

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 22, 2017

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

SUBJECT: Special FY 18 Budget Workshop Meeting

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ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Michael Krause, CIC, Chair	Board of Education
Y	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
Y	Kate Marsland	Board of Education
N	John R. Prins	Board of Education
Y	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
N	Dr. Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others present: Joe Carbone, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by Chairman, Michael Krause.

DISCUSSION

02 **Education & Capital Budget**

Superintendent Hernandez recapped the FY 18 Budget proposal discussion that took place at the February 15, 2017 Budget Workshop. He stated that this budget proposal will go before the Full Board later this evening for approval. He reiterated that this proposal is for an increase \$1,064,799 or 1.96%, and stated that this increase is the lowest proposed budget that he has submitted in his tenure at Branford Public Schools. Superintendent Hernandez discussed the various repairs and updates to buildings and technology that will be performed throughout the District. He stated that in an effort to cut costs instead of replacing two vehicles, the District will only be replacing one. Superintendent Hernandez also stated that if the Governor's proposed budget gets approved the District would ultimately have to ask the Board to approve a contingency budget of \$3,255,673. He said that although it was not likely that the Governor's budget would be approved in its entirety, he did think that Branford would incur some form of impact.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Stepanek, Branford resident and RTM member, discussed the Governor's proposed budget, specifically regarding the funding of the Teacher's Retirement Board (TRB) and what the impact it would be financially on the District.

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ADJOURN

Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM

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Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan
Secretary

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