

## **SPECIAL BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: October 18, 2017

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

SUBJECT: Board of Education Meeting

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### **ATTENDANCE**

<b>HERE</b>	<b>ATTENDEE</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
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
Y	Judith Hotz	Board of Education
Y	Kate Marsland	Board of Education
Y	John R. Prins	Board of Education
Y	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
N	Emily Borst	Student Representative
N	Madison Daniels	Student Representative
N	Jayleen Flores	Student Representative
Y	GianCarlo Giannini	Student Representative
N	Lisa Kroeber	Student Representative
N	William Riggs	Student Representative
Y	Daniel Shamas	Student Representative
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Dr. Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others present: Lauren Skultety, Curriculum Coordinator

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### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **ITEM DESCRIPTION**

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#### **CALL**

**01** Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman, Michael Krause.

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

**02** Dr. Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent introduce the districts new certified staff members that were unable to attend the September Full Board meeting. He introduced:

- Tom Ermini, WIS Physical Education Teacher
- John Limone, BHS Tech Ed. Teacher
- Mike Martone, BHS Musical Choral Teacher
- Erica O'Brien, BHS Family & Consumer Science Teacher
- Michael Paolella, WIS Math Coach
- Suzanne Reiss, WIS Language Arts Teacher
- Megan Tucker, WIS Special Education Teacher
- Elizabeth Young, WIS Guidance Counselor

#### **PRESENTATION**

District Curriculum Coordinator, Lauren Skultety, gave a presentation on Curriculum. Among the things that Mrs. Skultety discussed were, Curriculum Committees, the process or prioritizing standards, d, the use of Eduplanet website, software and sample outcomes.

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### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Daniel Shamas and GianCarlo Giannini, BOE Student Representatives, gave the Student Representative Report, they discussed the end of regular fall sports, the BHS play is year is Shrek, Cabaret Night and also the end of the marking quarter.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/WIS NEXT GENERATION UPDATE

Superintendent Hernandez discussed the driving simulator that BHS recently had on site. He stated that this simulator helped students understand the dangers of texting and driving. Superintendent Hernandez also reported that Walsh Intermediate School (WIS), the Blackstone Library and Senior Center were collaboratively working on opportunity to increase literacy called One Book/One School. He also discussed a viewing of the movie Screenagers, that WIS Principal, Raeanne Reynolds and District parent, Lynda Mollow were working on.

Superintendent Hernandez discussed the cleaning of the WIS pool and auxiliary gym in light of the recent PCB problem that has prevented them from being accessed. He stated that water from the pool has been testing and they were awaiting the test results. Superintendent Hernandez again thanked everyone for their patience, and said that a special thank you goes out to the YMCA and athletics department.

Superintendent Hernandez reported that there will be a special BOE presentation on November 29<sup>th</sup> for the BOE to approve the School Construction Form 045 for the State. He finished his report by stating that BOE members can view a complete set of construction documents at Central Office.

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

#### 03 A. Technology Fees

Superintendent Hernandez and Donna Mingrone, Technology Director, continued the discussion regarding assessing fees for damaged devices. Their discussion with Board Members included a proposed insurance fee of \$25.00, saving the District money by having Technology staff members working on devices. Superintendent Hernandez said that he will be reaching out to telecommunication companies to look in to bundling services.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

District parent, Celia Toche', discussed her concerns regarding assessing fees to a student in the event their assigned device is damaged.

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### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Communication Committee (Joanne Borrus, Chair). Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.
- B. Personnel & Finance Committee (Judy Hotz, Chair) . Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 6:30 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.
- C. Teaching & Learning Committee (John Prins, Chair) Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 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, November 15, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.

### BOARD REPORTS:

**CABE** – John Prins discussed the upcoming CABE Convention on November 17<sup>th</sup> and the Delegate Assembly on November 18<sup>th</sup>. He also discussed the Legal Issues Workshop that he attended in Middletown.

**BECC** – Kate Marsland reported that 32 teachers attended that last Round Table that was facilitated by Dianibel Aviles.

### ADJOURN

Motion (O'Connor/Sharkey) to adjourn. Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting 9:20 PM.

**The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 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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