

Bethel Board of Education Special Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2022 7:00 PM

Board of Education Conference Room E, 1 School Street, PO Box 253, Bethel, CT 06801

1. Call to Order	Speaker (s) : Policy 9326
1.A. Roll Call for Quorum	
1.B. Pledge of Allegiance	
2. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence	
2.A. Gifts, Grants, & Bequests	
2.B. Board Member Appreciation Month	
3. Consent Calendar	Speaker (s) : Policy 9326
3.A. Approval of Minutes	
3.A.1. February 15, 2022	
4. Correspondence	Speaker (s) : Policy 9326
5. Public Comment (Please note: The Board welcomes Public Comment and asks that speakers please limit their comments to 2 minutes. Speakers may offer objective comments of school operations and programs that concern them. The Board will not permit any expression of personal complaints or defamatory comments about Board of Education personnel and students, nor against any person connected with the Bethel Public School System.)	Speaker (s) : Policy 9326
6. Administrative/Board Member Update	Speaker (s) : Policy 9326
6.A. Board Chairperson Update	
6.B. Administrative Update	
6.B.1. 2021-2022 BOE District Data Sheet	
7. Reports to the Board	
7.A. Policy	Speaker (s) : Policy 9310, 9311, 9313
7.A.1. Regulation 5111 - Admission/Placement	
7.A.2. First Reading	
7.A.2.a. Regulation 2120 Organizational Chart	Speaker (s) : Christine Carver
7.A.2.b. Policy 2130 - Job Descriptions	Speaker (s) : Christine Carver
7.A.2.c. Policy & Regulation 2131 Superintendent of Schools	Speaker (s) : Christine Carver
7.A.2.d. Policy 2141 Recruitment and Retention of the Superintendent of Schools	Speaker (s) : Christine Carver
7.A.2.e. Policy 2142 Evaluation of the	Speaker (s) : Christine

Superintendent

Carver

7.A.3. **Second Reading/Approval**

7.A.3.a. Policy 1416 - Fiscal Authorities

Speaker (s) : Christine Carver

7.A.3.b. Policy 1700 - Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property

7.A.3.c. Policy 2000 - Concept and Roles in Administration

7.A.3.d. Policy 2111 - Equal Employment Opportunity

7.A.3.e. Policy 2112 - Professional Learning

7.A.3.f. Policy 2113 - Grievance Procedures - Title IX

7.B. **Resource Management & Business Operations**

7.B.1. Facilities

Speaker (s) : Policy 3132

7.B.1.a. ROCKWELL/JOHNSON SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECTS INFORMATION/UPDATE - **PROJECT CLOSE-OUT**

8. **Recommended Executive Session**

8.A. *CT General Statutes 1-200(6)(b) Matters concerning security strategy or the deployment of security personnel, or devices affecting public security*

9. **Adjourn**

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Notification of Receipt of Gifts Received

Please send a copy of this form to the Superintendent's Office as soon as your school has received a donation of a gift. The receipt will be announced at the Board of Education regular meeting. Each school is responsible for sending the donor an acknowledgement for the gift.

Gift Received: \$22,000.00

How the Gift will Be Used:

BHS EMT Program

Estimated Cash Value of the Gift:

\$22,000.00

Donor's Name and Address

Arnhold Foundation
1370 Avenue of the Americas, 31st Floor
New York, NY 10019

(NOTE: No Goods or Services were provided by the Bethel Public Schools/Bethel Board of Education in exchange for your contribution.)

Receiving School: Bethel High School

Gift Received by (Print Name): Cheryl Hallock

Date Received: 02/17/2022

Copy to: Donor
Principal
Superintendent

(Ref: Board Policy 3280)
Rev: 6/03

Minutes of the Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 3, 2022, in Board of Education Conference Room E, 1 School Street, Bethel, CT 06801.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, T. Yonsky

S. Clayton, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Board Members Attendance:

Mr. Scott Clayton: Present
Kara DiBartolo: Present
Mr. Bill Foster: Present
Mrs. Jen Larsen: Absent
Mr. Daniel Nostin: Present, left 7:04 – 7:06 PM
Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Present

1. First Reading

1.A. Regulation 2120 Organizational Chart

No motion was necessary. This regulation is for informational purposes only.

1.B. Policy 2130 - Job Descriptions

Move policy 2130 to the Board of Education for a first reading. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. Bill Foster.

Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea
Kara DiBartolo: Yea
Mr. Bill Foster: Yea
Mr. Daniel Nostin: Yea
Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

1.C. Policy & Regulation 2131 Superintendent of Schools

Move Policy and Regulation 2131 to the Board of Education for a first reading. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Kara DiBartolo.

Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea
Kara DiBartolo: Yea
Mr. Bill Foster: Yea
Mr. Daniel Nostin: Yea
Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

1.D. Policy 2141 Recruitment and Retention of the Superintendent of Schools

Move Policy 2141 Recruitment and Retention of the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education for a first reading. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. Daniel Nostin.

Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea
Kara DiBartolo: Yea
Mr. Bill Foster: Yea
Mr. Daniel Nostin: Yea
Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

1.E. Policy 2142 Evaluation of the Superintendent

Move Policy 2142 Evaluation of the Superintendent to the Board for a first reading. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Kara DiBartolo.

Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea
Kara DiBartolo: Yea
Mr. Bill Foster: Yea
Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

2. Second Reading

2.A. Policy 1416 - Fiscal Authorities

Move Policy 1416 - Fiscal Authorities to the Board for a second reading/approval. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. Bill Foster.

Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea
Kara DiBartolo: Yea
Mr. Bill Foster: Yea
Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

2.B. Policy 1700 - Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property

Move Policy 1700 - Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property to the Board for a second reading/approval. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. Bill Foster.

Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea
Kara DiBartolo: Yea
Mr. Bill Foster: Yea
Mr. Daniel Nostin: Yea
Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

2.C. Policy 2000 - Concept and Roles in Administration

Move Policy 2000 - Concept and Roles in Administration to the Board for a second

reading/approval. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Kara DiBartolo.

Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea
Kara DiBartolo: Yea
Mr. Bill Foster: Yea
Mr. Daniel Nostin: Yea
Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

2.D. Policy 2111 - Equal Employment Opportunity

Move Policy 2111 - Equal Employment Opportunity to the Board for a second reading/approval. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Kara DiBartolo.

Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea
Kara DiBartolo: Yea
Mr. Bill Foster: Yea
Mr. Daniel Nostin: Yea
Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

2.E. Policy 2112 - Professional Learning

Move Policy 2112 - Professional Learning to the Board for a second reading/approval. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Kara DiBartolo.

Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea
Kara DiBartolo: Yea
Mr. Bill Foster: Yea
Mr. Daniel Nostin: Yea
Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

2.F. Policy 2113 - Grievance Procedures - Title IX

Move Policy 2013 - Grievance Procedures - Title IX to the full Board and recommend for deletion. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. Daniel Nostin.

Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea
Kara DiBartolo: Yea
Mr. Bill Foster: Yea
Mr. Daniel Nostin: Yea
Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

3. New Business

Dr. Carver and the committee agreed to continue moving through the policies to review/revise as needed.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Adjourn

Move to adjourn at 7:13 PM. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr.

Daniel Nostin.

Mr. Scott Clayton: Yea

Kara DiBartolo: Yea

Mr. Bill Foster: Yea

Mr. Daniel Nostin: Yea

Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pare

Board Recorder

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, in Bethel Middle School, Library Media Center, 600 Whittlesey Drive, Bethel, CT 06801.

Attendance:

Kristin Lindstrom	Lauren Moreno	Nichole Marona
David DuBord	Sky Fusco	Amy Kotach
Asia Smith	Erin Khuth	Nicole Durust
Jen Hantzarides	Dara Fernandez	Ester Matteo
Jenn Lewis	Jenna Tomasewicz	Liz Bowers
Jess Masyar	John Tomasewicz	Kevin Maier
Michael Schafer	Ken Barchi	Jean Eadwards
Rita Hill	Mark Dwinells	Henry Bowers
Christ Hill	Pam Fontaine	Molly Tomas
Michael Teur	Kathleen Jordan	Melissa Khalatbani
Alexis Teur	Ashley Tarzia	Timothy Snyder
Lisa Topham	Kristy Ferrante	Constantina Lora
Nina, Rutkowski	Christine D'Isidori	Wendy Aponte
Beata Vlahos	Erica Marson	

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, B. Watson, D. Burns, 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
Kara DiBartolo:	Present
Mr. Bill Foster:	Present
Mrs. Jen Larsen:	Present
Mrs. Courtney Martin:	Present
Mr. Daniel Nostin:	Absent
Ms. Melanie O'Brien:	Present
Mrs. Cathy Schaefer:	Present

1. Call to Order

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

2. Governor's Plan to Eliminate Statewide School Mask Mandate

Dr. Carver presented her recommendation as outlined in her memo to the Board regarding the statewide school mask mandate. Earlier this week, Governor Lamont and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, in a press conference, lifted the statewide school mask mandate as of February 28, 2022. In that press conference, they indicated that Superintendents and

Boards of Education had the discretion to adopt mandatory mask mandates based on local factors. State-level indicators for removing the mask mandate included:

- Declining cases;
- Rates of vaccinations;
- Improved treatments; and
- Reduction in hospitalizations

Dr. Carver stated that the Commissioner also indicated that positivity rates are not a reliable indicator anymore given the availability of home tests. The data in the Bethel Public Schools also supports similar data: significantly declining data and high vaccination rates, particularly among our most vulnerable populations.

She informed the Board of the newly adopted law by the legislature since the Governor's announcement, *An Act Concerning the Extension of Certain Executive Orders and Department of Public Health Authority and Covid-19 Relief Days*, did extend the Executive Orders but maintains the February 28th date. Dr. Carver noted that the legislation does allow for the Governor to renew the mask mandate in schools should the data indicate it is necessary. She also noted that the federal requirement for masks on public transportation continues to be in place, requiring masks on school buses.

Dr. Carver reviewed the Bethel Public Schools indicators of declining cases and high vaccination rates. The BPS case rate peaked during the holiday break and continues to go down, following state-wide trends. Positive cases have been reported as "flu-like" symptoms to the "mild cold", with most cases being reported with mild symptoms. In addition, many of our students only wear their masks at school and it has become increasingly difficult to have our students wear their masks appropriately. Like the state data, the BPS number of cases since the holiday has significantly declined. The Bethel community vaccination rates continue to grow. The most vulnerable populations have the highest rates of vaccinations. All families have the opportunity to be vaccinated, ages 5 and up to reduce the risk of serious illness.

In consultation with the district attorney (policy and liability implications), district medical advisor, and the Department of Health, Dr. Carver is recommending moving to masks being optional for staff and students in school. The Town's Department of Health and Medical Advisor continue to recommend masks be worn in indoor settings, following CDC guidance, when community transmission is high and/or widespread. They also recommend that individuals work with their medical provider to determine their level of risk given their personal medical circumstances.

Dr. Carver stated, as per legal analysis, given the Governor and the Department of Health have determined that it is appropriate to lift the mask mandate, the Board's Attorney reported that there would not be any increased liability on the Board. When looking at the current district policy, 5141.8, Face Coverings, it is linked to the "guidelines" issued by the State Department of Education. With the repeal of the mandate, the guidelines do not exist. The Board has two options (1) to suspend the face coverings policy or (2) leave the policy, in absence of the

guidelines, the policy would not be enforced and could be reinstated if the Governor reinstated the mask mandate.

We will still implement the following strategies:

- Require students and staff to stay home if they are sick.
- Continue to provide home tests (with available supplies) to families and staff to rule out COVID if presenting with symptoms OR as a result of exposure.
- Provide staff with N-95 masks (with available supplies from the State) for those who want to continue to wear a mask.
- Continue to maintain our HVAC systems in compliance with COVID standards.
- Encourage frequent hand washing.
- Work with families who have individualized circumstances and/or are at high risk.
- Continue to support a school environment of inclusivity which allows students and staff to use a mask and other COVID mitigation strategies that support their health and well-being if desired.

Dr. Carver informed the Board the administration does not have any guidance on any changes to protocols as a result of lifting the mask restrictions. If/when they receive that information, they will communicate it to families. They also do not know what requirements will be in place for sports and/or other activities. BPS students will have to comply to compete.

I MOVE that, consistent with the provisions of Bethel Board of Education policy 9314 and effective on February 28, 2022, Bethel Board of Education Policies 4118.237/4218.237 and 5141.8 shall be suspended until the Board takes further action on any of said enumerated policies or for the balance of the 2021-22 school year, whichever occurs first, for the purpose of making mask wearing within the schools or at school sponsored activities optional in response to the statewide elimination of mask mandates. Masks shall not be required to be worn by individuals present on school grounds or Board sponsored activities unless otherwise required by law, regulation, or by other legislative or executive order, and further subject to requirements imposed by third parties relating to Bethel school activities occurring off school grounds. Masks shall still be required to be worn on school transportation consistent with federal regulations. Furthermore, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to act on its behalf to reinstate Bethel Board of Education Policies 4118.237/4218.237 and 5141.8 in whole or in part in the event of a change in circumstances warranting such consideration and/or upon recommendation from the Board's medical/health advisors, subject to final Board action. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mrs. Courtney Martin.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman:	Yea
Mr. Scott Clayton:	Yea
Kara DiBartolo:	Yea
Mr. Bill Foster:	Yea
Mrs. Jen Larsen:	Yea
Mrs. Courtney Martin:	Yea

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

3. Public Comment

- Melanie Thomas, 17 Deer Run, thanked the Board for their action.
- Liz Bower, 8 Woodlawn Drive, spoke to support removing the masks prior to Feb.28th.
- Joan Edwards, 36 Highland Avenue, spoke in favor of science-driven decisions and keeping mask requirement.
- Jen Lawlor, 22 Beth Page Drive, spoke in favor of communication to elementary level students to relay some students may choose to still wear a mask.
- Jenna Tomaszewicz, 24 Chimney Drive, spoke about feeling that other schools should take the same action.
- Brian Sharp, 25 Turkey Plain Road, spoke about science data being a moving scale and adjusting as needed.
- John Tomaszewicz, 24 Chimney Drive, spoke in favor of choice for masks.
- Mark Dwinells, 53 Quaker Ridge Road, spoke in favor of choice for masks.
- Armin Khalatbari, 21 Taylor Road, spoke about the need for strategies to be in place regarding bullying for either wearing or not wearing a mask.
- Jen Lewis, 12 Starr Lane, spoke in favor of parent choice and respecting everyone's choice moving forward.

4. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence

Congratulations to Allison Amaya for her essay being chosen as a winning essay in Senator Murphy's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day essay contest! They received over 2200 entries from over 170 schools across the state this year. Allison should be very proud of her hard work!

4.A. Gifts, Grants, & Bequests

Gifts, Grants, & Bequests

Bethel High School

- \$1,000 for a BHS Art Scholarship, Anne Brecher, Danbury, CT.

Berry School

- \$1,000 for activities and events by PTO, Ingersoll Auto of Danbury, CT.

5. Consent Calendar

5.A. Approval of Minutes

5.A.1. December 16, 2021 - Annual Meeting

Move to approve the minutes of December 16, 2021 - Annual Meeting. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Courtney Martin.

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

5.A.2. January 20, 2022 - Superintendent's 2022-2023 Budget Presentation

Move to approve the minutes of January 20, 2022 - Superintendent's 2022-2023 Budget Presentation. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Jen Larsen.

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

5.A.3. January 25, 2022 - Budget Workshop -Schools/Athletics

Move to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022 - Budget Workshop -Schools/Athletics. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Courtney Martin.

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

5.A.4. January 27, 2022 - Budget Workshop - IT, Curriculum, SPED

Move to approve the minutes of January 27, 2022 - Budget Workshop - IT, Curriculum, SPED. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Bill Foster.

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

5.A.5. February 1, 2022 - Budget Workshop - Facilities

Move to approve the minutes of February 1, 2022 - Budget Workshop - Facilities. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Bill Foster.

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

5.A.6. February 3, 2022 - Budget Workshop/Approval

Move to approve the minutes of February 3, 2022 - Budget Workshop/Approval. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.

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

6. Correspondence

- Letter from EdAdvance regarding District Data Report 2020-2021
- Press Release - Board of Education Essential Worker Coalition
- Press Release - Governor Lamont Announces Plan To Eliminate Statewide School Mask Requirement, Allow These Decisions To Be Determined at the Local Level
- Email from Jen Lawlor regarding pandemic mandates w/Dr. Carver's response.
- Email from Erin Barchi regarding mask mandate.
- Email from Jane Gangi regarding budget and common core.

- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Bethels Plans - C. Lora
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Fw_ Let_s bring smiles back! - J. Hantzarides
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Do what's right!!! - J. Hantzarides -2
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Let kids be kids - E. Khuth
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Mask Mandates - K. Lindstrom
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Masks - K. McCrink
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - School Mask Mandate - J. Tomasiewicz
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - School masking - A. Smith
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Fwd_ BOE meeting - N. Rutkowski
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Mask Mandate Comments - A. Mikolajczyk
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Lift all mandates - N. Comcast
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Input on School Masking requirements - C. McGuire
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - please continue requiring masks in schools - S. Springer
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Re_ unmasking - J & B. Ferguson
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Unmask our kids - M. Spiller
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Unmasking our children meeting 2_15 - K & S. Salvatore Arrigo
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Spring break - Student Calendar Input - 1
- Bethel CT Public Schools Mail - Spring break Student Calendar Input - 2
- Correspondence - Supports Masks in Schools - H. O'Neill
- Correspondence - Supports Personal Choice re-Masks in Schools - K. DeRubertis

7. Administrative/Board Member Update

7.A. Board Chairperson Update

Ms. O'Brien stated the Board had presented its budget to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. In the next step, the Board of Selectmen will present to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance will deliberate on Feb. 22nd and Feb. 24th at 7 PM. Ms. O'Brien is visiting the schools and noted she begin writing a weekly letter to the community. Ms. O'Brien informed the Board there are two contract negotiations coming up and she is looking for Board members to participate.

7.B. Administrative Update

Dr. Carver informed the Board of the following:

District Communication Survey

After the last Community Outreach Committee meeting, we had a lengthy discussion on the best communication strategies, I polled parents on district & school communication. The results were interesting. The comments were very helpful. We had 433 responses and they were across all schools. Here were some themes:

- Parents prefer and more frequently read email/text messages.

- Parents would like emails more to the point or a summary of key ideas at the top of the communications.
- With both school and district newsletters, information is redundant. Most respondents indicated that they are more likely to read the principal or superintendent's letters.
- There were mixed comments about social media. Some people believe that they are missing communications because they are not on social media. That is not accurate. The only information that is typically put on social media that is not on other sources is pictures, student celebrations, etc.
- There is a concern about the number of different platforms that parents need to follow for classroom/teacher information. It is overwhelming.

We will use the feedback in making adjustments to our communications.

First View Bus Tracking App

First Student Bus Company has launched a bus tracking app for parents. This app, [First View](#) works with a GPS system so parents can track the bus's location. We are opening up the app districtwide after a smaller pilot. Initially, we will use the app on all of our full-size buses. The smaller vans have not been set up at this point.

7.B.1. 2021-2022 BOE District Data Sheet

Dr. Carver provided the Board the monthly 2021-2022 BOE District Data Sheet.

8. Action Items

8.A. 2022-2023 School Calendar - Approval

Move to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

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

8.B. 2023-2024 School Calendar - Acceptance

Move to accept the 2023-2024 School Calendar. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Courtney Martin and a second by Mrs. Jen Larsen.

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

9. Reports to the Board

9.A. Curriculum, Assessment, & Professional Practices

9.A.1. Music Curricula

Motion to approve the Ensembles curricula and Adaptive music curricula. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman and a second by Mrs. Courtney Martin.

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

9.A.2. Gifted Identification Process

This item was posted on the meeting agenda. However, this item remains in committee. No information for or Board action was needed.

9.B. Policy

9.B.1. First Reading

9.B.1.a. Policy 1416 - Fiscal Authorities

9.B.1.b. Policy 1700 - Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property

9.B.1.c. Policy 2000 - Concept and Roles in Administration

9.B.1.d. Policy 2011 - Equal Employment Opportunity

9.B.1.e. Policy 2112 - Professional Learning

9.B.1.f. Policy 2013 - Grievance Procedures - Title IX

Move to accept for first reading:

Policy 1416 - Fiscal Authorities

Policy 1700 - Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property

Policy 2000 - Concept and Roles in Administration

Policy 2011 - Equal Employment Opportunity

Policy 2112 - Professional Learning

Policy 2013 - Grievance Procedures - Title IX

Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mrs. Courtney Martin.

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

9.B.2. Second Reading/Approval

9.B.2.a. Policy/Regulation 2232 - Electronic Records and Information

Move to approve Policy/Regulation 2232 - Electronic Records and Information. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Ms. Melanie O'Brien.

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

9.B.2.b. Policy 5141.231 - Chemical Health Policy for Student-Athletes

Move to approve Policy 5141.231 - Chemical Health Policy for Student-Athletes. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mrs. Courtney Martin.

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

9.C. Resource Management & Business Operations

9.C.1. Personnel

9.C.1.a. Job Description - 1.08 - Director of Fiscal Services

Move to approve job description - 1.08 - Director of Finance and Business Operations as revised. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman and a second by Mrs. Courtney Martin.

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

9.C.2. Finance

9.C.2.a. Review of Bids for Transportation Services

Move to approve that the bid for transportation services be awarded to First Student as follows: 1) That the Director of Fiscal Services works with legal counsel to finalize and sign a five-year agreement, and 2) That the base bid is chosen to move forward with. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mrs. Jen Larsen.

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

9.C.2.b. Budget Transfers

Move to approve budget transfers as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mrs. Courtney Martin.

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

Mrs. Cathy Schaefer: Yea

9.C.2.c. Update on Current Year Budget

Dr. Carver informed the Board the SPED line is very tight and the transportation is over.

9.C.3. Facilities

9.C.3.a. ROCKWELL/JOHNSON SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECTS INFORMATION/UPDATE

Dr. Carver informed the Board the project has not yet been closed out. Also, the landscaping work will be done in the spring.

10. Adjourn

Move to adjourn at 8:34 PM. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mrs. Courtney Martin.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder



Board of Education, Bethel <boe@bethel.k12.ct.us>

Voting on Masks

1 message

Amanda Martinez <amanda.martinez93@yahoo.com>

Tue, Feb 15, 2022 at 4:48 PM

To: boe@bethel.k12.ct.us

To Whom It May Concern,

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting in person, February 15 at 7 pm. I understand my vote will not be counted, but I just wanted my opinion noted.

I feel that if the majority vote that mask be optional, the individuals who are unvaccinated should still wear their masks.

[REDACTED] in elementary school. [REDACTED] wearing [REDACTED] masks has helped keep a peace of mind for me. If the masks is lifted I feel that the cases may rise as well. [REDACTED] so they have that extra layer of protection.

If my vote counted, I would vote to keep masks.

Thank you,

Amanda Martinez

Sent from my iPhone

Connecticut State Department of Public Health

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[CT.gov Home](#) (/) [Department of Public Health](#) (/DPH) Statement From Public Health Commissioner Dr. Manisha Juthani Regarding CDC's Updated COVID-19 Monitoring And School Bus Masking Requirements

Press Releases

02/25/2022

Statement From Public Health Commissioner Dr. Manisha Juthani Regarding CDC's Updated COVID-19 Monitoring And School Bus Masking Requirements

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Feb. 25, 2022

CONTACT: Chris Boyle—Director of Communications

(860) 706-9654 – christopher.boyle@ct.gov (<mailto:christopher.boyle@ct.gov>)

HARTFORD, Conn. —Friday afternoon, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a new framework to monitor the level of COVID-19 in communities that includes hospitalizations, hospital capacity, and cases. This new approach focuses on preventing hospitals and health care system from being overwhelmed and directing prevention efforts toward protecting people at high risk for severe illness.

This new tool and guidance does not change the recent school masking guidance released by the Department of Public Health and the Connecticut State Department of Education —this tool assists local communities with their decision making.

It's also important to note that as of Feb. 25, the CDC [does not require wearing of masks on buses or vans that are operated by public or private school systems](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>). This includes early care and education/childcare programs.

The COVID-19 Community Level will inform CDC recommendations on prevention measures, like masking and testing. The guidelines include a [color-coded system available on the CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>) of "Low," "Medium," and "High" which are scheduled to be updated weekly:

- **Low—Green:** Residents in these counties should stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms.
- **Medium—Yellow:** Residents who are at high risk for severe illness in these counties should talk to their health care providers about when they need to wear a mask and take other precautions. These residents should also stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms.

- **High—Orange:** Residents in these counties should wear a mask indoors in public; stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms. Additional precautions may be needed for residents who are at high risk for severe illness.

Currently all Connecticut counties—except for Middlesex County—are listed in the Low/Green category. Middlesex County is listed in the Medium/Yellow category. It's important to note that residents who are more comfortable wearing a mask should continue to do so if they wish. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 also should wear a mask.

Today's CDC updates show just how far we have come since the early days of the pandemic. We will remain vigilant and continue to monitor COVID-19 as we move to a new phase of this pandemic. We will monitor wastewater levels of SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19 cases in our communities, vaccination rates, and emergence of possible variants so that we can be prepared for future surges of the virus. Thank you to the residents of Connecticut who have used all the tools at our disposal to help us get to this stage.



Board of Education, Bethel <boe@bethel.k12.ct.us>

I need some copies of documents from 2-15-22 BOE meeting

picturesbypaula@aol.com <picturesbypaula@aol.com>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 3:51 PM

Reply-To: picturesbypaula@aol.com

To: "boe@bethel.k12.ct.us" <boe@bethel.k12.ct.us>

2-22-22

To Chairwoman Melanie O'Brien, Dr. Christine Carver, and the Bethel Board of Education members,

Would you please send me copies of all the items listed under "6. Correspondence" in the BOE meeting minutes from 2-15-22?

They are not attached to the meeting minutes.

Please email copies asap to me at picturesbypaula@aol.com, thanks.

Here are the documents I am requesting copies of, as listed in the 2-15-22 BOE meeting minutes:

CORRESPONDENCE

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Press Release- Board of Education Essential Worker Coalition

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Bethel CT Public Schools Mail- Mask Mandates- K. Lindstrom

Bethel CT Public Schools Mail- Masks- K. McCrink

Bethel CT Public Schools Mail- School Mask Mandate- J. Tomasiewicz

Bethel CT Public Schools Mail- School masking- A. Smith

Bethel CT Public Schools Mail- Fwd_ BOE meeting- N. Rutkowski

Bethel CT Public Schools Mail- Mask Mandate Comments- A. Mikolajczyk

Bethel CT Public Schools Mail- Lift all mandates- N. Comcast

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Bethel CT Public Schools Mail- Spring break Student Calendar Input- 2

Correspondence- Supports Masks in Schools- H. O'Neill

Correspondence- Supports Personal Choice re- Masks in Schools- K. DeRubertis

If the documents are not in your possession can you tell me where they are located and send me a contact name and email for who has them? The town clerk Lisa Bergh said she does not have them.

Looking forward to receiving the documents, thanks.

Paula Antolini
BETHEL ADVOCATE News Media
betheladvocate.com



Pare, Susan <pares@bethel.k12.ct.us>

Documents Requested from BOE Meeting 2-15-22

1 message

Pare, Susan <pares@bethel.k12.ct.us>

Wed, Feb 23, 2022 at 1:54 PM

To: Paula Antolini <picturesbypaula@aol.com>

Bcc: "Pare, Susan" <pares@bethel.k12.ct.us>, "Carver, Christine" <carverc@bethel.k12.ct.us>

Dear Ms. Antolini:

Allow this correspondence to serve as a formal response to your request dated February 22, 2022, for "...copies of all the items listed under "6. Correspondence" in the BOE meeting minutes from 2-15-22? They are not attached to the meeting minutes.

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In your request, you had indicated the documents you are requesting were not attached with the BOE minutes posted with the Town Clerk's office. The law does not require Boards' correspondence or agenda items to be attached to meeting minutes posted with the Town Clerk's office. These items are available to the public at each meeting as required.

Attached are the documents related to your request.

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Susan

Susan Paré

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools
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Contact Us

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Scan the QR Code below or apply at:

<https://www.applitrack.com/bethel/onlineapp/default.aspx>



Mission

The mission of the Bethel Public Schools is to foster a culture of excellence and achievement accomplished through strong, collaborative relationships and rigorous teaching and learning opportunities for all learners. Our graduates will be compassionate, skilled, and inquisitive individuals, who take initiative in making positive contributions to society.

Dr. Christine Carver

Superintendent of Schools



Application Deadline: March 21, 2022

First Round Interviews: Week of March 28, 2022

Second Round Interviews: Week of April 4, 2022

Final Interview and Appointment: TBD

Start Date: July 1, 2022

Nondiscrimination Statement

Bethel Board of Education is an Equal Opportunity Employer

The Board of Education will not make employment decisions (including decisions related to hiring, assignment, compensation, promotion, demotion, disciplinary action, and termination) on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability (including pregnancy), genetic information, veteran status or gender identity or expression, except in the case of a bona fide occupational qualification.

BETHEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



INVITATION TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS

We are seeking to hire an experienced, detail-oriented leader who will work closely with the Superintendent and administrative team to responsibly steward the finances of the Bethel Public Schools to best support the district needs as aligned with the Strategic Plan.

Position to start on
July 1, 2022.

Selection Criteria

- A Bachelor's Degree in Business Management or Accounting or a degree in School Administration.
- Must hold State of CT Business Manager's Certification 085 or Administrator's Certification 092.
- Knowledge of and experience of finances and business operations, school business preferred, including Federal and State reporting systems, writing and management of grants, development of bid specifications, and budgeting.
- Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable.





About Bethel Public Schools

Bethel is located in the Housatonic Valley of northern Fairfield County, located sixty miles northeast of New York City and fifty miles southwest of Hartford. Its neighboring towns are Redding, Danbury, Brookfield, and Newtown. Bethel is a town of more than 20,000 people spread over 17 square miles. The educational campus is located only a mile from downtown Bethel, which is popular for its quaint shops and restaurants. Bethel has a truly unique professional campus setting in that all five of our schools are located on a beautiful 140-acre park that is the focal point for many town activities. Athletic fields, tennis and bocce courts, playgrounds, a track and field house, and walking trails attract the community to the park. Two of the schools, RMT Johnson Elementary School (Grades 3-5) and Anna H. Rockwell Elementary School (Grades K-2) have just completed extensive renovations. The five schools house approximately 3,175 students with a growing population. The 2021-2022 annual school budget is \$49,050,088.



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"Our Primary Purpose is to Improve Student Achievement."

Salary & Benefits

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Competitive benefits package including a defined contribution retirement plan; health benefits through the Connecticut Partnership 2.0 plan; employer-paid life and long-term disability insurance; paid leave (includes holiday, sick, emergency, personal, and vacation leave).



Job Goal

To administer the Business Office and school operations of the district in such a way as to support district needs aligned to our Strategic Plan with the available resources.

Principle Responsibilities:

- Develops and manages annual Bethel Public Schools budget
- Oversees contracted services such as food service and transportation
- Negotiates all non-certified union contracts and assists in negotiations of all certified union contracts
- Supports the Bethel Public Schools Administrative team in all business matters



2021 Cohort Graduation Rates By School

Organization Code	School Name	Category	Cohort Count	4-Year Graduation Rate (%)	Still Enrolled (%)	Other (%)
0096111	Bethel High School	All Students	231	96.5	2.6	0.9
		Hispanic	34	100.0	0.0	0.0
		Non-Hispanic	197	95.9	3.0	1.0
		Indian or Alaska Native	1	0	0.0	100.0
		Asian	23	100.0	0.0	0.0
		Black	8	87.5	0.0	12.5
		White	160	96.3	3.8	0.0
		Two or More Races	5	100.0	0.0	0.0
		Male	127	95.3	3.9	0.8
		Female	104	98.1	1.0	1.0
		ELL	10	80.0	10.0	10.0
		Non-ELL	221	97.3	2.3	0.5
		Eligible For Lunch	82	96.3	2.4	1.2
		Eligible For Free Lunch	60	98.3	0.0	1.7
		Eligible For Reduced Lunch	22	90.9	9.1	0.0
		Not Eligible For Lunch	149	96.6	2.7	0.7
		Special Education	36	88.9	11.1	0.0
		Non-Special Education	195	97.9	1.0	1.0
		High Needs	105	92.4	5.7	1.9
		Non-High Needs	126	100.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Public School Information System

PLEASE NOTE ZEROS ARE TRUE ZEROS

For Report Notes AND Analysis Notes please visit this Link: <https://edsight.ct.gov/SASPortal/main.do>

Bethel Public Schools

SCHOOL TIME SCHEDULE

2022 - 2023

SCHOOL	Regular Day		Early Dismissal (A) <small>Scheduled on District Calendar (Holiday Breaks, Conferences/Prof. Learning)</small>		Emergency Early Dismissal (B) <small>Due to Inclement Weather/Emergency</small>		2 Hour Delay		3 Hour Delay	
	Start	Close	Start	Close	Start	Close	Start	Close	Start	Close
High	7:30	2:10	7:30	11:40	7:30	10:40	9:30	2:10	10:30	2:10
Middle	8:15	2:55	8:15	12:25	8:15	11:25	10:15	2:55	11:15	2:55
Berry/Rockwell & Johnson	8:55	3:30	8:55	1:00	8:55	12:00	10:55	3:30	11:55	3:30
Circle of Friends AM <small>(3 yr olds – M, T, R, F) (4 yr olds – M through F)</small>	8:15	10:55	8:15	9:45	8:15	11:25	10:15	12:00	CANCELED	
Circle of Friends PM <small>(3 yr olds – M, T, R, F) (4 yr olds – M through F)</small>	12:15	2:55	10:55*	12:25	CANCELED		1:10	2:55	12:15	2:55
Circle of Friend Full Day <small>(4 yr olds – M through F)</small>	8:15	2:55	8:15	12:25	8:15	11:25	10:15	2:55	11:15	2:55

*An unscheduled Early Dismissal results in the cancellation of PM Circle of Friends



TOWN OF BETHEL BUILDING DEPARTMENT
COMMERCIAL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

1 SCHOOL STREET, BETHEL, CT 06801
 Telephone: (203) 794-8517 Fax: (203) 778-7518

This is to certify that the work described below has been inspected for substantial compliance with the requirements of the current building code.

BUILDING USE:	E	CERTIFICATE NUMBER:	19-481	DATE:	03/09/2021
JOB LOCATION	300 WHITTLESEY DRIVE	PERMIT NUMBER:	19-481	Parcel ID map/blk/lot:	39 63 80

OWNER: TOWN OF BETHEL
Address: 1 SCHOOL STREET
 BETHEL ,CT 6801
Phone:
Email: bechtoldj@bethel-ct.gov

EDITION OF CODE: 2018 State Building Code

OCCUPANT LOAD:

COMPANY: Rizzo Corporation
CONTRACTOR: Rizzo Corporation
Address: 64 Triangle Street Danbury, CT
Phone: (203)731-3132
Email: License #: MCO 900178

CONSTRUCTION TYPE: IIB

APPLICANT: Rizzo Corporation
Phone: (203)731-3132

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLED? **REQUIRED:**

Description:
 RALPH T. JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Renovations & additions to existing Johnson Elementary School. Includes all subs and work associated with plans provided by Perkins and Eastman.

STIPULATIONS/CONDITIONS:

BY Christopher Baldwin
 Christopher Baldwin
TOWN OF BETHEL
BUILDING DEPARTMENT

[A] 111.4 Revocation. The *building official* is authorized to, in writing, suspend or revoke a certificate of occupancy or completion (“approval”) issued under the provisions of this code wherever the certificate is issued in error, or on the basis of incorrect information supplied, or where it is determined that the building or structure or portion thereof is in violation of any ordinance or regulation or any of the provisions of this code.
 In addition, it is specifically understood that this certificate becomes null and void when secured through fraud or by reason of latent violations not ascertainable at the time of inspection, or when changes are made following inspections, without inspector’s approval.



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This is to certify that the work described below has been inspected for substantial compliance with the requirements of the current building code.

BUILDING USE:	E	CERTIFICATE NUMBER:	19-552	DATE:	03/09/2022
JOB LOCATION	300 WHITTLESEY DRIVE	PERMIT NUMBER:	19-552	Parcel ID map/blk/lot:	39 63 80

OWNER: TOWN OF BETHEL
Address: 1 SCHOOL STREET BETHEL, CT 06801
Phone:
Email:

EDITION OF CODE: 2018 State Building Code

OCCUPANT LOAD:

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Phone: (203)731-3132
Email: License #: MCO 900178

CONSTRUCTION TYPE: IIB

APPLICANT: Rizzo Corporation
Phone: (203)731-3132

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLED? **REQUIRED:**

Description:
 ANNA H ROCKWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Renovations and additions to existing Rockwell Elementary School. Includes all subs and work per plans issued by Perkins Eastman.

STIPULATIONS/CONDITIONS:

BY *Christopher Baldwin*
 Christopher Baldwin
 TOWN OF BETHEL
 BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC SITE & BUILDING COMMISSION

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center
1 School Street
Bethel, CT 06801

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

7:00 P.M.

Meeting held remotely via Zoom Technology

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TOWN CLERK
BETHEL, CT.

PRESENT: Nancy Ryan, Jon Menti, David Horvath, David Olson, Robert Germinaro, Roy Steiner and John Perna

ABSENT: Deno Gualtieri

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Christine Carver and Theresa Yonsky, Board of Education, Ken Hunt and James Delaney, Rizzo Corporation, Geralyn Hoerauf, STV, Joe Culotta, Perkins Eastman, Eileen Earle, Parks & Recreation Director, and Building Official Chris Baldwin

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

N. Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of February 23, 2022:

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by D. Olson, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2022. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed. D. Horvath abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rockwell & Johnson Schools:

Close-Out Progress and Completion Update: K. Hunt stated Ferguson is closed out leaving Earthmovers and Priority to complete. G. Hoerauf stated Perkins Eastman submitted Certificates of Substantial Completion for both schools with site work being the only outstanding item. She will give the final paperwork to Chris Baldwin tomorrow once all signatures obtained

Site Work Punch List Report: R. Steiner expressed his concerns about the soil testing for the landscaping outstanding items. J. Delaney stated he will speak to Earthmovers about a solution to the test results and compaction. N. Ryan informed the Commission of Planning & Zoning Director Beth Cavagna's Zoning Compliance letter regarding the soccer field and it not being in compliance, the letter requests setting aside \$50,000.00 to remediate the soccer field. Dr. Carver stated this does not hold up the Certificate of Occupancy.

Dr. Carver questioned if Sunburst was going to remediate. R. Steiner stated Rizzo should be recommending solutions. J. Delaney stated he was waiting for a reply from SLR. J. Culotta will reach out to SLR. R. Steiner expressed his concern that Rizzo does not have a solution to resolve this issue which is clearly in their scope of work.

Acceptance of Johnson and Rockwell School as Substantially Complete and Recommendation to the Board of Education:

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by D. Olson, that the Public Site & Building Commission resolved that construction of the Ralph M.T. Johnson Elementary School additions and renovations, State of Connecticut project number 009-0059RNV, be accepted as substantially complete and recommend that the Bethel Board of Education accept the project for beneficial occupancy by the Town of Bethel with the following attachments:

- 1. Certificate of Substantial Completion issued by Perkins Eastman, dated September 20, 2021,*
- 2. Certificate of Occupancy issued by the Town of Bethel, dated March 9, 2022.*

Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by D. Olson, that the Public Site & Building Commission resolved that construction of the Anna H. Rockwell Elementary School additions and renovations, State of Connecticut project number 009-0059RNV, be accepted as substantially complete and recommend that the Bethel Board of Education accept the project for beneficial occupancy by the Town of Bethel with the following attachments:

- 1. Certificate of Substantial Completion issued by Perkins Eastman, dated September 20, 2021,*
- 2. Certificate of Occupancy issued by the Town of Bethel, dated March 9, 2022.*

Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

Budget Review: G. Hoerauf reviewed the Projected Cash Flow Analysis, dated March 7, 2022, with the Commission.

Professional Services Additional Services Requests: N. Ryan stated the Commission will approve the Rizzo change order agreements tonight.

Proposed Change Order Review and Approval: G. Hoerauf reviewed the following PCO's:

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by D. Olson, to approve Edward J. Kijek proposal, dated March 9, 2022, for Johnson School, in the not to exceed amount of \$12,000.00, to install double, fire rated doors in the hallway outside the main office, not including hardware or electrical. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

R. Germinaro will confirm hardware stock for this item and use Losito Electric for the electrical work.

PCO#0044 Johnson Claim Settlement for Johnson School in the amount of \$115,000.00. Discussion ensued. R. Steiner expressed his displeasure with Rizzo's response to outstanding issues and was in favor of not approving.

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by D. Olson, to approve Proposed Change Order No.00144 Johnson Claim Settlement for Johnson School, in the amount of \$115,000.00. Vote, Motion Passed. R. Steiner abstained.

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by D. Olson, to approve Proposed Change Order No.00138 Rockwell Claim Settlement for Rockwell School, in the amount of \$60,000.00. Vote, Motion Passed. R. Steiner abstained.

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by D. Olson, to approve Proposed Change Order No.00145 Johnson Bond Increase for Johnson School, in the amount of \$5,655.45. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by R. Steiner, to approve Proposed Change Order No.00139 Rockwell Bond Increase for Rockwell School, in the amount of \$6,573.64. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

J. Perna questioned the status of the roof warranty and solar installation. N. Ryan stated paperwork was sent by Advanced Energy Efficiencies to several people in the Town which was not filled out. It is not in the process of being completed.

Invoice Review and Approval:

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by R. Steiner, to approve payment of Bethel Power Equipment Invoice #73443, dated February 10, 2022, in the amount of \$37,760.80, for Kubota tractor, attachments to be invoiced separately. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

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N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by D. Olson, to approve payment of Rizzo Corporation Invoice #00035, dated February 28, 2022, in the amount of \$127,631.94, for Johnson Elementary School construction services through February 28, 2022. Vote, Motion Passed. R. Steiner opposed.

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by D. Olson, to approve payment of Rizzo Corporation Invoice #00035, dated February 28, 2022, in the amount of \$82,509.84, for Rockwell Elementary School construction services through February 28, 2022. Vote, Motion Passed. R. Steiner opposed.

Bethel Police Station Project:

Project Update: G. Hoerauf stated Action Target needs 3-4 weeks to complete design drawings and five months for delivery. She recommends expediting the Purchase Order to order the equipment. She reviewed the Draft Project Budget, dated March 7, 2022 with the Commission which includes two optional requests by the Police Department, one for a TAC House and another for a Wall Finish. The optional requests push the total over the million-dollar mark.

Request Bid Waiver from Board of Selectman – Action Target Equipment Procurement:

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by D. Olson, to approve the Action Target proposal for the firing range equipment and firing range specific HVAC equipment and installation, in the not to exceed amount of \$743,500.00. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

Architectural Services Proposal – Review and Possible Action: Jacunski Humes proposal, dated March 3, 2022, was reviewed. J. Perna requested clarification on the HVAC humidification versus dehumidification verbiage. J. Perna and D. Horvath would like to review the specifications for the HVAC equipment.

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by J. Menti, to approve the Jacunski Humes Proposal for Architectural/Engineering Services for the Bethel Police Firearms Training Range Fit-out, in the amount of \$45,000.00. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

Invoice Review and Approval: None

Municipal Center Renovation:

Project Update: N. Ryan stated she met with R. Steiner, E. Earle and Gordian representatives to review the project. She reviewed the additional items requested and the scope of the proposal.

N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by J. Perna, to recommend to the Board of Selectman for approval the budget amount \$470,000.00 which includes contingency, contingent upon all labor costs at prevailing wage, for the Municipal Center Renovation Project. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

Invoice Review: None.

N. Ryan stated E. Earle is beginning to work with Gordian on the locker room phase.

N. Ryan informed the Commission the need to review the meeting format from remote to in-person and/or hybrid in April or May of this year.

Review of Sunburst Quotes – Executive Session Anticipated:

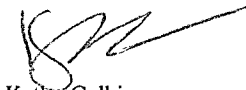
N. Ryan made a motion, seconded by R. Steiner, to enter Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. and invite in E. Earle and K. Galbis. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

Executive Session ended at 9:54 p.m. and the Commission determined not to take any action at this time.

ADJOURN:

J. Menti made a motion, seconded by D. Horvath, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Galbis
Recording Secretary

