

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 20, 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
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
N	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
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 7:07 PM by Chairman, Michael Krause.

AGENDA CHANGES

Chairman Krause stated that the CABA student recognitions will be presented right after public comments.

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MINUTES APPROVAL

A. MOTION (O'Connor/Perrotti) to approve minutes from the April 11, 2018 Full Regular BOE Meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

B. MOTION (Michaels/Regan) to approve minutes from the April 25, 2018 Full Regular BOE Meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

C. MOTION (Prins/Borrus) to approve minutes from the May 23, 2018 Full Special BOE Meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

D. MOTION (Borrus/Perrotti) to approve minutes from the June 6, 2018 Full Special BOE Meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christi Cantu, district parent, discussed the policy 5145.53, and the need for the district to provide training to staff regarding transgender student issues.

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RECOGNITION

A. CAFE Student Leadership Award

BOE member and CAFE liaison, John Prins, presented the CAFE Student Leadership Award to BHS Student, Bridget Wirtz; WIS students, Caroline Spaulding and Ethan Piazza. BHS Student James Wallace was also awarded the CAFE Student Leadership Award but he was unable to attend this evenings meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Resolution & Gift Presentation to Dr. Anthony Buono

Chairman Krause and Superintendent Hernandez presented a resolution and a club chair imprinted with the district's logo and thanked Dr. Anthony Buono for his years of service. Dr. Buono has resigned from his position of Assistant Superintendent effective June 30, 2018.

B. Superintendent's Report on the Branford School District - 2018

Superintendent Hernandez presented his Report on the Branford School District for 2018. Among the items that he discussed were the Branford Public Schools goal, the districts Strategic Success Plan, district capacity and professional learning, the early learning experience, technology, facilities, school community outreach, district enrollment and demographics, indicators of educational need and district discipline. Superintendent Hernandez finished his report by stating that all of the items discussed in his report were achieved with a less than 2% increase.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/ WIS NEXT GENERATION UPDATE

Superintendent Hernandez reported that the WIS grounds abatement has begun and the school is now closed and not accessible. BASS support start has been moved to BHS. A WIS support staff member will be posted at the door of BHS for WIS parents with questions and for dropping off forms.

Superintendent Hernandez stated that BHS graduation just took place and the weather was beautiful and that both the BHS and WIS graduations went well.

Superintendent Hernandez stated that there was a good end to the school year and that he was looking forward to next year.

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CONSENT AGENDA

A. Healthy Food Certification

MOTION (O'Connor/Borris) to approve the Healthy Food Certification as discussed during the May 9, 2018 Personnel & Finance Committee.

Healthy Food Option

"RESOLVED that pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of

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CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.”

Exemption for Food Items

“**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store.”

that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such teachers in writing of this action.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communication Committee (Joanne Borrus, Chair).

Next scheduled meeting: **Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.**

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

Next scheduled meeting: **Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 6:30 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.**

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

Next scheduled meeting: **Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.**

D. Policy Committee (John O’Connor, Chair).

Next scheduled meeting: **Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media**

PTA MEETINGS

BHS - John O’ Connor & Shannen Sharkey

Scheduled Meetings: No set meeting schedule.

WIS – Joanne Borrus, Michael Krause & Betsy Regan

Scheduled Meetings: All meetings will be held in the WIS Media Center at 6:30PM
No meetings scheduled at this time

JBS – Maria Ehrhardt & Shannen Sharkey

Scheduled Meetings: All meetings will be held in the JBS Library at 7:00PM
No meetings scheduled at this time

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PTA MEETINGS (Continued)

Tisko – Betsy Regan

Scheduled Meetings: All meetings to be held in the MTM Library at 6:30PM

No meetings scheduled at this time

Murphy – Ellen Michaels & John Prins

Scheduled Meeting: All meetings to be held in the MTM Café at 7:30PM

No meetings scheduled at this time

BOARD REPORTS:

ACES – Ellen Michaels reported ACES held their last meeting of the year. At this meeting they recognized students, retirees and the new incoming superintendent. Ms. Michaels also stated that in the school year 2019/2020 the town of Hamden is taking back the Wintergreen school building.

BECC – Ellen Michaels stated BECC is working on a community trauma initiative and will continue more screening for community outreach.

CABE – John Prins reported that planning for the convention is moving along. Auditions were held and members will be choosing the student entertainers tomorrow. This year CABE is shooting for electronic registration for attendees.

ADJOURN

04 Motion (Borris/Sharkey) to adjourn. Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting 8:23 PM.

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

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