

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes

DATE: March 12, 2025 **LOCATION:** Walsh Intermediate School
Collaboration & Innovation Center (Room 112)
185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT

SUBJECT: Teaching & Learning Committee

ATTENDANCE

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

Others in attendance: Dr. Katie Wagner, Director of Secondary Education and Lisa Hernandez-Corcoran, Director of Elementary Education

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL TO ORDER

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Ellen Michaels.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVE MINUTES

02 MOTION (DeLucia/Tiernan) to approve minutes from the January 15, 2025 Teaching & Learning Committee.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (by all BOE members attending in person and virtually)

PRESENTATIONS

03 A. Student Learning Update

Among the items that were discussed in this evening's presentation were; a look at the district's Strategic Coherence Plan (Strategic Actions), the Definition of Deep Learning, Winter Universal Screening; ELA & Math - Fall to Winter Composite Comparison (Aimsweb Reading) – percentile and grade level; ELA & Math – Fall to Winter Growth Percentiles (Reading Growth by Grade) – growth percentile and grade level; ELA Aims Reading – Winter 24 to Winter 25 Overall (Aims scores, winter grades 1-8; Aims Math – Winter 24 to Winter 25 Overall (Aims scores, winter grades K-8); winter trends and next steps, PSAT Cohort Comparisons, PSAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (class of 2026 PSAT Distribution – Matched Cohort – EBRW, Reading and Writing grades 10 and 11 - not yet approaching, approaching and meets/exceeds) and PSAT Mathematics (class of 2026 PSAT Distribution – Matched Cohort – Math, 2023 & 2024, grades 10 and 11 - not yet approaching, approaching and meets/exceeds).

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PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

04 B. Reading Update

Among the items that were discussed in this evening's presentation were; K-4 Literacy Update, HMH Into Reading is a resource not a curriculum, literacy coaching and targeted professional development, and the ongoing learning journey.

ADJOURN

05 MOTION (Tiernan/DeLucia) to adjourn.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (by all BOE members attending in person and virtually)

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting is:
April 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,
Meaghan DeLucia, Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich