

SPECIAL BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 6, 2020 LOCATION: Branford High School Lower Media Center
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ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Shannen Sharkey, Chair	Board of Education
Y	John R. Prins, Vice-Chair	Board of Education
N	Joanne Borrus	Board of Education
Y	Chad Edgar	Board of Education
N	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
Y	Meredith Gaffney	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
Y	Dawn Perrotti	Board of Education
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Don Neel, Chief Operating Officer	Central Office
Y	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others present:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

This meeting was conducted remotely in accordance with State of Connecticut Executive Order No. 7b, issued by His Excellency Ned Lamont

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by BOE Chair, Shannen Sharkey.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

02 **2019-2020 School Year Calendar Amendment**

A. 2019-2020 School Year Calendar Amendment

Superintendent Hernandez discussed amending the 2019-2020 school year calendar. He stated that in consultation with the unions, Board of Education and district leadership, it would be in the best interest of our district students, families and staff to take the five days from our current calendars spring break (April 13-17) and disperse those days throughout April and May. Superintendent Hernandez stated that the reason for this change is because we do anticipate that the Governor will be extending the school closures beyond April 20. Superintendent Hernandez noted that this is a serious virus and we should be adhering to all of the precautions so that we can get back to a normal environment as quickly as possible. Superintendent Hernandez stated that he would recommend that the Board consider postponing and rescheduling the spring break to dates determined by the administration no later than the end of this week. He also noted that there will be a calendar committee meeting next week. In closing, Superintendent Hernandez reiterated that April 10 is still a day off for students & staff therefore, there will be no Flex Learning).

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM (Continued)

b. MOTION (Prin/Michaels) Move to delegate the authority to change and/or amend the 2019-2020 Branford Public Schools school year calendar to include any changes as ascribed to April break.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

03 MOTION (Prins/Michaels) to adjourn.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Sharkey adjourned the meeting 1:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Gaffney
Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Erich