

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Communication Committee Minutes

DATE: February 15, 2023

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
N	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 6:05 PM by Meredith Gaffney.

APPROVE MINUTES

02 MOTION (Prins/Troidle) to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2022 Communications Committee meeting and the January 18, 2023 Special Communication Committee meeting.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gregg Jerolman, Branford resident, spoke about last week's meetings, a union leader speaking about the calendar, the Ferguson report, Mr. Raynor's comments and the Superintendent, showing the speaker and the BOE and District Leaders.

03 A. Calendar Options

MOTION (Cantu/Prins) to recommend the 2023-2024 calendar option 2 and the 2024-2025 calendar option to the Full Board for approval as consent agenda items.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

04 B. COVID-19 Update

In his update this evening Superintendent Hernandez discussed; vaccination clinics (February 25th), reported COVID cases, universal precautions, moving in the right direction, sun setting the COVID dashboard starting next year, a dip in attendance in December, the number of permissible absence days (10), the States concern in absences and optional mask wearing by students in schools.

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DISCUSSION/UPDATE ITEMS

05 C. Black History Month

Rachel Sexton discussed the various month of events at BHS being held in learning commons, WIS hosting an event for students during the day along with an evening event for Families (Blues and Beyond on March 2) and a variety of events at the elementary schools celebrating cultural arts.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Gaffney adjourned the meeting at 6:44 PM.

The next Communication Committee Meeting will be held on March 15, 2023
at 6:00 PM in the WIS Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Gaffney, Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich