

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 16, 2023

LOCATION: Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria

SUBJECT: Board of Education Meeting

185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT

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
N	Laura Troidle	Board of Education
N	Marie Watson	Board of Education
Y	Dr. Christopher Tranberg, 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 TO ORDER

- 01** Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by BOE Vice-Chair, Ellen Michaels.

AGENDA CHANGES

MOTION (DeLucia/Prins) to add approval of Organization Flow Chart as presented in the Superintendent’s Entry Plan as Discussion/Action Item IX letter F.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gregg Jerolman, Branford resident, spoke about good things happening (process, action items, transparency), moving in the right direction, changes, Board Members; Dr. Tim Raynor, Peter Berdon and Chad Edgar, processes and what needs to happen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 02** A. MOTION (DeLucia/Prins) to approve the minutes from the following BOE meetings:
- a. June 7, 2023 Full Special BOE Meeting
 - b. July 12, 2023 Special BOE Retreat Meeting
 - c. July 25, 2023 Special BOE Retreat Meeting

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COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications shared this evening.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee Chairs Meeting

Next scheduled meeting: September 7, 2023, 5:00 P.M., This meeting is held virtually.

B. Teaching & Learning Committee (Ellen Michaels, Chair)

Next scheduled meeting: September 13, 2023, 6:00 P.M., Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Ellen Michaels reported that Teaching & Learning did not meet this month.

C. Personnel & Finance Committee (Meaghan DeLucia, Chair)

Next scheduled meeting: September 13, 2023, 7:00 P.M., Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Meaghan DeLucia stated that the Committee went over the list of current projects happening at the schools, they went over the ESSER grant and expenditures that happened over the summer.

D. Policy Committee (Marie Watson, Chair)

Next scheduled meeting: September 13, 2023, 7:30 P.M., Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Ms. Watson was absent from this evenings meeting.

E. Communication Committee (Meredith Gaffney, Chair)

Next scheduled meeting: September 20, 2023, 6:00 P.M., Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Ms. Gaffney reported that the committee went through Dr. Tranbergs first starting plan, discussed the CABE conference and discussed social media.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Among the items that Superintendent Tranberg discussed in his report this evening were; the CABE Summer Leadership conference that took place this past Thursday, 585 students participated in summer programming, Convocation is this Friday at BHS (all Board members are invited to attend), congratulations to Tom Ermini for his new position in Westport and his transitioning out of the District, we are in a great position regarding staffing, First Student is fully staffed and the primary election that will affect the schedule at Indian Neck (no impact to the calendar).

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

03 Second Reading Policy – 5825 Physical Activity, Undirected Play and Student Discipline

MOTION (Raynor/DeLucia) to approve the second reading of and adopt policy 5825.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

04 A. To consider and if appropriate, vote to appoint the new Assistant Superintendent of Schools

MOTION (Gaffney/Prins) to approve the appointment of Allison Moran as the new Assistant Superintendent of Schools

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

05 B. To consider and if appropriate, approve the BHS Dance Teams Field Trip Request.

MOTION (Prins/Gaffney) to approve the BHS Dance Teams Orlando, Florida field trip request.

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

06 C. To consider and if appropriate, approve the Family Resource Grant.

MOTION (Prins/DeLucia) to approve the FRC Grant Funding Allocation.

APPROVED UNANANIMOUSLY

07 D. To consider and if appropriate, approve the 2023-2024 Non-Resident Tuition Rates.

MOTION (Prins/DeLucia) to approve the 2023-2024 Non-Resident Tuition Rates.

APPROVED UNANANIMOUSLY

08 E. First Reading of Policies:

a. 5000 Non-Discrimination (Students)

MOTION (Prins/Gaffney) to amend policy 5000 as discussed.

APPROVED UNANANIMOUSLY

b. 5000 Non-Discrimination (Students)

MOTION (Prins/DeLucia) to approve the first reading of policy 5000 as amended.

APPROVED UNANANIMOUSLY

c. 5300 Administration of Medication, 5400 Food Allergies and/or Glycogen Storage Disease, 5800 Student Discipline and 6150 Weighted Grading for Honors Classes.

MOTION (DeLucia/Gaffney) to approved the First Reading of policies 5300 Administration of Medication, 5400 Food Allergies and/or Glycogen Storage Disease, 5800 Student Discipline and 6150 Weighted Grading for Honors Classes.

APPROVED UNANANIMOUSLY

09. F. To consider and if appropriate, approve the Organizational Flow Chart

MOTION (Raynor/Gaffney) to approve the Organizational Flow Chart as Presented in the Superintendent's Entry Plan.

APPROVED UNANANIMOUSLY

BOARD REPORTS

A. ACES – Ms. Michaels stated that ACES meetings will be back in September

B. CABE – In his report this evening Mr. Prins discussed upcoming CABE meetings, a call for proposals for the delegate assembly and the North East Region (NSBA) meeting coming up at the end of September.

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ADJOURN

- 10** MOTION (DeLucia/Prins) to adjourn.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.

NEXT FULL BOARD MEETING:

September 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM, Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Gaffney
Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich