BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL Communication Committee Minutes

DATE: November 16, 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	
Y	Cristina Cantu	Board of Education	
Y	Meaghan DeLucia	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	Don Neel, Chief Operating Officer	Central Office	
Others present:			

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM by Meredith Gaffney.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brett Joly, District parent, spoke about World Languages, language programs in North Haven, District employment, and the languages that his daughters speak.

Gregg Jerolman, Branford resident, asked about dialogue with the Committee. Mr. Jerolman also spoke about Superintendent Hernandez comments regarding turnover at the administrative level, the Superintendent's search, and a complaint made to the police department.

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ITEMS

02 A. Strategic Planning Committee Update

Superintendent Hernandez reported that the data scanning committee will be meeting on the 29th, the Committees work is on target and the BOE will have a report in either January or February at the latest.

03 B. McDowell Consulting Group Update

Maura Fitzgerald from MCG provided an update on the work that MCG has been doing for the District. Ms. Fitzgerald discussed Summer/Fall highlights, social media metrics, website redesign (before and after), Summer Enrichment Programs/Principal Meetings, collaboration of written content, moving forward in 2023, feedback and questions.

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04 C. 2023 BOE Meeting Schedule

Superintendent Hernandez and BOE members discussed the proposed 2023 BOE Meeting Schedule including; meeting order, day and time changes, and voting on the calendar in December.

05 D. COVID-19 Test Kit Mailing

Superintendent Hernandez discussed the COVID-19 Test Kit mailing to students. Mr. Hernandez stated that we are doing the same thing that we did last year (mailing a test kit to each student).

ADJOURN

06 MOTION (Prins/Cantu) to adjourn. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Gaffney adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted, Meredith Gaffney, Secretary Prepared by, Kerry Eyrich