

**BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

DATE: December 14, 2022  
SUBJECT: Policy Committee

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

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**ATTENDANCE**

<b>HERE</b>	<b>ATTENDEE</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Y	Marie Watson, Acting Committee Chair	Board of Education
Y	Peter Berdon	Board of Education
Y	Cristina Cantu	Board of Education
Y	Meaghan DeLucia	Board of Education
Y	Meredith Gaffney	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
Y	John Prins	Board of Education
Y	Dr. Tim Raynor	Board of Education
Y	Laura Troidle	Board of Education
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office
N	Don Neel, Chief Operating Officer	Central Office

Others present:

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**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

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**CALL**

- 01** Meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM by Marie Watson.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Gregg Jerolman, Branford resident, spoke about looking at redoing and reinvigorating various policies, the importance of putting time and effort into these policies, following the policies, organization charts, discussing the Superintendent's salary in his presence, the Board following their policies, the right way to run a Board, bringing a new Superintendent on and applying things consistently.

Jenny, District parent, spoke about her child who is gender non-conforming, registering her child in the District, past and present student stories that she has heard, "her child's not so great experience," making sure that student input is being put into account and taking everything that is helpful into account.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 02** MOTION (Troidle/Prins) to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2022 Special Policy Committee Meeting.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**DISCUSSION/UPDATE/ACTION ITEMS**

- 03** **A. Policy 5145 – Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth**  
MOTION (Raynor/Gaffney) to send policy 5145 to the full Board for the first reading.  
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**ADJOURN**

- 04** MOTION (Troidle/Raynor) to adjourn.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Marie Watson adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.

**Pending approval of the 2023 BOE Meeting Schedule. This meeting will be a Special meeting.**

The next Policy Committee meeting will be January 11, 2023  
at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Gaffney, BOE Secretary

Prepared by,  
Kerry Eyrich