

## BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

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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
Y	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
Y	Dawn Perrotti	Board of Education
Y	John R. Prins	Board of Education
Y	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others present: Melanie Wilde, Director School Based Health Center; Joe Erardi, School Security Consultant

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### BUSINESS ITEMS

#### ITEM DESCRIPTION

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#### CALL

- 01** Meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Chairman, Michael Krause.

#### COMMUNICATION

Chairman Krause stated that he will be convening a Naming Committee to honor Cathy and John McGuirk, for their years of service as the coaches for the BHS Girls Field Hockey Team.

#### AGENDA CHANGES

Chairman Krause stated that a donation to the BHS Choir will be added to tonight's agenda as Consent Agenda Item B.

#### MINUTES APPROVAL

- 02** A. MOTION (Prins O'Connor) to approve minutes from the June 20, 2018, Full Regular BOE Meeting.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

#### PRESENTATION

**A. School Based Health Center (SBHC)**

Melanie Wilde, SBHC Director, gave a presentation on the District SBHC's. Ms. Wilde discussed what a SBHC is, student enrollment including the rolling enrollment process a 17% increased enrollment within the last two years, the three SBHC locations – Branford High School, Walsh Intermediate School and Mary T. Murphy School. She also discussed the 2017-2018 initiatives that included opening the SBHC earlier in the morning to see students and field phone calls to cut down on absenteeism, depressing screening and also a family education nutrition program called Y Be Fit.

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

Superintendent Hernandez stated that he had the pleasure to attend the Commissioners Welcome Back meeting this morning, the guest speaker was Mark Brackett. Mark spoke about the importance of social and emotional well-being of students and adults working with them.

Superintendent Hernandez also stated that the summer has been very busy. There was a plethora of WIS activity, including the removal of rubble piles that will be gone before students return, floors will start to be peeled back, he stated that this is a meticulous process. Superintendent Hernandez also reported that the WIS reception areas has been fully established and enclosed in the front area and the nurse's office and SBHC challenges have been resolved with Yale. Superintendent Hernandez continued to discuss the WIS entry which he stated has been re-designated to where the reception is now, it is in the direct line of sight and is augmented with security.

Superintendent Hernandez reported that extreme attention will be paid to busing at WIS. He stated that buses will be stacked and shut down, with an orderly loading and unloading. There are 31 vehicles, 8 vans and 23 type one buses. All will not arrive at the same time, but WIS can have 25 vehicles at one time. Superintendent said that he is strongly encouraging to put students on buses to cut down on traffic. On August 28<sup>th</sup> buses will practice staging and will be picking up students for 5<sup>th</sup> grade orientation. On August 31<sup>st</sup> there will be a demonstration for parents in the parent loop.

There will be a new dismissal procedure with 3 stated, 1. Inside the building, 2. Loading and 3. Buses will leave. Walkers will be dismissed last. Arrival and dismissal will be coordinated with police and crossing guards who will be there not for traffic but to assist with crossing. Metal barriers/gates and signage will also be used.

Superintendent Hernandez reiterated that we need to go slow and will need the community's support. He once again urged parents to have their WIS students take the bus.

Superintendent Hernandez also reported that this was the 5<sup>th</sup> summer for the Summer Meals Program. This program is sponsored by the US Department of Agricultural and is for community residents under 18 years of age. The first year of this program saw 6,000 meals service this year we are approaching 30,000 meals being served. This program is nationally recognized; more information will be shared with the Board next month.

Superintendent Hernandez discussed the work done to the tennis courts, stating that the work done will last for a very long time.

Superintendent Hernandez finished his report by discussing the major Supreme Court's Janus Decision. He stated that we will work with the union and CEA on severability. This will be put into a Memo of Agreement (MOA). The District will work on this with the other unions as well.

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### CONSENT AGENDA

- 03 A. 2018/2019 Non-Resident Tuition Rate Increase**  
MOTION (O'Connor/Borrus) to approve the 2018/2019 non-resident tuition rate increase as discussed by Don Neel, Chief Financial Officer, at tonight's Personnel & Finance Committee meeting.  
Approved Unanimously
- 04 A. BHS CHOIR Donation**  
Motion (O'Connor/Sharkey) to accept the Branford Festivals \$1,000 donation to the BHS Choir.  
Approved Unanimously

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 05** MOTION (Michaels/Prins) to adjourn into Executive Session. Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 7:56 PM. All Board of Education members including, Superintendent Hernandez and Assistant Superintendent Rachel Sexton adjourned into Executive Session to discuss:
- A. School Security Consultant, Joe Erardi's, Report on Branford Public School
  - B. Superintendent's 2017-2018 Evaluation and Contract Discussion

### RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

- 06** Chairman Krause, return the meeting to regular session at 10:22 PM.

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

- 07 Superintendent's Contract**  
MOTION (O'Connor/Prins) to extend the Superintendent's contract an additional year to June 2021 and give the Superintendent a 2.5% increase.  
Approved Unanimously

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Communication Committee** (Joanne Borrus, Chair).

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.

**B. Personnel & Finance Committee** (John O'Connor Chair).

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 6:30 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.

**C. Teaching & Learning Committee** (John Prins, Chair).

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.

**D. Policy Committee** (Ellen Michaels, Chair).

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media

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**BOARD REPORTS:**

**ACES** – Ellen Michaels stated that the next meeting for ACES will be in September.

**BECC** – Dawn Perrotti stated that the BECC will partner with Read to Grown.

**CABE** – John Prins reported that he recently attended CABE’s Summer Leadership Conference. Mr. Prins also stated that the plans for the convention are moving along and include having Mark Bracket as the key note speaker. He ended his report by stating that good things are happening at CABE.

**ADJOURN**

**08** Motion (Sharkey/Michaels) to adjourn. Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting 10:28 PM.

**The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2018  
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

Prepared by  
*Kerry Eyrich*