

**BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: January 26, 2022 **LOCATION:** Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria
185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT
SUBJECT: Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting

HERE	ATTENDEE	ATTENDANCE	AFFILIATION
Y	Dawn Perrotti, Committee Chair		Board of Education
Y	Peter Berdon		Board of Education
Y	Meaghan DeLucia		Board of Education
N	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	Marie Watson		Board of Education
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent		Central Office
Y	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent		Central Office
Y	Charles Cicarella, Jr., Student Services Director		Central Office
Y	Donald Neel, Chief Operating Officer (COO)		Central Office

Others present:

CALL

01 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Dawn Perrotti.

APPROVE MINUTES

02 MOTION (Michaels/DeLucia) to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2021 Personnel & Finance Committee meeting.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/CONSENT ITEMS

03 **2021/2022 Monthly Expenditures**
Don Neel provided the monthly expenditures report.

04 **2021/2022 Special Education Tuition & Transportation Monthly Expenditures**
Charles Cicarella, stated that there was a slight tuition increase of \$11,700, a slight increase of \$1,300 in transportation expenses, projecting total expenses for tuition and transportation to be about 3.85 million dollars, against a budget of 3.99 million dollars, showing residuals of \$144,000 going into June 30th. Mr. Cicarella concluded by stating that we are expecting some changes (increase) next month due to placement changes.

05 **Personnel Report**
Don Neel gave the monthly personnel report.

06 **ESSER Funds Update**
Don Neel provided an update on the ESSER Funds.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Orlando, District parent, spoke about getting a copy of presentations.

Gregg Jerolman, Branford resident, spoke about meeting information timeliness, the personnel report, monthly expenditures, para turnover and District leadership.

Leeann LeRock, MTM para, spoke about the December school calendar, the three additional minimum days and full day pay for paras.

Annie MacDonald, UE Field Organizer, spoke about what an extraordinary time it is for paras, para wages, same respect as certified staff, Board consideration of the 3 minimum days (provide them paid time off).

ADJOURN

07 MOTION (Michaels/Watson) to adjourn.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Dawn Perrotti adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

**The next Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting will be
February 9, 2022, at 7:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.**

Please Note: This is a combined Budget Workshop/Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Gaffney
Secretary

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