

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 18, 2018 LOCATION: Branford High School Class Act Classroom
SUBJECT: Board of Education Retreat 185 East Main St, Branford, CT
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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 |
| 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: Rebecca Adams, CABA

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Michael Krause.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Communication - None

Committee Assignments - Chairman Krause announced new committee assignments and liaisons as follows:

Communication - Joanne Borrus (chair), Ellen Michaels, John Prins, Betsy Regan

Personnel & Finance - John O'Connor (chair), Joanne Borrus, Maria Ehrhardt, Shannen Sharkey

Policy - Ellen Michaels (chair), John O'Connor, John Prins, Dawn Perrotti

Teaching & Learning - John Prins (chair), Dawn Perrotti, Betsy Regan, Shannen Sharkey

JBS - Maria Ehrhardt and Shannen Sharkey

MRT - Michael Krause and Betsy Regan

MTM - John Prins and Ellen Michaels

WIS - Betsy Regan, Dawn Perrotti and Joanne Borrus

BHS - John O'Connor and Shannen Sharkey

ACES - Ellen Michaels

BECC - Dawn Perrotti and Ellen Michaels

CABA - John Prins

Administrator Retreat Overview - Superintendent Hernandez and Assistant Superintendent Sexton gave a presentation on the administrators' retreat taking place two days in July and 2 days in August. An important focus of the administrators work this summer is on reflective leadership practice espoused by Michael Fullan, educational consultant and author of numerous books about leadership and change. The administrators will continue to engage throughout the year on reflection as a tool for learning and as a practice to encourage among the staff, as well.

Review Superintendent's Evaluation Draft Template - The Board reviewed the current draft of a new template for evaluating the superintendent. All agreed that it is too long and too wordy. Some discussion was held on whether a number system to quantify categories is appropriate. The committee will continue to revise and present again.

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Review Branford Public Schools (BPS) Student Attributes vs. BPS Learning Competencies - The Board reviewed these two documents which seems to have evolved separately from the work of the board and the work of the administration. It was agreed that they need to be aligned or combined, that a means of assessment needs to be developed, and that our mission statement should align with these as well.

Board Goals and Self Evaluation - Rebecca Adams led a discussion of the Board Goals and the Board Self-Evaluation. The evaluation tool is divided into 5 categories - Vision, Community Leadership, Board Operations, Board Ethics, and Board - Superintendent Team. Highest marks were given for the Board-Superintendent Team. Some shortcomings were identified in other areas and work will continue at a later date to identify goals and action steps.

Review Budget Process/What is the Board's Role - tabled

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Perrotti/Sharkey) to adjourn at 12:12 pm. Chairman Krause will present potential dates for a continuation of the retreat.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan
Secretary