

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 29, 2017

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

SUBJECT: Board of Education Meeting

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RECOGNITION

A. BHS Dance Team

Chairman Krause and Superintendent Hernandez recognized BHS Dance Team coaches, Jacqueline Montano and Megan Palluzzi and the BHS Dance Team students for their recent accomplishments including coming in first place in the New England Regionals Varsity Hip Hop and Jazz Divisions.

PRESENTATION

A. BHS New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) ACCREDITATION REPORT

BHS Principal Lee Panagoulas and the BHS NEASC Visit Team gave a presentation on the BHS NEASC Accreditation Report. Principal Panagoulas stated that work for this visit started in 2014 and began with a stakeholders survey that included teachers, students, and parents. He also stated that all public high schools are required to go through the accreditation process every 10 years. In his presentation Principal Panagoulas discussed the Self Study Assessment, including the two difference standards; Teaching and Learning and Support Standards. Principal Panagoulas also discussed the NEASC visit to Branford High School. He stated that the visit team consisted of 16 members, it was a four day process that consisted of interviews with teachers, students parents, administrators and Board Members. A 106 page draft of the visitation report was received a month ago with highlighted commendations and 20 recommendations. Principal Panagoulas stated that the recommendations are meant to be actionable not critical.

BOE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representatives, Daniel Shamas, Madison Daniels and Jayleen Flores talked about CAPT testing for Sophomores. They reported that the recent SAT Testing Day for Juniors was held and in their opinion they thought it was a good way for students to see what it is like to prepare for college. They also stated that guidance counselors were encouraging students to start to look at colleges, which they found was a helpful process.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/ WALSH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEXT GENERATION UPDATE

Superintendent Hernandez began his report by stated that the Week of the Young Child donated books *Happy in Our Ski*, to the Districts Pre-K classes. He also stated that the Week of the Young Child events will take place in April. Superintendent Hernandez reported that the Zoning Appeals meeting will take place in April. He encouraged all who are in favor of the WIS project to attend this meeting. Superintendent Hernandez reported that the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) will commence after the Spring recess. He will be sending a letter home to parents discussing the testing shortly. At the April Teaching & Learning Committee meeting, Superintendent Hernandez will be discussing SBA results and how they are embedded in the States new accountability report. Superintendent Hernandez finished his report by stating that there will be a Public Building Committee meeting tomorrow night at Fire Headquarters.

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CONSENT AGENDA

03 A. Adoption of the K-5 Mathematic Program.

MOTION (O'Connor/Regan) to Adopt the K-5 Mathematics Program as discussed at the March 22, 2017 Special Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

04 A. BHS Choral Program Donation

MOTION (Hotz/Earhardt) to accept the \$3,500 donation from the Branford Community Foundation presented the BHS Choral Program's Peace Project.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Safe School Climate Plan

The Safe School Climate Plan discussion was postponed to the April Full Regular Board of Education Meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communication Committee (Joanne Borrus, Chair). Next scheduled meeting: **Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.**

B. Personnel & Finance Committee (Judy Hotz, Chair) . Next scheduled meeting: **Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 6:30 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.**

C. Teaching & Learning Committee (John Prins, Chair) Next scheduled meeting: **Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., at Branford High School, Lower Media Center.**

D. Policy Committee (Kate Marsland & John O'Connor, Co-Chairs). Next scheduled meeting: **Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.**

BOARD REPORTS:

ACES – Judy Hotz reported that the budget should be finished tomorrow. At the last meeting they reviewed teacher agreements, magnate school funding and heard an update on Head Start Program.

CABE – Chairman Krause stated that CABE Day on this Hill was held on March 8th and was well attended.

BECC – Kate Marsland discussed the Week of the Young Child. She also stated that the next Round Table will be held on April 27th, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. For more information please visit the BECC website.

PTA MEETINGS

BHS - John O' Connor & John Prins. Scheduled Meetings: No set meeting schedule

WIS – Michael Krause, Joanne Borrus & Betsy Regan. Scheduled Meetings: No meetings scheduled at this time.

Sliney – Maria Ehrhardt & Shannen Sharkey. Scheduled Meetings:, March 1, 2017, May 3, 2017. All meeting will be held in the Sliney Library at 7:00 pm.

Tisko – Judy Hotz & Betsy Regan. Scheduled Meetings: May 8, 2017. All meetings will be held in the Tisko Cafeteria at 6:00 pm.

Murphy – Kate Marsland & John Prins. Scheduled Meeting: March 2017. Currently the time and location is to be determined.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Krause moved the meeting into Executive Session at 8:05 PM to discuss a proposed agreement with a certified staff member. All Board Members present at tonight's meeting including Superintendent Hernandez were present during this session.

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ADJOURN

The meeting returned to regular session at 8:39 PM. Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting 8:40 PM with no action taken.

**The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM
in the Branford High School, Lower Media Center.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Parking for Board Meetings held at Branford High School Lower Media Center
is in Lot C. Access to meetings is through the F3 library doors.**

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary

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