

## BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 17, 2017

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

SUBJECT: Board of Education 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
N	Judith Hotz	Board of Education
Y	Kate Marsland	Board of Education
Y	John R. Prins (Arrived at 9:02PM)	Board of Education
Y	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
Y	Kiersten Bjork	Student Representative
N	Emily Borst	Student Representative
N	Madison Daniels	Student Representative
Y	Jayleen Flores	Student Representative
N	Carol Frye	Student Representative
N	HyunJin Lim	Student Representative
Y	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:

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### BUSINESS ITEMS

#### ITEM DESCRIPTION

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#### CALL

**01** Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman, Michael Krause.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**02** MOTION (Marsland/O'Connor) to approve the April 26, 2017 Full Regular BOE Meeting Minutes.  
MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

#### RECOGNITIONS

##### A. CABA Student Leadership Award

Chairman Krause and Superintendent Hernandez presented two Walsh Intermediate School students, Alina Catania and Yann Calderwood and two Branford High School students, Therese Ziaks and Andrew Salerno with the CABA Student Leadership Award.

##### B. Walsh Intermediate School (WIS) Play, *James & the Giant Peach*, Cast & Crew Members

Chairman Krause and Superintendent Hernandez presented Jeffrey Rizzo and the cast and crew members of the WIS play, *James & the Giant Peach*, with a proclamation recognizing them for their recent outstanding production.

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### RECOGNITIONS (Continued)

#### C. BHS Play, Titanic, Cast & Crew Members

Chairman Krause and Superintendent Hernandez presented a proclamation to Cathyann Roding, Toni Cartisano and the cast and crew members of the BHS Play, *Titanic*, recognizing them for their recent outstanding performances.

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### PRESENTATION

#### A. Superintendent's Annual Report

Superintendent Hernandez presented the Superintendent's Annual Report. Among the items that he discussed in his presentation were District Enrollment/Composition including the Open Choice Program and Specialized Schools, District Racial/Ethnic Distribution, Indicators of Educational Needs, District Discipline, Student Attendance, the District Strategic Success Plan (SSP), Branford Public Schools Student Attributes, the State of Connecticut Department of Education (SDE) Accountability Indicators and Mandates, District Technology and Facilities. Superintendent Hernandez also discussed the District Budget including the five year historical. He concluded his report by discussing selective data from the 2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA).

### BOE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representatives, Kiersten, Bjork, Jayleen Flores and Jack Nelson, reported that for Jack and Kiersten this was their last Board meeting as representatives. Next year Kiersten will be attending Fairfield University and Jack will be attending Brown University. They also stated that, Finals will be in two to three weeks, AP testing was finished, Prom is this coming Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, sports were starting to come to an end, many activities has been planned including field trips and Salpaluzza. Together the Student Representatives finished their report by stating that graduation was June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Jack Nelson stated he would be remiss if he ended his final report to the Board by not stating his disappointment with the resent staff changes. He went on to say that he thought the Board and staff were doing an incredible job, he just felt that he needed to say what was on his mind.

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### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Grades 6-8 Math Textbooks

MOTION (O'Connor/Borrus) to approve the purchase of the Grades -8 Math Textbooks Program as discussed at the May 10, 2017 Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communication Committee (Joanne Borrus, Chair). Next scheduled meeting: **Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.**

B. Personnel & Finance Committee (Judy Hotz, Chair) . Next scheduled meeting: **Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6:30 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.**

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### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

C. Teaching & Learning Committee (John Prins, Chair) Next scheduled meeting: **Wednesday, June 7, 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, June 14, 2017 at 5:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center. PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE.**

### BOARD REPORTS:

**ACES** – Judy Hotz was absent from tonight’s meeting.

**CABE** – John Prins reported that CABE was in the process of preparing for November’s CABE/CAPSS Convention. He also stated that CABE is working on finalizing their budget.

**BECC** – Kate Marsland reported that the week of the Young Child was a success. She said that a “huge thank you” goes out to Robin Comey. The last Round Table meeting will be held on May 23, 2017 and topic is ABC of Behavior Management.

### PTA MEETINGS

**Tisko – Judy Hotz & Betsy Regan. Scheduled Meetings:** No meetings scheduled at this time.

**Murphy – Kate Marsland & John Prins. Scheduled Meeting:** No meetings scheduled at this time.

**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:** May 24, 2017, in the Sliney Library at 7:00 pm.

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### ADJOURN

Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting 9:06 PM with no action taken.

**The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 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,  
***Elizabeth Regan***  
Secretary

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