

Robin Renner, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Scott Clayton

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

Mrs. Robin Renner

Mr. Ted Stevenson

1. Textbook Review

A. Conceptual Physics

Reviewed textbook and recommend to full Board for approval.

B. Enduring Visions

Reviewed textbook and recommend to full Board for approval.

2. Out of Country Field Trip Forms

Reviewed forms for Out of Country Field Trips.

3. Audience Participation

None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Renner
Recorder

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Buildings & Grounds Subcommittee Meeting held on January 29, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: Mrs. Robin Renner

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, B. Germinaro

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 06:00PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Larry Craybas

Mr. William Duff

Mrs. Kristen Lacey

Mr. Bryan Terzian

1. Audience Participation - None
2. **460 Account Budget Review** - Administration's proposed budget was reviewed. Decision on final committee-endorsed budget, to be presented to the full Board, was tabled until 6:00 pm, January 31, 2103.

Committee meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm. Meeting will resume at 6:00 pm on January 31, 2013 to finalize 460 Account budget recommendation to full Board.

Larry Craybas, Chairman, BOE Building & Grounds Committee
Recorder

Tentative minutes of the School Safety Subcommittee held on Thursday, January 24, 2013, in Board of Education Conference Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, T. Yonksy

Bryan Terzian, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Scott Clayton (arrived 6:15 p.m)

Mr. Larry Craybas

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

Mr. Bryan Terzian

1. Review School Safety/Security Procedures and Current Policies

Reviewed safety/security procedures and policies. Broke down into four category areas and will create a timeline.

2. Audience Participation

None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Terzian
Chair

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on January 24, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, B. Germinaro, M. Rutledge, D. Muharem, K. Brooks, C. Troetti

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 07:00PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen
Mr. Scott Clayton
Mr. Larry Craybas
Mr. William Duff
Mrs. Kristen Lacey
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien
Mrs. Robin Renner
Mr. Ted Stevenson
Mr. Bryan Terzian

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Ted Stevenson was updated to absent at: 7:55 PM

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

- 2.A. December 20, 2012 - Special Meeting
- 2.B. December 20, 2012 - Regular Meeting
- 2.C. January 10, 2013 - Special Meeting

Motion Passed: Move to approve the minutes of December 20, 2012 - Special Meeting, December 20, 2013 Regular Meeting, and January 10, 2013 Special Meeting. Passed with a motion by Mr. Ted Stevenson and a second by Mrs. Robin Renner.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

Mr. Bryan Terzian abstained on the January 10, 2013 Special Meeting minutes approval.

Motion Passed: Move to add agenda Item #3 - Board Recognition to the agenda. Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Kristen Lacey.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

3. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

Discussion:

Mirage, BHS Literary magazine, has been selected to receive a rank of SUPERIOR- Nominated for Highest Award in the 2012 NCTE Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines. A total of 417 schools entered the 2012 program. Congratulations to the students, Ms. Lerz, and Ms. Overmier who produced this exemplary literary magazine.

The Board requested a press release be made on this accomplishment.

4. Correspondence

- Letter from Dr. Smith to Senator Chris Murphy requesting assistance in securing funding from the office of Homeland Security to support our efforts in upgrading our safety and security in each of our schools and any further support in identifying federal aid to support the addition of an NJROTC instructor.
- Letter from Dr. Smith to Senator Toni Boucher regarding written testimony for the Enhanced School Security Working Group.

5. Audience Participation

None.

6. Administrative Board/Board Member Update

6.A. Smarter Balanced Assessments

Discussion:

Dr. Jordan, Associate Superintendent, gave a presentation to the Board on the Smarter Balanced Assessments. Dr. Jordan spoke about the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), ELA Standards, and how Smarter Balanced Assessments assess the CCSS. Smarter Balanced Assessments will be administered online in the 2014-2015 school year. This will provide increased test security, faster results, and achievement and growth information for every student.

7. Curriculum

7.A. Textbook Approval

7.A.1. Conceptual Physics

7.A.2. Enduring Vision

Motion Failed: Move to approve Conceptual Physics textbook and Enduring Vision textbook. Failed with a motion by Mr. Bryan Terzian and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Absent
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

Motion Failed: Move to table Enduring Vision textbook to be able to read the textbook. Failed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Absent
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

Motion Passed: Move to table the Enduring Vision textbook and bring the textbook back to the Board for a vote at the February 21, 2013 Board meeting. Passed with a motion by Mr. Bryan Terzian and a second by Mrs. Kristen Lacey.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Absent
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

Motion Passed: Move to approve the Conceptual Physics textbook. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Absent
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

8. Finance

8.A. Budget Transfers

Motion Passed: Move to approve budget transfers for October 1 to December 31 of fiscal 2012-2013 as presented by the Director of Fiscal Services. Passed with a motion by Mr. Stuart Carlsen and a second by Mr. William Duff.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Absent
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

9. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mrs. Kristen Lacey.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Absent
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on January 31, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, L. Pica, D. Muharem, B. Kirmil, G. Lawlor, M. Lerz, D. DeBlois, C. Troetti, M. Rutledge

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 07:00PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen

Mr. Larry Craybas

Mr. William Duff

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

Mr. Bryan Terzian

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Scott Clayton

Mrs. Kristen Lacey

Mrs. Robin Renner

Mr. Ted Stevenson

Updated Attendance:

Mrs. Robin Renner was updated to present at: 7:10 PM

1. Call to Order

1.A. Roll Call for Quorum

Discussion:

Mr. Craybas noted that both R. Renner and S. Clayton were out ill and K. Lacey and T. Stevenson were out due to work commitments.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Audience Participation

Discussion:

None.

3. 2013-2014 Education Budget Workshop

Discussion:

Dr. Smith, Dr. Jordan, and Ms. Yonsky, Director for Fiscal Services, answered questions on the budget that were submitted by Board of Education members.

Dr. Smith, Mrs. Rutledge, Supervisor of Reading/ Language Arts, spoke about the CAPT data on Reading and the need for a High School Reading Specialist to support students who are struggling at that level. Mrs. Rutledge explained the need for the Reading Specialist at the high school level. She feels the high school would be better served by the position because the 8th grade CMT data shows growth from the elementary level. The Board discussed the need for support and what grade level would be most appropriate.

The Board discussed the impact the 2013-2014 budget would have to the technology plan as presented.

The Board discussed the benefits/negatives of using an electronic substitute teacher system and the details of the increase in the substitute teacher line.

Mrs. Pica, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services, explained the need and plan for a School Psychologist. An additional school psychologist would allow us to provide a full-time school psychologist at Bethel High School, a full-time school psychologist at Bethel Middle School, a .8 school psychologist at Johnson School, a .6 school psychologist at Rockwell School and a .6 school psychologist at Berry School. It will allow us to have a one consistent full-time school psychologist at both Bethel Middle School and Bethel High School, where needs are the greatest.

Both L. Craybas and S. Carlsen stated they support the additional School Psychologist. L. Craybas informed the Board there may be funding available in the future for this position due to school safety/security. Mrs. Pica noted the School Psychologist position was cut from 4.6 to 4.0 positions in past years and in 2008 was cut to 3 as part of the 0% increase budget that year.

The Board discussed the possibility of including the ROTC position in the budget. Discussion lead to the concern that with so many opportunities at BHS programs are competing for student schedules and there needs to be a balance in programs. The funds could be used for other programs like senior year PE. Mr. Craybas noted there may be other funding for the ROTC position as the Board and administration have been pursuing support from the State.

The Board discussed ECS and Sequestration. The Board asked what "Plan B" would be for sequestration. Ms. Yonsky stated sequestration would be approximately \$880K * 9% = \$79K. She stated we do not have a specific plan to cover this elsewhere. The impact would include cuts in professional development and intervention at Rockwell, Johnson, BMS and BHS. Cuts to the Special Education grants would force us to eliminate any special education supply purchases covered by federal grants.

The Board questioned the use of custodial overtime. Ms. Yonsky explained that custodial

overtime is used when the district runs our school programs on the weekends. Such as, athletics, band, clubs, drama, etc. Custodians are also called in for snow removal and other weather emergencies. The district charges outside groups for custodial overtime when they use our facilities.

The Board also discussed the need for additional technology at BMS and Johnson.

Board members decided to stop reviewing questions at question# 19 on the submitted Q & A questions and will resume review at February 7, 2013 budget workshop.

4. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Absent
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on February 07, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, M. Rutledge, C. Troetti, G. Lawlor, B. Watson, P. Chapman

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 07:00PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen

Mr. Larry Craybas

Mr. William Duff

Mrs. Kristen Lacey

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

Mrs. Robin Renner

Mr. Ted Stevenson

Mr. Bryan Terzian

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Scott Clayton

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Scott Clayton was updated to present at: 7:05 PM

1. Call to Order

1.A. Roll Call for Quorum

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Audience Participation

Discussion:

None.

3. 2013-2014 Education Budget Workshop

Discussion:

Dr. Smith, Dr. Jordan, and Ms. Yonsky, Director for Fiscal Services, answered questions on the budget that were submitted by Board of Education members.

Ms. Yonsky answered questions regarding the substitute teacher line, SPED tuition line, coaches & advisors, standardized testing, and building maintenance.

Dr. Smith and Dr. Jordan spoke to the Board about the importance of Reading Specialist needed at BHS.

The Board discussed student insurance and the possibility of making it a requirement for participation in sports.

Board members decided to stop reviewing questions at question# 40 on the submitted Q & A questions and will resume review at February 12, 2013 budget workshop.

4. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mr. William Duff.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: Jen Larsen

Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky, C. Troetti, M. Rutledge, G. Lawlor, L. Pica, B. Germinaro, D. DeBlois, M. Lerz, B. Kirmil, D. Muharem, K. Gombos

L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 07:00PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen

Mr. Scott Clayton

Mr. Larry Craybas

Mr. William Duff

Mrs. Kristen Lacey

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

Mrs. Robin Renner

Mr. Ted Stevenson

Mr. Bryan Terzian

1. Call to Order

1.A. Roll Call for Quorum

Discussion:

Mr. Craybas, Chairman, asked for a moment of silence in honor of David W. Deakin, former First Selectmen, who recently passed away. Mr. Deakin had the foresight to purchase the land for Bethel's school campus. The campus was named the David W. Deakin Educational Park several years ago.

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Audience Participation

Discussion:

None.

3. 2013-2014 Education Budget Workshop

Discussion:

Dr. Smith, Dr. Jordan, and Ms. Yonsky, Director for Fiscal Services, answered questions on the budget that were submitted by Board of Education members.

Ms. Yonsky answered line item questions regarding regular education out of district tuition, pay-to-play, substitute teacher line, and student activity. The Board discussed the student activity accounts. Ms. Yonsky explained the funds in student activity accounts can only be used for the purposes the accounts were set up for. Ms. Yonsky informed the Board that all bookkeeping for student activity is handled through the business office at central office. Connecticut statues allow only student activity accounts to accept donations. If donations are used for technology those purchases are reviewed prior by Mr. DeBlois, Supervisor of Information Technologies, to be sure those purchases meet the district's needs and aligns with the district's Technology Plan.

Mrs. Pica, Director of SPED and Pupil Services, answered questions regarding the SPED tuition line. Mrs. Pica explained Educational Cost Sharing (ECS) to the Board and the service centers the district uses for out-placed students and what services they provide to meet the students needs. Mrs. Pica spoke about DCF placements and the Board's responsibility for tuition. Tuitions for DCF placements are based on a State formula.

Dr. Smith answered questions about the use of specials teachers during their free time. Specials teachers run intervention groups or cover other classes for other teachers to allow time for PLCs and data teams.

Board members completed reviewing the submitted Q & A questions.

The Board discussed the 460 account. Mr. Germinaro, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds answered questions on line item details of the 460 account.

Mr. Terzian questioned the need to replace benches at BMS. He stated he would rather see the funds go to replacing ceiling tiles at BMS. Dr. Smith explained the current benches are beyond repair and either need to be replaced or removed.

Mr. Terzian and Mr. Duff offered to find other sources to fund the replacement of the benches at BMS.

Motion Failed: Move to approve a facilities "460" budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$549,392.00 as presented in the budget documents prepared by the Administration. Failed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	No vote
Mr. Scott Clayton	No vote
Mr. Larry Craybas	No vote
Mr. William Duff	No vote
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	No vote
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	No vote
Mrs. Robin Renner	No vote
Mr. Ted Stevenson	No vote
Mr. Bryan Terzian	No vote

Motion to Amend Passed: To amend the motion from: "Move to approve a facilities "460" budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$549,392.00 as presented in the budget documents prepared by the Administration." to: "Move to amend motion to approve a facilities "460" budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$549,392.00 with the reallocation of \$4,800.00 for new benches at BMS to be used for ceiling tiles at BMS. " Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mr. Bryan Terzian.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

Motion Failed: Move to approve an operating budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$40,830,969 as presented in the budget documents prepared by the Administration. Failed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	No vote
Mr. Scott Clayton	No vote
Mr. Larry Craybas	No vote
Mr. William Duff	No vote
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	No vote
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	No vote
Mrs. Robin Renner	No vote
Mr. Ted Stevenson	No vote
Mr. Bryan Terzian	No vote

Motion to Amend Passed: To amend the motion from: "Move to approve an operating budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the amount of \$40,830,969 as presented in the budget documents prepared by the Administration." to: Move to amend the motion to include:

Add: School Psychologist	\$78,496	.20%
Add: NJROTC Instructor	\$44,000	.11%
Deduct: Regular Ed Tuition Adjustment	(\$2,192)	
Deduct: Contingency Account Adjustment	(\$5,000)	(.02%)

For a total Board of Education Proposed Budget of \$40,946,273 a 3.24% increase.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Robin Renner.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes

Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

4. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Move to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Passed with a motion by Mr. William Duff and a second by Mr. Stuart Carlsen.

Mr. Stuart Carlsen	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. William Duff	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes
Mr. Bryan Terzian	Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder



Bethel Middle School

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Derek D. Muharem
Principal

Pamela Chapman
Assistant Principal

Bryan Watson
Assistant Principal

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FEB 19 2013

BETHEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CENTRAL OFFICE

February 19, 2013

Mr. Lawrence Craybas
Chairman
Bethel Board of Education
1 School Street
Bethel, CT 06801

Dear Mr. Craybas:

On behalf of the staff and faculty at Bethel Middle School, I would like to publicly thank the following individuals and agencies that collectively raised or donated \$10,000.00 through the selling of ribbons for Sandy Hook Elementary School:

- Belinda Oliveira
- Ingersoll Automotive of Danbury
- Teed & Brown, Inc.

We truly are very thankful for the kindness and generosity extended to our neighbors in Newtown.

Sincerely,

Derek D. Muharem
Principal



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BETHEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CENTRAL OFFICE

To: Dr. Kevin Smith

From: Dr. Adeline Merrill

Re: Professional Development Days

Date: January 31, 2013

On behalf of the WCSU Education Department, I want to thank you and your staff for inviting our faculty and students to attend your professional development days on August 28, 2012 and January 21, 2013. The technology topics and the presenters were inspiring, and they challenged us to rethink how technology should be used in today's classrooms.

Alan November's presentation was provocative because he focused on how technology should be used to transform curriculum and instruction. He challenged us to get beyond using technology to augment "old world" assignments. His example of sophisticated research questions, such as the incorporation of international perspectives, which students can tackle with Google was an excellent one.

On January 21, our students attended at least two technology workshops, and these workshops received rave reviews. I believe you may have seen their responses but I wanted to share a few of them with you:

- 1) "The flipped learning and blended classroom workshop was very beneficial to me. I am excited to pair this new knowledge with the mobile devices in the classroom information."
- 2) "Today was extremely informative. I am so thankful we were given the opportunity to come to the offered workshops. I had never used Prezi, screen cast omatic or tunes u but now I have tons of information and examples and will use them not only in my own classroom in the future but also in my WCSU courses."
- 3) "Today was a very beneficial experience. I learned a lot, and got a chance to experience PD in a 'teacher's shoes'."

Thank you again for inviting our students and faculty to your professional development days. I look forward to working with you as we strengthen the partnership between WCSU and the Bethel Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Adeline (Lyn) Merrill

BOE Correspondence
To: Sherril Holmberg

1/24/13

Dear Sherril,

I was just told moments ago that WESCC is granting
6 college credits for completion of your EMT course.
This great news made my day. All that you have worked
for has been recognized for the quality & dedication
you have instilled in your students.

Just last week I was going through some files and I
came across my letters of request to the WESCC
leadership. I decided one more letter was still
appropriate. — Success finally due all that you
both created and inspired.

Your work really inspires a great work ethic in
each kid and a no nonsense approach. You
are providing genuine career opportunities &
an open door to further college study. No school
could ask more. Congratulations!!

All the best!

Jay M Chesley

Bethel Public School

Textbook or Instructional Resource Adoption Form

1. Title of Currently Used Textbook/Instructional Resource:

The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People
Eighth Edition

2. Title of Proposed Textbook/Instructional Resource:

Boyer, P. S. et. al. (2013-14). *The Enduring Vision: A History of the American People*, Eighth Edition. Boston, MA: Wadsworth.

3. Subject Area:

Social Studies

4. Course:

Advanced Placement US History

5. Grade Level:

Grade 11

6. Unit Cost of Textbook or Unit Cost of the Instructional Resource: \$

\$162.50 (includes e-supplements)

7. Number of Textbooks/Instructional Resource Materials Needed:

60

8. Total Cost (including estimated shipping):

\$9,750.00 + \$975 shipping = **\$10,725.00**

9. What specific selection criteria were established by the Selection Committee for a new textbook or instructional material? (enumerate below)

The selection committee sought a text that would provide challenge for Advanced Placement students, had the recommendation of the Advanced Placement program, and contained the kind of primary documents (on-line and in the text itself) that we need to have students read and analyze rigorous and important material. The committee was especially interested in providing a text where there were multiple perspectives provided of historical events. The CCSS require students to be able to consider multiple perspectives, read to find specific evidence to support or refute each perspective, and develop classic argumentation essays.

- This is the most current edition of the Advanced Placement textbook that has been successfully used in the course for the last 12 years. The 8th edition has completely updated bibliographies for each chapter. In addition, there are updated DBQ's (document based questions) in this text.
- Changes to the text are most notable in the updating of contemporary and modern American sections with newer resources—both print and electronic. Chronologies are located at the beginning of each chapter to help students set the context of the information in the chapter. The design of the text has been updated with newer fonts and colors, plus a variety of new photographs and new maps.
- The 2012 Presidential Campaign will be covered in the 2013-14 edition.
- There is an online supplement to this text that is included with the purchase price. The price is \$5 per student for one year of the e-supplement (or \$25.00 for six-year access).
- This textbook has the highest recommendation and is the most frequently recommended resource for Advanced Placement US History.
- *All* schools in our area use an edition of this text; most of them have moved to the 2011 version available a year ago. (We did not.)
- This resource has the depth and the academic rigor appropriate for an Advanced Placement course.
- The on-line components of the text contain additional lectures by contemporary historians, additional materials which include radio programs and video, and the entire printed textbook.

10. List the names of the Selection Committee members:

- Jessica Galbraith, Department Chair
- Bob Owen, Advanced Placement US History Teacher

11. Has the Selection Committee carefully vetted this textbook/instructional resource using the established criteria?

Yes

12. What other textbooks or instructional resources were reviewed during the selection process? (list them below)

No other texts were considered since the AP Taft Conference strongly recommended this text as the best choice. We have been teaching AP History using the 4th edition of the text for many years. It is time for an upgrade.

13. Was all or part of the textbook or instructional resource piloted by teachers?

Mr. Owen currently uses an earlier edition of this text, but he has used some of the online components for his class this year.

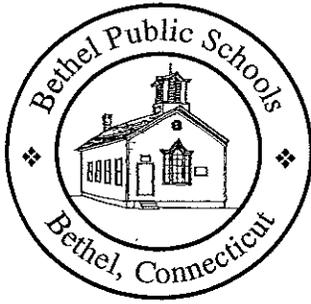
14. What other school districts in our area or in Connecticut use this textbook or instructional resource?

All local school districts use an edition of this text in their Advanced Placement courses.

Signature: Robert Owen Date: 1/23/13
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Signature: Maureen Date: 1/23/13
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Signature: Janice Jordan Date: January 23, 2013
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TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: TERI YONSKY, DIRECTOR OF FISCAL SERVICES 
RE: Healthy Food Certification for 2013-2014 CGS Section 10.215f
DATE: February 21, 2013

Bethel Public Schools has participated in the CT State Department of Education Healthy Food Certification Program for many years. By participating, Bethel can only serve snacks and a la carte items that specifically have been approved by the CSDE Bureau of Health & Nutrition. Each year we report to the CSDE each and every a la carte/snack item that we serve in our schools and it is checked against the approved list. The CSDE has been pleased with our adherence to the law.

For participation the District receives an additional 10 cents reimbursement from the State on each meal served. This is important as with the choices of snack items limited, the revenue has dipped. The additional 10 cents has been kept us on track.

First the BOE must choose whether to renew its participation in this program and second, the BOE has to choose to renew its allowance of the exception of items not on the CSDE list when sold after school at events.

Board of Education motions:

1) On behalf of the Bethel Board of Education and pursuant to section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, we hereby certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under our jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will meet said standards during the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored.

VOTE: YEA: _____ NAY: _____

2) Pursuant to section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, I hereby acknowledge that the Board of Education or governing authority, will exclude from certification food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, provided that (1) such food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2) such sale is at the location of the event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.

VOTE: YEA: _____ NAY: _____

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