

SPECIAL BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 6, 2020
SUBJECT: Board of Education Meeting

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting
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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:

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 5:00 PM by BOE Chair, Shannen Sharkey

02 **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Modification of the 2020/2021 School Year Calendar

Superintendent Hernandez and the members of the Board discussed the modified 2020-2021 school year calendar.

MOTION (Prins/Gaffney) to approve the modification of the 2020/2021 School Year Calendar.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS

Stephanie, District parent, discussed the hybrid model starting with half days and preparing students for the school year (i.e. wearing masks).

Damien Gietzen, District parent, spoke about having a day care option for working parents.

Victorianna Adinolfi, District parent, asked about the shortening of breaks in regards to the reduction of school days from 180 to 177.

Leesan & Scott Villa, District parents, discussed teacher training, their concerns regarding the reduction of school days and students grades for next year.

Celia Toche, District parent, spoke about the start of school and the impact on families, the reopening plan and also transparency and communication.

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ADJOURN

- 04** MOTION (Gaffney/Michaels) to adjourn.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Sharkey adjourned the meeting 5:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Gaffney
Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Erich