

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 15, 2017

LOCATION: Branford High School Auditorium
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
Y	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
N	Judith Hotz	Board of Education
N	Kate Marsland	Board of Education
Y	John R. Prins	Board of Education
Y	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
Y	Emily Borst	Student Representative
N	Madison Daniels	Student Representative
Y	Jayleen Flores	Student Representative
N	GianCarlo Giannini	Student Representative
N	Lisa Kroeber	Student Representative
N	William Riggs	Student Representative
N	Daniel Shamas	Student Representative
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Dr. Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others present: Lee Panagoulis, BHS Principal; Raeanne Reynolds, WIS Principal; Robin Goeler, Mary T. Murphy Principal; Margaret-Mary Gethings, John B. Sliney Principal and James O'Connor, Mary R. Tisko Principal

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman, Michael Krause.

SWEARING IN

Town Clerk, Lisa Arpin, swore in returning Board Members, John Prins and Shannen Sharkey. Returning Board Member, Judith Hotz, was absent from tonight's meeting and will be sworn in at a later time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

02 MOTION (Prins/Sharkey) to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2017 Full Regular BOE meeting, the September 27, 2017 Special BOE Retreat Meeting and the October 18, 2017 Full Special BOE meeting.
MINUTES APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

John Prins, reported that the Branford Board of Education will be presented with the CABA Board Recognition Award at the upcoming CABA/CAPSS Convention on November 17th, 2017.

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PRESENTATIONS

A. Branford Girl Scout Troup 60200 – Don't Text & Drive Initiative

Ms. Olga Zweeres, Girl Scout Troup Leader and the Girls from Troop 60200 revealed and discussed their Bronze Award Project "Don't Text and Drive". Ms. Zweeres and the girls of Troop 60200 reported that the sign reminding people not to text and drive was donated by East Coast Signs of Danbury, CT and with the permission of Superintendent Hernandez and First Selectman Cosgrove will be hung by the Public Works Department at Branford High School.

B, BHS Auditorium Dedication

Retired BHS Music Teacher and Choral Director, Cathyann Roding, was presented with the sign renaming the Branford High School Auditorium to the Cathyann Roding Auditorium.

C. Building Goals (Administrative Team)

District Administrators gave a presentation on their Building Goals. Superintendent Hernandez started the presentation by stating that the District leadership works hard to set the conditions. He also stated that the more we are able to support and lead our students the better the outcomes for our children will be. The District Administrators presided to give a presentation on the Building Goals. Among the items discussed were District Wide Collaboration, Goals Across the Levels; Elementary, Intermediate and High School. The admin group shared examples of work including weekly grade level meetings at the elementary school level, creating a system for ongoing professional development at Walsh and embedded professional development at BHS. They also shared a newsletter that was distributed by Yale New Haven Hospital regarding an initiative that a BHS student started for children with cancer

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

BOE Student Representatives, Emily Borst and Jayleen Flores, presented their monthly report. They reported that Homecoming is this coming Friday and the theme is Hornet Pride. Homecoming week events include Pajama Day, America Day and Spirit Wear Day. They also discussed the upcoming girls flag football and the football teams Thanksgiving Day game. The fall play this year is The Nigh Thoreau Spent in Jail.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT/WIS NEXT GENERATION UPDATE

Superintendent Hamlet Hernandez stated that today Channel 8 News was at BHS doing a feature on BHS Model Congress in collaboration with CAS. This feature can be viewed this weekend. Channel 8 News might also be coming back to Branford in the future to do a feature on the ELL program.

Superintendent Hernandez discussed the District's Annual Report that he recently completed and set to Lisa Arpin, Town Clerk.

Superintendent Hernandez also reported that the Budget Development Process has commenced and a calendar for important budget related dates has been given to administrators. Superintendent Hernandez has also sent a budget guidance letter to administrators.

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SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT/WIS NEXT GENERATION UPDATE (Continued)

Superintendent Hernandez finished his report by stating that the District has received a letter from the State with good news regarding fund for Walsh Intermediate School construction. Continued...

03 CONSENT AGENDA

A. BHS Field Trip Request to Quebec Canada

MOTION (O'Connor/Sharkey) to approve the BHS Quebec field trip request as discussed at the November Teaching & Learning Committee.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

EXECUTIVE SESSION

04 A. BOE/BEA Contract

Chairman Kruase adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 8:23 PM. All Board Members present at tonight's Board meeting as well as Superintendent Hernandez and Assistant Superintendent Buono were present during the Executive Session. The meeting returned to regular session at 8:50 PM.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

05 A. 2018 BOE Meeting Schedule

The approval of the 2018 Board of Education meeting schedule was postponed until the December 20th, 2017 Full Board meeting.

06 A. BOE/BEA Contract Approval

MOTION (O'Connor/Ehrhardt) to approve the BOE/BEA Contract.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communication Committee (Joanne Borrus, Chair). Next scheduled

meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.

B. Personnel & Finance Committee (Judy Hotz, Chair). Next scheduled meeting:

Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 6:30 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center

C. Teaching & Learning for the 21st Century Committee (John Prins, Chair).

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 7:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media

D. Policy Committee (Kate Marsland and John O'Connor, Co-Chairs). Next

scheduled meeting: Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media

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BOARD REPORTS

ACES – Judith Hotz was absent this evening

CABE – John Prins discussed the upcoming Delegate Assembly and the CABE Convention. He also reported that on December 7th there will be a New BOE Orientation/Leadership Academy. He stated that this event is not just for new members; it is a way for BOE members to interact with other BOE members from across the State.

BECC – Kate Marsland was absent this evening

PTA MEETINGS

BHS - John O' Connor & John Prins

Scheduled Meetings: No set meeting schedule

WIS – Michael Krause, Joanne Borrus & Betsy Regan

Scheduled Meetings: All meetings will be held in the WIS Media Center at 6:30PM
December 5, 2017

JBS – Maria Ehrhardt & Shannen Sharkey

Scheduled Meetings: All meetings will be held in the JBS Library at 7:00PM
December 4, 2017
January 8, February 5, March 5, April 9, May 7, 2018

Tisko – Judy Hotz & Betsy Regan

Scheduled Meetings: All meetings to be held in the MTM Library at 6:30PM
December 12, 2017
January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10 & May 8, 2018

Murphy – Kate Marsland & John Prins

Scheduled Meeting: All meetings to be held in the MTM Café at 7:30PM
November 21, 2017, January 16, March 20 & May 15, 2018

BOE MEMBER RESIGNATION

BOE Chair, Krause, read the resignation letter that was submitted to the Board from Dr. Kate Marsland, in the letter Dr. Marsland stated that she was stepping down to tend to family matters.

ADJOURN

07 Motion (Ehrhardt/Sharkey) to adjourn. Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting 9:09 PM

**The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 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

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