

## **SPECIAL BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: September 25, 2019

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

SUBJECT: Board of Education Meeting

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### **ATTENDANCE**

<b>HERE</b>	<b>ATTENDEE</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
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
Y	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others present:

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### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **ITEM DESCRIPTION**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by BOE Chair, Michael A. Krause.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Assistant Superintendent Sexton introduced the following new certified staff members:

- Sarah Alvarez – BHS School Psychologist
- Nicole Cosgrove - MRT Science Teacher
- Heidi Everett-Cacopardo – WIS Science Teacher
- Jessica DeNicola - MTM Grade 3 Teacher
- Alicia Hahn - BHS Special Education Teacher
- Lidia Lopresto – WIS Special Education Teacher
- Carolyn Mancini - MRT Grade 4 Teacher
- Angela Nilsson - MTM Grade 2 Teacher
- Christina Prekulaj – MTM ELA Coach
- LeAnna Rosarbo - MTM Kindergarten Teacher
- Amy Todisco – MRT Grade 3 Teacher
- Debbye Vitti - MRT Math Coach

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#### **PRESENTATION**

##### **A. State of the District Report**

Superintendent Hernandez began the presentation by saying that the take away for this evenings presentation is the context in which we do things. We operate a 56+ million-dollar budget, we have in excess of 500 employees, close to 3000 students, six bargaining units, oversight of multiple major contracts including

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**PRESENTATION (Continued)**

transportation and food service, a variety of collaboratives, we work with outside agencies and we do this all with our three core values in mind which is reflection, a growth mindset (we should never stay stagnant) and all of us can always improve upon their practice and our students can always do more than we think that they can do.

Together Superintendent Hernandez and Assistant Superintendent Sexton discussed; the BPS Theory of Action, the BPS Goal, operationalizing the SSP, district capacity and professional Learning, Student Learning – SBA Achievement, Growth and School Day SAT. They also discussed the Districts Pre-K Program, Technology, Facilities, School District Community Outreach, district enrollment, the changing face of Branford, the indicators of educational need and the road ahead for BPS.

**03 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION (Perrotti/Prins) to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent of Schools 2018-2019 Evaluation.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairman Krause Adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 7:08 PM.

**04 RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

MOTION (Perrotti/Prins) to return to Regular Session.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairman Krause returned the meeting to Regular Session at 9:14 PM.

**05 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

**A. Superintendent’s Contract**

Motion (O’Connor/Prins) to extend the Superintendent’s Contract by one year to the 2021-2022 school year.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION (O’Connor/Prins) to increase the Superintendent’s salary by 2% in each of the three years and add a \$1,000 annuity to the first year.

APPROVED (Sharkey abstained)

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**ADJOURN**

MOTION (Sharkey/Perrotti) to adjourn.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 9:17 PM

**The next Full Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2019,  
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

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