

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 24, 2024
SUBJECT: Board of Education Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE

| HERE | ATTENDEE | AFFILIATION |
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| Y | Peter Berdon, Chair | Board of Education |
| Y | Ellen Michaels, Vice-Chair | Board of Education |
| Y | Meaghan DeLucia, Secretary | Board of Education |
| Y | Judith Barron | Board of Education |
| N | Adam Greenberg | Board of Education |
| Y | Marie McNamara | Board of Education |
| Y | Ram Shrestha | Board of Education |
| Y | Shawn Tiernan | Board of Education |
| Y | Laura Troidle | Board of Education |
| Y | Clare Barnett | Student Representative |
| N | Kimberly Caracondo | Student Representative |
| Y | Iva Sekerovic | Student Representative |
| Y | Conor Spaulding | Student Representative |
| Y | Dr. Christopher Tranberg, Superintendent | Central Office |
| Y | Allison Moran, Assistant Superintendent | Central Office |
| N | Michael Lopes, Finance Manager | Central Office |

Others present:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL TO ORDER

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by BOE Chair, Peter Berdon.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes made this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Berdon reported that he did not have any communications to discuss this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gregg Jerolman, Branford resident, spoke about the budget including feedback given, other Districts budget requests, last week’s Communications meeting's public comment, feedback and dialogue. Mr. Jerolman also discussed an article from the New Haven Register.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

02 MOTION (Tiernan/DeLucia) to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2024 Full Regular BOE Meeting.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

BOE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Among the items that the BOE Student Representatives discussed this evening were; the last few months have been heavily populated with recognitions and opportunities for the Arts, last month’s CAS banquet

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BOE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT (Continued)

the Shoreline Alliance Student Arts Show, the Annual BACA Arts Show (opens May 1), BHS seniors work experience, end of the year senior events including Prom (next Friday at Anthony's Ocean View) and the class trip to Holiday Hill, post-graduation announcements, new couches on the senior balcony, AP exams (May 6-17), year book distribution and signing, final exams (June 6-12), scholarship awards, commencement rehearsal, BHS graduation is June 12 (if raining will be held in the BHS Student Center) and the Seal of Biliteracy test.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Among the items that Superintendent Tranberg discussed this evening were; today was Administrative Professionals Day, Governor Lamont's visit to Tisko Elementary School (solar legislation), looking forward to welcoming our new COO (Blaize Levitan) next week, the search is underway for the Athletic Director (possible Special meeting May 8 to appoint) and the Director of Early Childhood, Zum's hiring event (goal of hiring 65 drivers), a Special tree planting celebration this Friday at Tisko and the End of the Year Events Calendar for BOE members (live document).

STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Teaching & Learning Committee

Ellen Michaels stated that the last meeting the Committee discussed Summer Programming (starts July 1).

B. Personnel & Finance Committee

Meaghan DeLucia reported that at the last meeting the Committee discussed the finance expenditures for the year and the ESSER report.

C. Policy Committee

Shawn Tiernan stated that tonight the Committee advanced four policies (2200, 5550, 5725 and 6100) to this evening's full Board for First Reading.

D. Communication Committee

Laura Troidle stated that at the last meeting the Committee talked about the Annual Report, having a presentation on Parent Square, the Communication Survey, changing our website provider, the Parent Square App and talking a lot about how we communicate with the public (ongoing).

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Prior to discussing the Consent Agenda Items those in attendance this evening observed a moment of silence for BHS student, Isabela Osler.

03 To consider and if appropriate, vote to approve the First Reading of policies

MOTION (Tiernan/Troidle) to approve the First Reading of policies:

- a. 2200 Student Records (FERPA)
- b. 5550 Homeless Students
- c. 5725 The awarding of Posthumous High School Diplomas
- d. 6100 Advanced Course or Program/Challenging Curriculum

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Continued)

04 To consider and if appropriate, vote to approve the Second Reading of policies

MOTION (Michaels/Tiernan) to approve the Second Reading of policies:

- a. 4250 Employee Use of the District's Computer Systems and Electronic Communications
- b. 5800 Student Discipline
- c. 5900 Student Use of the District's Computer Systems and Internet Safety
- d. 5950 Use of Private Technology Devices by Students

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

05 A. To consider and if appropriate, vote to approve the revised Definition of Deep Learning (Strategic Coherence Plan) as recommended by the Professional Development and Evaluation Committee.

MOTION (DeLucia/Tiernan) to approve the revised Definition of Deep Learning as recommended by the Professional Development and Evaluation Committee.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

06 B. To consider and if appropriate, vote to approve the anonymous donation made to the District's for the outstanding lunch debt.

MOTION (DeLucia/Barron) to approve the anonymous donation of \$1777.01 made to the District for the outstanding lunch debt.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

07 C. To consider and if appropriate, vote to approve the Federal Program Enhancement Project (PEP) Grant Authorization

MOTION (Michaels/McNamara) to approve the Federal Program Enhancement Project (PEP) Grant Authorization

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

BOARD REPORTS

ACES - Ms. Michaels stated that met 2 weeks ago, approved 5 more budgets and an executive session to discuss the Directors evaluation.

CABE - Mr. Tiernan reported that CABE communications have been focused on the legislature and the next meeting is a legislative wrap-up.

PTA REPORTS

Ms. Barron discussed the Week of the Young Child, summer camp registration (now open) and a reminder to share photos for posting on social media,

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ADJOURN

Before adjourning the meeting Mr. Berdon reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule for May and June

08 MOTION (Troidle/DeLucia) to adjourn.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Berdon adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Meaghan DeLucia
Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich

MAY 2024 BOE MEETINGS

(All meetings will take place in the WIS Cafeteria unless otherwise specified)

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| BOE Committee Chairs Meeting (Virtual) | May 2, 2024 at 5:00 PM |
| Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting | May 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM |
| Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting | May 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM |
| Policy Committee Meeting | May 8, 2024 at 7:30 PM |
| Communication Committee Meeting | May 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM |
| Full Regular Board Meeting | May 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM |