

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes

DATE: April 9, 2025

LOCATION: Walsh Intermediate School
Collaboration & Innovation Center (Room 112)
185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT

SUBJECT: Teaching & Learning Committee

ATTENDANCE

| HERE | ATTENDEE | AFFILIATION |
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| Y | Ellen Michaels, Committee Chair | Board of Education |
| Y | Peter Berdon | Board of Education |
| Y | Judith Barron | Board of Education |
| Y | Meaghan DeLucia | Board of Education |
| Y | Adam Greenberg (Virtual) | Board of Education |
| N | Marie McNamara | Board of Education |
| N | 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 |
| N | Blaize Levitan, Chief Operating Officer | Central Office |

Others in attendance: Raeanne Reynolds, WIS Principal, Dianne Dadio, SEL Coordinator, Laura Dell, WIS World Language Teacher and Liz Young, WIS Guidance Counselor and Dr. Katie Wagner, Director of Secondary Education

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL TO ORDER

- 01** Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Ellen Michaels.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments made at this evening's meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES

- 02** MOTION (Tiernan/DeLucia) to approve minutes from the March 12, 2025 Teaching & Learning Committee.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (by all BOE members attending in person and virtually)

PRESENTATION

- 03 A. Leader in Me (LIM)**
Among the items that were discussed in this evening's presentation were; how the LIM ties into the Goals of the Strategic Coherence Plan, recap of the Definition of Deep Learning (Feedback, Content, Context and Community), a quote by Dr. Stephen Covey, How it Started and Why, LIM Framework - See: Five Core Paradigms (Leadership, Potential, Change, Motivation and Education), Do: Highly Effective Practices (Culture, Academics and Leadership), The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, Goals for 2024-2025, the Lighthouse Committee (Coordinators, Administrators and Committee Members), Beacon Teams, Habit 1-7 - LIM Committee Members, Beacon Team and Vision), LIM Lessons, Student Lighthouse Committee (key roles and responsibilities) and Get: Measurable Results (overall LIM score - Student, Staff and Family Surveys) and Leading a LIM School.

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

04 B. Textbook Proposals

MOTION (Tiernan/DeLucia) to send the following textbooks to the Full Board for approval:

- a. Biology, by Miller and Levine
- b. Medical Terminology, An Online Course
- c. Environmental Science for the AP Course, 4th Edition
- d. Health Now: An Integrative Approach to Personal Health
- e. Perspectivas
- f. The Language of Composition, 4th edition

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ADJOURN

05 MOTION (DeLucia/Tiernan) to adjourn.

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Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM.

The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting is:
May 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,
Meaghan DeLucia, Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich