

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Communication Committee Minutes

DATE: August 10, 2022

LOCATION: 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
N	Cristina Cantu	Board of Education
Y	Meaghan DeLucia	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
Y	John Prins	Board of Education
N	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

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by Meredith Gaffney.

APPROVE MINUTES

02 MOTION (Watson/Prins) to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2022 Communication Committee Meeting.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ITEMS

03 A. School Opening

Superintendent Hernandez provided an update on the 2022-2023 school opening. Among the items that he discussed were; the new location of Central Office (185 Damascus Road), Important Dates (Convocation, professional learning day, teacher work day, first day for students, Labor Day), vaccination clinic dates, BPS issued self-test kits, steps to take if COVID positive, Test-Mask-Go, mental health wellness day (2 per student per year, non-sequential), open house nights and Strategic Coherence Planning (final selection of members, meeting calendar and initial session).

04 McDowell Communication Group (MCG)

Assistant Superintendent Sexton, spoke about; advertising for next year's program and Maura Fitzgerald's visit where she toured and spoke with the summer program teacher leaders and visited classrooms. Mr. Hernandez also discussed the district's relationship with local media outlets as well.

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PUBLIC COMMENT/DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMUNITY ON DISCUSSION
UPDATE ITEMS

Gregg Jerolman, Branford resident, spoke about current district openings, the Superintendent's retirement and communications.

ADJOURN

- 05** MOTION (Troidle/DeLucia) to adjourn.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Gaffney adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM.

The next Communication Committee Meeting will be held on September 14, 2022
at 8:00 PM in the WIS Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Gaffney, Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich