BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL RETREAT MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 13, 2022

LOCATION: Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria 185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT 06405

SUBJECT: Board of Education Meeting

ATTENDANCE		
HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Peter Berdon, Chair	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels, Vice-Chair	Board of Education
Y	Meredith Gaffney, Secretary	Board of Education
Y	Cristina Cantu	Board of Education
Y	Meaghan DeLucia	Board of Education
Y	John R. 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
Ν	Don Neel, Chief Operating Officer	Central Office
Others present: Jonathan Costa, EdAdvance		

ITEM DESCRIPTION

BUSINESS ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

01 Meeting was called to order at 5:44 PM by BOE Chair, Peter Berdon.

DISCUSSION ITEM

02 Board of Governance & Board Role and Board Member Reflection Prioritizing and Organizing the 22-23 BOE Work

Jonathan Costa, facilitated this evening's BOE Retreat. Among the items discussed this evening were; Four Questions to Start (1. Why did you run, 2. One responsibility of the BOE, 3. Three statutory functions and 4. What authority is BOE member granted to ensure that these functions are fulfilled), Coherence/Focus (align the systems that matter most), Leadership Focus (goals for learning, assessment & measurement, resource development, policy and regulation, community engagement, instruction for deep learning), Coherence Curricula (subject area responsibilities, everyone's responsibility, align your systems with your goals for learning), Alignment and Coherence, Five Rules of All Successful Boards/Members (1. stay focused on the mission, 2. stay in your lane, 3. systems orientation, 4. common cause vs. special cause, 5. be prepared, stay positive, communicate and follow the status, your bylaws and policies), Specific Centered Evidences, Board of Education Role (leadership focus, goals for learning, assessment & measurement, resource deployment, policy and regulation, community engagement, instructional practices), Levels of Decision Making (statute, Board policy and local onsite implementation), Bylaws - a Boards framework for governing themselves, a Systems Orientation (less about "who"/more about "how"), Systems Thinking, Linear Thinkers/System Thinkers, Common and Special Causes, Common Cause Problems/Special Cause Problems, Common Cause Issues/Special

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DISCUSSION ITEM (Continued)

Cause Issues, Key Status Reminders for Boards/Members, A Reflection Framework, the scope of work for the coming year (Superintendent transition, adoption of new policy manual, Strategic Coherence Planning, JBS Facilities, Murphy Principal appointment, Paraprofessional negotiations, budget development, and Communication Consultant).

ADJOURN

03 MOTION (Raynor/Gaffney) to adjourn. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Berdon adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Meredith Gaffney Secretary Prepared by, Kerry Eyrich