

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes

DATE: March 22, 2017

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

SUBJECT: Special Teaching & Learning Committee

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ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
N	John Prins, T&L, Chair	Board of Education
Y	Joanne M. Borrus	Board of Education
Y	Judith Hotz	Board of Education
Y	Michael Krause, CIC	Board of Education
Y	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
Y	Dr. Kate Marsland	Board of Education
Y	John O'Connor	Board of Education
Y	Elizabeth Regan	Board of Education
Y	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
N	Kiersten Bjork	Student Representative
Y	Carol Frye	Student Representative
N	Hunjin Lim	Student Representative
N	Jack Nelson	Student Representative
N	Jayleen Flores	Student Representative
Y	Daniel Shamas	Student Representative
Y	Emily Borst	Student Representative
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Dr. Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others in attendance: Lauren Skultety, Curriculum Coordinator; Meredith Girard, Tisko - K Teacher; Christine Bonatti, Tisko - 1 Teacher; Rebecca Courtmanche, Murphy - 4 Teacher; Becky Aforismo, Murphy -2 Teacher; Robin Goeler - principal

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by BOE Chairman Michael Krause.

MINUTES

02 Motion (Sharkey/Ehrhardt) to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

03 A. K-5 Mathematics Program

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Anthony Buono, Curriculum Coordinator Lauren Skultety and the teachers gave a presentation on the proposed K-5 Mathematics Program. They discussed the process (paper screening, site visits to Guilford and Madison, and pilot lessons at each Branford elementary school). Their recommendation is that the Board adopt Bridges as the new program for the coming school year. Bridges aligns with the workshop model being used in Language Arts, is very hands-on through its “stations,” is developmentally appropriate and yet rigorous, includes an online component with assistance for families, and is supported by the publisher throughout implementation. Ms. Toche reiterated her ongoing concern about students who do not have access to technology.

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ADJOURNMENT

04 Chairman Krause, adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

**The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Branford High School, Lower Media Center.**

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan
Secretary