

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Communication Committee Minutes

DATE: June 14, 2017

LOCATION: Branford High School Lower Media Center
Branford, CT

SUBJECT: Communication Committee

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ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Joanne Borrus, Chair	Board of Education
Y	Judith Hotz	Board of Education
Y	Michael Krause, CIC	Board of Education
Y	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
N	Dr. Kate Marsland	Board of Education
Y	John O'Connor	Board of Education
N	John Prins	Board of Education
N	Elizabeth Regan	Board of Education
Y	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Dr. Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others present:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by Committee Chair Borrus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

02 **Motion** (Hotz/Krause) to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2017 Communication Committee Meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

03 **A. Central Registrar**

Superintendent Hernandez discussed shift to central registrar students allowing parents and guardians the ability to register their child. Based at BHS. Automated process. Started w/K and PK this year. Many forms are electronic. Parents can complete forms remotely from home. Lottery PK, 32 seats. Schools will inform parents of outcome. Parents will be directed to Family Resource Center if all seats are taken.

B. Summer Meals Program

Superintendent Hernandez shared the brochure for Summer Meals Program with Committee members. Last year 20,000 meals. Expected to exceed this year, Partner with YMCA, park and rec, churches, CDR, animal shelter. Sites are BHS, Tisko and Sliney.

C. BHS Track

Superintendent Hernandez reported that the field/track complex will be shut down to start preliminary work. The track portion of the project to be completed. Started one day early on June 14th. Poly trax instead of latex track which has longer life span. Anticipated that students will have access at beginning of the year.

D. WIS Next Generation Update

Michael Krause and John O'Connor attended a design consultation meeting. They reviewed color palettes. Five sets will be made available to various schools and Blackstone Library for community review.

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DISCUSSION ITEM (Continued)

Possible public outreach meeting regarding design for update. Not confirmed yet. Website will be updated. Newsblast will be provided.

Will any funding for WIS project be in jeopardy? Governor will be informing municipalities of budget plans. Superintendent Hernandez will be at the State for design document next week. He will have a better idea of when grant would be issued. Cautiously optimistic, do not anticipate that grant funding would be removed.

ADJOURNMENT

04 Ms. Borrus, Committee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:24 P.M.

The next Communication Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017,
at 6:00 PM Meeting at Branford High School, Lower Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Ehrhardt

Pro Tem Secretary

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