

**BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL RETREAT MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 20, 2024

**LOCATION:** Walsh Intermediate Schools, Room 112  
185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT

**SUBJECT:** Board of Education Meeting

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**ATTENDANCE**

| HERE | ATTENDEE                   | AFFILIATION        |
|------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 |
| N    | Marie McNamara             | Board of Education |
| N    | Ram Shrestha               | Board of Education |
| Y    | Shawn Tiernan              | Board of Education |
| N    | Laura Troidle              | Board of Education |
| Y    | Dr. Christopher Tranberg   | Central Office     |
| Y    | Allison Moran              | Central Office     |
| Y    | Blaize Levitan             | Central Office     |

Others present: Attorney Julie Reznik, Shipman & Goodwin, LLC and Brendan Leddy, Director of Facilities

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**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**01** Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by BOE Chair, Peter Berdon.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**02 A. Legal Update Facilitated by Shipman & Goodwin, LLC**

This discussion was facilitated by Attorney Julie Reznik. Among the items that Ms. Reznik discussed were; In-school suspension, early grades out-of-school suspension, the Expulsion Hearing Notice, parental notification of student behavior, High School graduation requirements, Reminder: 2023 Legislation on School Climate, paid sick leave, the Mandated Report Statute, Mandated Report Statute: Preliminary Inquiries, Mandated Reporters: Immunity from Liability, Initial Educator Certificate and Repeal of the Provisional Educator Certification, Broadening Grades Covered by Certain Teaching Endorsements, Subject Area Assessments and Cross Endorsements, Technical High School and Trade Occupations Educator Certificates, Reminder: School Indoor Air Quality and HVAC Inspections (indoor air quality and DAS Directive), HVAC Inspection and Evaluation, Reserve Funds, Distribution of Paraeducator Professional Development Funding, Ban on Delegating Authority of Schedule Thanksgiving Day High School Football Games, Title IX Compliance Toolkit for the School Districts, Federal Update: 2024 Title IX Final Rule, Major highlights – 2024 Federal Regulations, What Final Regulations Mean for K-12 Schools, Scope of Title IX, Definition of Sex-Based Harassment, Federal Update: 2024 title IX Final Rule, School Bus Seatbelt Program, Cell Phone Use Policy and Shipman and Goodwin’s website (ctschoollaw.com) dedicated to emerging school issues.

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**TOUR OF BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**03** At 6:38 PM Superintendent Tranberg, Brendan Leddy and all Board members present for this evening's meeting boarded a Zum bus and took a tour of the following district facilities; Walsh Intermediate School, Branford High School, Mary T. Murphy and Indian Neck Schools. Among the items discussed during the tour were facility improvements in relationship to the master improvement plan.

**ADJOURN**

**04** Upon arrival back at Walsh Intermediate School, Mr. Berdon adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meaghan DeLucia  
Secretary

Prepared by,  
Kerry Eyrich