

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 1, 2017

LOCATION: Branford High School Lower Media Center
185 East Main Street, Branford, CT

SUBJECT: Superintendent's Budget Presentation

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ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Michael Krause, CIC, Chair	Board of Education
N	John O'Connor, Vice-Chair	Board of Education
Y	Betsy Regan, Secretary	Board of Education
Y	Joanne Borrus	Board of Education
N	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
Y	Judith Hotz	Board of Education
N	Kate Marsland	Board of Education
Y	John R. Prins	Board of Education
Y	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
N	Kiersten Bjork	Student Representative
N	Emily Borst	Student Representative
N	Madison Daniels	Student Representative
N	Carol Frye	Student Representative
N	HyunJin Lim	Student Representative
N	Jack Nelson	Student Representative
N	Daniel Shamas	Student Representative
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Dr. Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others present: Donald Neal, Chief Operating Officer

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM by Chairman, Michael Krause.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET PRESENTATION

02 Superintendent Hernandez stated that the theme of the 2018 fiscal year budget is "Sustainability." Superintendent Hernandez pointed out the goals of the budget are to maintain reasonable class size, to address emerging needs, to sustain technology integration, to support professional growth for staff, to support curriculum development and revisions, to preserve existing programs and extra-curricular activities, to meet all contractual obligations and to respond to the community's fiscal posture. While enrollment is declining, resources are needed to address students' needs as indicated by an increasing percentage of students needing free & reduced-priced meals, increasing number of students with disabilities, and an increasing population of English language learners. The Superintendent also pointed out the volatility of state assistance. Overall, the proposed 2017-2018 budget request is \$55,314,698, representing a 1.96% increase (the smallest increase in Superintendent Hernandez' history in the District). The Board will review the budget and make any changes and will look to adopt by the Feb. 22 regular meeting.

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ADJOURN

04 Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan
Secretary