

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 13, 2024
SUBJECT: Superintendent's Budget Presentation

LOCATION: This meeting was held virtually

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
Y	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	Dr. Christopher Tranberg, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Allison Moran, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Michael Lopes, Finance Manager	Central Office

Others present:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

- 01** Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by BOE Chair, Peter Berdon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gregg Jerolman, Branford resident, spoke about the budget, the budget process, things solidly moving in the right direction, new District Leadership, time to invest more, seven suggestions not included in the budget (good to have/nice to have), the budget that Dr. Tranberg has given us plus seven things, greater investments in the paraprofessional contract, school security, the athletic fields processes, the search for Chief Operating Officer and hiring one person for finance and one person for human resources (greater talent and leadership).

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET PRESENTATION

- 02** Among the items Superintendent Tranberg discussed in his Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Presentation were: the District's Mission, Vision and Global Learning Competencies, Core Values (Growth Mindset, Continuous Improvement and Reflective Practice) and Definition of Deeper Learning, the Strategic Coherence Plan (SCP) Goals, Strategies at a Glance, Student Enrollment (December 2021 through December 2023) and Enrollment Projection, High Needs Population (counts and percentages), Historical Enrollment and Staffing (BPS Enrollment and Teacher FTE's), Historical Meal Subsidy and High Needs Data (BPS Free and Reduces and BPS High Needs Percentages), Historical Increases (Superintendent Proposed, BOE Approved and RTM Approved), Expense Types (Fixed Costs, Required Costs, Variable Costs), Budget Overview (Benefits 18.4%, Purchased Services 13.8%, Tuition 6.3%, Supplies 3.6%, Property 0.1%, Other 0.2% and Salaries 57.6%), Increase Drivers (Purchased Services 11.9%, Transportation 10.4%, Tuition 21.1%, Dues/Fees/Subsidy 0.8%, Communications 1.9%, Utilities 1.1%, Wages 44.5% and Benefits 8.4%), BOE Budget Priorities Survey results, Investments (SCP), Capital Request High Lights (Technology Lease, High School Roof, Master Facilities Plan, Tennis Court Seating and Indoor Air Quality), Anticipated Future Requests (Program Pathways at BHS, Student

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SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET PRESENTATION (Continued)

Choice at WIS – electives, BHS School Psychologist, Programming for Special Populations, Academic and Behavioral Interventionists and Communications Coordinator/Webmaster), the Superintendent's Proposed Budget (Proposed Budget \$65,984,396; Dollar Increase \$3,072,752; Percentage Increase 4.88%) and the Budget Timeline (February 13 – Budget Workshop, February 14 – Budget Workshop/BOE Personnel & Finance Committee Meeting, February 21 – BOE Budget Adoption, March 21 - Board of Finance Budget Hearing, April 1 – RTM Education Presentation and May 14 – RTM Budget Decision).

ADJOURN

03 MOTION (DeLucia/Michaels) to adjourn.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM by Mr. Berdon.

Respectfully submitted,
Meaghan DeLucia
Secretary

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