

## BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

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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	Meredith Gaffney, Secretary	Board of Education
N	Joanne Borrus	Board of Education
Y	Chad Edgar	Board of Education
Y	Cristina Cantu	Board of Education
N	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
Y	Dawn Perrotti	Board of Education
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Don Neel, Chief Operating Officer	Central Office

Others present: Michael Pascucilla, East Shore District Health Department Director; Dr. Richard Young, District Physician; Joe Carbone, Supervisor Buildings & Grounds; Charles Cicarella, Director Student Services; Lee Panagoulas, BHS Principal; Raeanne Reynolds, WIS Principal and Dr. Maria Clark, JBS Principal

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### 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**

#### 01 CALL

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by BOE Chair, Shannen Sharkey

#### 02 PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments made during this public comment section.

#### 03 PRESENTATION

##### A. 2020-2021 School Reopening Presentation

Superintendent Hernandez and Assistant Superintendent Sexton gave a presentation on the reopening of the 2020-2021 school year.

#### 04 SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021 REOPENING QUESTION & ANSWER TOWN HALL

BOE Chair, Shannen Sharkey, and State Representative, Robin Comey, moderated this Town Hall session. Questions from members of the Branford Public Schools (BPS) community were submitted via email and were answered by Michael Pascucilla, Dr. Richard Young and members of the BPS Administrative Team.

#### 05 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

##### A. BHS Donations (2)

a. MOTION (Prins/Michaels) to accept the donation of \$5000 that was given to the Class of 2020 by Project Graduation.

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**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM (Continued)**

b. MOTION (Prins/Michaels) to accept a donation of \$5,000 that was given to the BHS Robotics Team by the Branford Community Foundation.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

There were no public comments made during this section of this evenings meeting.

**06**

**ADJOURN**

MOTION (Michaels/Prins) to adjourn.

APPROVED

Ms. Sharkey adjourned the meeting 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Gaffney  
Secretary

Prepared by,  
Kerry Eyrich