

## BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 28, 2018

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
N	John O'Connor, Vice-Chair	Board of Education
Y	Betsy Regan, Secretary	Board of Education
N	Joanne Borrus	Board of Education
Y	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
N	Ellen Michaels	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
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 7:24 PM by Chairman, Michael Krause.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION (Borrus/Ehrhardt) to approve minutes from the January 24, 2018 Full Special BOE meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Celia Toche, District parent, spoke about her desire to see more communication and family engagement.

Kristina Cantu, District parent, spoke about her concerns surrounding positions being cut.

Nancy Kendrick, District parent, spoke about a letter that she wrote to the BOE regarding state statues.

Melanie Sachs, District student, spoke about her feelings regarding how students felt after the recent incident in Florida and how teachers addressed students.

Sloan Maymon, District parent, spoke about her feelings regarding WIS safety and communication.

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### BOE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

BOE Student Representative, GianCarlo Giannini, stated that the students did have a fear regarding the incident in Florida. BHS will have a lockdown drill tomorrow. GianCarlo also discussed spring sports and stated that they will be starting soon.

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### PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Memorial Plaque and Proclamation Present to the Family of Tashie S. Rosen

BOE Chairman Michael Krause and Superintendent Hernandez presented a memorial plaque and proclamation to the family of Tashie S. Rosen. Mrs. Rosen was the District Chief Finance Officer who passed away in July 2016.

#### B. Board 101 Facilitated by Rebecca Adams, CAFE Sr. Staff Attorney

In her presentation, Attorney Rebecca Adams, discussed the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Education and how they conduct their important work. After her presentation Ms. Adams address and answered several comments/questions from community members including, request follow-ups, BOE/Superintendent chain of command and best practices.

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

Superintendent Hernandez reported that the next general parent outreach meeting for the WIS Project will be held in March. He also discussed the Schools of Distinction Presentation in April. Superintendent Hernandez stated that the District's Annual Art Show will be held at Branford High School in the Dining Commons instead of its normal location at the Blackstone Library. Student art work will be on display in the Commons for viewing during the BHS play, Shrek. Superintendent Hernandez finished his report by stating that the ELL Literacy Night will be held at Murphy School in April.

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### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

#### A. 2017-2018 School Year Calendar Amendment

MOTION (Regan/Sharkey) to amend the 2017-2018 School Year Calendar to reflect March 30, 2018 as a day off for the District, as discussed at the February 21<sup>st</sup> Personnel & Finance Committee meeting.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

#### B. 2018/2019 School Year Calendar

MOTION (Regan/Prins) to approve the 2018/2019 School Year Option 1 as discussed at the February 21<sup>st</sup> Personnel & Finance Committee meeting.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

#### C. FY 19 Operating and Capital Budget

Motion (O'Connor/Prins) to the FY 19 Operating & Capital Budget as discussed at the February 21<sup>st</sup> Personnel & Finance Committee meeting.  
APPROVED - 4 Yes, 1 No

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### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

#### A. BHS Model Congress Donation

MOTION (Sharkey/Prins) to accept the \$2500 donation made to BHS Model Congress by Joseph & Katherine Mele.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

#### B. BOE'S Authorization for the Superintendent to sign on their behalf

MOTION (Prins/Sharkey) to approve Superintendent Hernandez to sign on their behalf for State reports.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Teaching & Learning for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Committee (John Prins, Chair).

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2018, at 6:30 P.M., Branford High School Dining Commons. This meeting is to showcase student art work. The Opening Reception begins at 6:00 P.M.

#### B. Communication Committee (Joanne Borrus, Chair).

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.

#### C. Personnel & Finance Committee (Michael A. Krause, CIC, Interim Chair).

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 6:30 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center

#### D. Policy Committee (John O'Connor, Chair).

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media

### BOARD REPORTS

**BECC** – Ellen Michaels was absent from tonight's meeting.

**CABE** – John Prins stated that next Wednesday is CABE Day on the Hill. He also stated that CABE is busy planning their annual convention in November.

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### ADJOURN

Motion (Sharkey/Regan) to adjourn. Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting 9:21 PM.

**The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
at 7:00 PM in the Branford High School, Lower Media Center.**

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Respectfully submitted,  
*Elizabeth Regan*  
Secretary

Prepared by  
*Kerry Eyrich*