BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION Communication Committee Minutes

DATE: November 10, 2021 LOCATION:

ON: Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria 185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT

SUBJECT: Communication Committee

ATTENDANCE		
HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Meredith Gaffney, Committee Chair	Board of Education
Y	Peter Berdon	Board of Education
Y	Meaghan DeLucia	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
Ν	Dawn Perrotti	Board of Education
Y	John Prins	Board of Education
Y	Dr. Tim Raynor	Board of Education
Y	Laura Troidle	Board of Education
Y	Marie Watson	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

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Committee Chair, Meredith Gaffney.

APPROVE MINUTES

- 02 MOTION (Berdon/Gaffney) to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2021 Communication Committee Meeting. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
- 03 MOTION (Berdon/Raynor) to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2021 Communication Committee Meeting. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ITEMS

04 A. COVID-19 Update/

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Among the items that Superintendent Hernandez discussed were; the upcoming Pediatric Vaccination Clinic for 5-11 year olds (WIS, November 13, 2021 from 1-5:00 PM); Screen and Stay Rollout (the week of November 15-19, 2021); an explanation of Screen and Stay; Screen and Stay eligibility; Screen and Stay examples of exclusions; Screen and Stay parent/guardian requirements and process and the Governor's November 10, 2021 Screen and Stay announcements to families.

05 B. Walsh Intermediate School (WIS) Project

Superintendent Hernandez stated that Antinozzi should have the draft report on the fields this week and he will push it right out to the Board for their review. The only caveat is the estimation for options which will be ready for the December meeting. Superintendent Hernandez stated that he wanted to point out that this is for school based needs and not community based. We will continue to work with the First Selectman's office. The pool is on schedule to be completed in January.

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DISCUSSION/UPDATE ITEMS (Continued)

06 D. 2022 BOE Meeting Schedule

Superintendent Hernandez discussed the 2022 meeting schedule. Mr. Hernandez stated that we are not locked into Wednesday nights, there is a time constraint to get the schedule to the Town and discussed what constitutes a Special meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gregg Jerolman, Branford resident, congratulated the reelected and new BOE members. Mr. Jerolman also spoke about the Superintendent's evaluation, contract discussions and past BOE meeting agendas.

Karin Perricone, District employee, spoke about adding the BHS and WIS Dance Teams trip to Florida to the next BOE meeting agenda.

Jennifer Orlando, District parent, spoke about the fields, seeing it go through the budget process and collaboration with the Town.

Marta Kenney, District parent, spoke about her concerns for full classroom quarantines, screen and stay and the elimination of full classroom quarantines.

ADJOURNMENT

07 MOTION (Berdon/Raynor) to adjourn. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Gaffney adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM.

The next Communication Committee Meeting will be held on December 8, 2021, at 6:30 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria

Respectfully submitted, Meredith Gaffney Secretary Prepared by, Kerry Eyrich