

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Communication Committee Minutes

DATE: August 14, 2019
SUBJECT: Communication Committee

LOCATION: Branford High School Lower Media Center
Branford, CT

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ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Joanne Borrus, Committee Chair	Board of Education
Y	Michael Krause, CIC	Board of Education
N	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
Y	John O'Connor	Board of Education
Y	Dawn Perrotti	Board of Education
Y	John Prins	Board of Education
Y	Elizabeth Regan	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: Donna Mingrone, Director of Technology

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:12 PM by Committee Chair, Joanne Borrus.

APPROVE MINUTES

02 MOTION (Krause/Michaels) to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2019 Special Communication Committee Meeting.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

03 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Walsh Intermediate School (WIS) Project Update

Superintendent Hernandez provided an update on the WIS construction project. Among the items that he discussed were the students return to school, WIS student orientation, gym access for students, abatement and air testing including parent communication, BOE communication and the possibility of a revised calendar for WIS when it comes time to move over to the new space. Superintendent stated that the view that people see right now of WIS is not the finished look as the outside panels for the building needed to be sent back and once the final product is in place it will change the look. Superintendent Hernandez also stated that the eastern part of the building (the curtain wall) will be all glass and should be in place next week. Superintendent Hernandez concluded his update by stating that this time next year, we will have been in the building for six months.

B. Website Update

Donna Mingrone, began by giving a “sneak peek” of the district’s new website. Mrs. Mingrone discussed the survey that went out to stakeholders to find out what they did and didn’t like about the district’s website. She showed the Board what items will populate the website and discussed what was needed to make the switch between the existing website and the new one. She stated that the website can be translated into different languages and the goals for the new website are to inform, educate and connect. Mrs. Mingrone played a video that showed how to navigate the new site. She concluded by stating that messaging will begin this Friday letting the district community know that the new website is available and that next Friday the current website will switch over to the web browser version.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments made at tonight's meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair, Joanne Borrus., adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.

The next Communication Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019,
at 6:00 PM Meeting at Branford High School, Lower Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan
Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich