

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Communication Committee Minutes

DATE: February 21, 2018

LOCATION: Branford High School Lower Media Center
Branford, CT

SUBJECT: Communication Committee

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ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Joanne Borrus, Committee Chair	Board of Education
N	Michael Krause, CIC	Board of Education
Y	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
N	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
Y	John O'Connor	Board of Education
Y	John Prins	Board of Education
Y	Elizabeth Regan	Board of Education
Y	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
N	Emily Borst	Student Representative
N	Madison Daniels	Student Representative
N	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:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:41 P.M. by Committee Chair Borrus.

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DISCUSSION

A. WIS Update

Superintendent Hernandez provided an update for the WIS construction project. He stated that the WIS project continues to be on schedule. Major milestones have been met, on February 14th bids were opened and are being looked at and analyzed, so far all looks favorable. The commission will receive the report and will talk about the maximum price of the project. Tentatively there are two dates being looked at for community outreach, March 8th or March 15th. The purpose of this outreach session is to update the community regarding what to expect over the summer and upon the return to school after the summer break. Superintendent Hernandez said that he met with WIS staff to discuss some of the piece regarding construction, including relocating the nurses office, the School Based Health Center (SBHC) and also the receptionist area. Once demolition begins in the summer the Industrial Arts area will be the first area to be demolished and won't be accessible. Superintendent Hernandez ended his update by stating that if plans are not finalized by the first scheduled meeting, meetings will continue to be held in an effort to keep the community informed.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nancy Kendrick, District parent, discussed her requests over the past two years to have more communication regarding instances happening in the District. She stated that she would like to see more information made available in order to get ahead of the rumor mill.

Kelly Manware, District parent, discussed receiving a letter by email regarding \$80,000 that the District received from the State for security purposes. She said that in her opinion she has not a change in security and would like to receive more communication as to how this money will be spent in regards to what security measures will be made.

Chris Hines, District parent, stated that he would like to see the District hire a security consultant in order to fully utilize the \$80,000 received from the State. He also stated that in addition to the \$80,000 he would like to see more money spent on security if deemed necessary.

Kim McHenry, District parents, questioned how many drills did the District, specifically BHS, have this year and last. Ms. McHenry also asked if students knew the difference between the types of drills - evacuation vs. lockdown.

ADJOURNMENT

04 Committee Chair Borrus, adjourned the meeting at 7:09 P.M.

The next Communication Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018
at 6:00 PM Meeting at Branford High School, Lower Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan
Secretary