

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 19, 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	Michael Krause, CIC, Chair	Board of Education
Y	John O'Connor, Vice-Chair	Board of Education
N	Betsy Regan, Secretary	Board of Education
N	Joanne Borrus	Board of Education
N	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels (<u>via telephone</u>)	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	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others present: State Senator Christine Cohen, State Representative Sean Scanlon, State Representative Robin Comey, Sarah MacDougall, BEA President and Jim O'Connor, BAO President

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

01

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by BOE Chair, Michael A. Krause.

AGENDA CHANGES

Chairman Krause moved the Superintendent's State of the District Report to the August 21, 2019 Full Regular BOE Meeting.

02

MINUTES APPROVAL

A. MOTION (Prins/O'Connor) to approve minutes from the May 8, 2019 Full Special BOE Meeting
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

B. MOTION (O'Connor Prins) to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2019 Full Regular BOE Meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATION

Chairman Krause stated that he received a letter from a community member regarding the Costco application. Chairman Krause said that the application is a Town matter and not a Board matter so he would not be sharing the letter at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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PRESENTATION

A. State of Connecticut Legislators

State Senator Christine Cohen, State Representations; Sean Scanlon and Robin Comey, provided a recap on the legislative session focusing on education and other issues relevant to Branford.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/WIS NEXT GENERATION UPDATE

In his report this evening Superintendent Hernandez discussed; fire drills for the month of June, ERACE graduation, the start of the Summer Meals Program (June 24th) and a letter that he received from the Special Olympic commending BHS custodian, Joe Martone. Superintendent Hernandez shared with the Board copies of the WIS awards ceremony and graduation programs, a copy of the most recent BHS writing edition and a copy of the WIS 8th grade year book.

03

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Capital Budget Re-designations

MOTION (O'Connor/Prins) to approve the Capital Budget Re-designations as discussed by Don Neel at the June 5, 2019 Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Styrofoam Products Alternative

MOTION (O'Connor/Prins) to approve the use of alternatives to Styrofoam products as presented and discussed at the June 5, 2019 Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

04

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. 2019-2020 School Year Calendar

Superintendent Hernandez discussed the proposed change to the 2020 April Spring Recess Break. He proposed that the original BOE approved dates of April 6 through April 10, 2020 be changed to April 10, 2020 as an early release day and April 14 through 17, 2020 to be the new dates of the break in order to align with surrounding districts. BEA President, Sarah MacDougall and BAO President, Jim O'Connor, discussed their support of the proposed change.

MOTION (O'Connor/Prins) to approve the proposed 2019-2020 school year calendar change.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

B. First Reading of Policies

MOTION (O'Connor/Perrotti) to approve the first reading of the policies:

a. 5131.911 – Bullying

b. 5145.14 – On Campus Recruitment

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communication Committee (Joanne Borrus, Chair). Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 6:00 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.

B. Personnel & Finance Committee (John O'Connor Chair). Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 6:30 P.M., Branford High School Lower Media Center.

C. Teaching & Learning Committee (John Prins, Chair). Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 7:00 P.M., Branford High Lower Media Center.

D. Policy Committee (Ellen Michaels, Chair). Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 6:00 P.M., John B. Sliney Elementary School, 23 Eades Street, Branford, CT.

BOARD REPORTS:

ACES – Chairman Krause presented this evenings ACES report. He stated that at its last meeting ACES celebrated their retiring employees. The next meeting will be in September and will be held in conjunction with the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Leeder Hill Project.

BECC – Dawn Perrotti did not have anything to report this evening.

CABE – John Prins stated that CABE is preparing for the Delegate Assembly.

ADJOURN

05 MOTION (Krause/Perrotti) to adjourn.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM

**The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2019,
at 7:00 PM at Branford High School, Lower Media Center,
185 East Main Street, Branford, CT**

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Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan
Secretary

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