

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 10, 2021

LOCATION: Branford High School Lower Media Center
185 East Main Street, Branford, CT

SUBJECT: SPECIAL Superintendent's Budget Presentation

ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	John R. Prins, Chair	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels, Vice-Chair	Board of Education
Y	Meredith Gaffney, Secretary	Board of Education
Y	Peter Berdon	Board of Education
Y	Joanne Borrus	Board of Education
Y	Cristina Cantu	Board of Education
Y	Chad Edgar	Board of Education
Y	Dawn Perrotti	Board of Education
Y	Dr. Tim Raynor	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

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by BOE Chair, John Prins.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET PRESENTATION

02 Superintendent Hernandez stated that the theme of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget is: "Adaptability." Among the items Superintendent Hernandez discussed were:

- Adaptability (the need to be nimble and adaptable, classrooms over the years 1800's through today),
- The FY 22 budget survey results, BPS critical data (enrollment, teacher FTE, Free and Reduced and High Needs),
- The District's ELL population
- Critical data historical (percentage of students eligible for free & reduced and percentage of high needs students), the Superintendent's FY 22 budget priorities (maintain reasonable class size; transition to post pandemic – shift to accelerated learning, SEL, extend learning and enrichment opportunities; identify learning gaps, support professional learning and growth for all staff – SEL and DEI, and meet all contractual obligations),
- What the budget supports (transitions the District's comprehensive programming back to pre-pandemic implementation, allocates and reallocates resources to address "known" learning gaps resulting from non-traditional learning models and further creates culturally responsive curriculum, instruction and assessments, funds 100% of the medical self-insurance & OPEB, supports the transition to Phase II of WIS 2.0, and supports instructional coaching system),
- Comparison of major "drivers"
- Superintendent's budget requests historical (average request 2.00%)
- BPS enrollment

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Superintendent Hernandez concluded his presentation by stating that his FY 22 proposed budget request is a 1.29% increase, which translates into \$758,046 for a grand total of \$59,587,008. This is significantly below average and is a very responsive budget.

ADJOURN

03 Mr. Prins adjourned the meeting at 7:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Gaffney
Secretary

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