

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Communication Committee Minutes

DATE: June 5, 2019

LOCATION: Branford High School Lower Media Center
Branford, CT

SUBJECT: Communication Committee

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ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Joanne Borrus, Committee Chair	Board of Education
N	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
N	Dawn Perrotti	Board of Education
Y	John Prins	Board of Education
Y	Elizabeth Regan	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:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

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

02 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Walsh Intermediate School (WIS) Project Update

Superintendent Hernandez started his report by stating that fencing has gone around the building in preparation of Phase 2 of the project. Although there is no abatement currently going on they have started to mobilize for abatement of the large gym once school gets out.

Superintendent Hernandez showed pictures of the progress that included interior framing, a second floor hallway, a circulator in the mechanical room, duct work, a clear story made of glass, an eastern view of the outside that included brickwork and the height of the building. Superintendent Hernandez concluded with a picture of the top of the building that depicted placement of mechanical units. He concluded his report by stating that we are on schedule and hope to move in in January. He stated that the WIS staff has been outstanding throughout the process and he wanted to thank them for their professionalism and enthusiasm.

B. Summer Meals

Superintendent Hernandez discussed the Summer Meals Program. He stating that the program is in its fifth year the program has expanded extensively and we are now partnering with the Rec. Department, the Community Dining Room, the YMCA, Chartwells, the Animal Shelter and Tabor. A press release will be going out tomorrow. The program will be held at BHS, Tisko and Sliney Schools, from June 30th through August 15th. It is for children 18 years and younger, there is no financial requirement or eligibility. Superintendent Hernandez reported that the when program first started we served around 5,000 meals, last year we served just under 30,000 meals and we anticipate to serve around 30,000 meals again this year. This has become a very popular program and John Turenne, the food service director has done a tremendous job.

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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 6:25 PM.

The next Communication Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2019,
at 6:00 PM Meeting at Branford High School, Lower Media Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan
Secretary

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