

## BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 18, 2019

LOCATION: Branford Public Schools Lower Media Center  
185 East Main Street, Branford, CT

SUBJECT: Board of Education Meeting

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### ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Shannen Sharkey, Chair	Board of Education
Y	John R. Prins, Vice-Chair	Board of Education
Y	Betsy Regan, Secretary	Board of Education
N	Joanne Borrus	Board of Education
Y	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
Y	Meredith Gaffney	Board of Education
Y	Michael Krause, CIC,	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
N	Dawn Perrotti	Board of Education
N	Riyanshu (Riya) Bam	Student Representative
N	Mia Josephy-Zack	Student Representative
N	Minsok Lee	Student Representative
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others present: Raeanne Reynolds, WIS Principal

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### BUSINESS ITEMS

#### ITEM DESCRIPTION

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#### CALL TO ORDER

01 Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by BOE Chair, Shannen Sharkey.

02 **MINUTES APPROVAL**

A. MOTION (Prins/Krause) to approve minutes from the November 20, 2019 Full Regular BOE Meeting  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gregg Jerolman, Branford resident, discussed the November Full Regular BOE meeting, he commended Mr. Prins on his appointment of BOE Vice-Chair and the State of the District Report presented by Superintendent Hernandez.

#### PRESENTATION

##### B. WIS Owner, Architect, Construction (OAC) Team

The OAC Team gave a presentation on the WIS project. They discussed the construction phase 1 recap (June 2018 through December 2019), the construction phase 2 (January 2020 through August 2021), and the initial demolition. They showed pictures of the exterior façade, the cafeteria, the reading and research area (interior and exterior), the central stair case. They discussed what's next in phase 2 including temporary parking and student drop off (January 2020 through May 2021), temporary school entrances, temporary nurse and School Based Health Officers, Temporary spaces and public access, the existing academic wing selective demolition (January 2020 through May 2020), construction alteration (June 2020 through August 2021) and the completed building project (September 2021).

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### BOE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

BOE Student Representative were not able to attend this evenings meeting.

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

Superintendent Hernandez stated that he recently submitted an article for Branford's 375<sup>th</sup> birthday, there will be a Goodbye to WIS Event on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Superintendent Hernandez concluded his report by thanking the staff and students at WIS for their Herculean effort.

### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

**03 A. BHS Model Congress Donation**

MOTION (Prins/Regan) to accept the \$2,000 donation made to the BHS Model Congress.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**04 A. First Reading of Policy 6200 Adult Education**

MOTION (Michaels/Regan) to send policy 6200-Adult Education to Full BOE for Second Reading.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**05 D. Second Reading of Policy 1331 Smoke-Free Environment**

MOTION (Michaels/Ehrhardt) to adopt Policy 1331 – Smoke-Free Environment.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

### PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments made during this section of tonight's meeting.

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Communication Committee** (Joanne Borrus, Chair). Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.

**B. Personnel & Finance Committee** (John O'Connor Chair). Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 6:30 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.

**C. Teaching & Learning Committee** (John Prins, Chair). Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at 7:00 P.M., Branford High Lower Media Center.

**D. Policy Committee** (Ellen Michaels, Chair). Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.

### BOARD REPORTS:

**ACES** – Ellen Michaels discussed the ACES meeting that she attending including the recognition of Students who designed their Christmas cards. She stated that Patrice McCarthy from CAFE attended this meeting and spoke about legislative priorities.

**BECC** – In the absence of Dawn Perrotti this evening Ms. Sharkey stated that the BECC will be hosting a documentary (Raising America) at the Community House on January 14, 2020.

**CAFE** – John Prins spoke about the legislative priorities that came out of the Delegate Assembly, the New Leadership Conference that was recently held and attending the Council of Chief State Offices.

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**ADJOURN**

**06** MOTION (Prins/Michaels) to adjourn meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Sharkey adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM

**The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
at 7:00 PM at Branford High School, Lower Media Center,  
185 East Main Street, Branford, CT**

**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

Prepared by  
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