

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes

DATE: May 7, 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
Y	Judith Barron	Board of Education
Y	Meaghan DeLucia	Board of Education
N	Adam Greenberg	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
N	Blaize Levitan, Chief Operating Officer	Central Office

Others in attendance: Dr. Kathleen Wagner, Director of Secondary Education

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL TO ORDER

- 01** Meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 April 9, 2025 Teaching & Learning Committee.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

03 A. CNA Program

Among the items that were discussed in this evening's presentation were; a recap of the District's Mission, Global Competencies, Strategic Coherence Plan (SCP) and Definition of Deep Learning, Development of Pathways (Goals for 2025-2026 School Year – Development of Pathway: Health Science and Strengthen ECE Program Offerings), Why a CNA Program, CNA Program Overview (offered in partnership with Excel Academy, 1.5 Credit Course - Science/STEM Elective, Blended Learning Model: Classroom plus Clinical and Eligible for Connecticut CNA Certification Exam), CNA Program Benefits (certification before high school graduation; preparation for nursing/healthcare careers, builds critical soft skills: empathy communication, problem-solving, clinical hours may support future graduate programs), CNA Program: Target Audience (juniors and seniors – must be 16 years of age or turning within the school year, especially those interested in – healthcare, direct to work paths, nursing school or allied health careers), CNA Program: Curriculum Highlights (modules covering – communication and safety, basic and personal care skills, mental health and cognitive impairments,

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restorative services, resident rights, total – 100 plus hours, class room and clinical), CNA Program: Logistics and Facility (two dedicated class rooms, no new staffing needed – Excel Academy provides RN instructor, estimated enrollment – 10 students with a minimum of 8), CNA Program: Budget Overview (cost per student - \$1500, covers tuition, material, equipment, instructor, clinical supervision, additional \$138 per student for CNA exam, Year 1 cost for 10 students \$16,380, funding: covered by grants and building based budget) and CNA Program: Community Partnerships (Excel Academy partnership ensures high-quality instruction and clinical placements, builds bridges with local healthcare providers, strengthens our role in workforce development).

04 B. Year in Review and Future Planning

Among the items that were discussed in this evening's presentation were; September (Summer Programs: Conceptual Overview and Assessment Outcomes, Overview of Teaching and Learning Committee Calendar for 2024-2025), October (Secondary Performance update – attendance data, smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA), Next Generation Science Standards Assessment (NGSS), Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), AimswebPlus, School Goals: WIS and BHS, Harboring Civility: Embracing Differences through Discourse), November (Elementary Performance Update – attendance data, SBA and AimswebPlus, School Goals: Murphy, Sliney and Tisko), December (BHS New Course Proposals – Biology Honors, ECE Introduction to Allied Health Professions – UCONN, ECE Medical Terminology (UCONN), Robotics Foundations, Residential Construction, ECE Kinesiology: Exercise and Wellness for Everyone – UCONN, ECE Intermediate Spanish Composition – UCONN, Art and Culture, Proposed Enhancements to Early Childhood Education: Full-Day PreK), January (K-4 Math Textbook Selection Process: think!Mathematics and Developing Roots, Summer School Data: Aimsweb, Grades and Attendance), March (Student Learning Update: Winter Aimsweb Data K-8, PSAT, K-4 Literacy Update – From Program to Resource: Meeting the Need of All Learners), April (Leader in Me at WIS, BHS Textbook Proposals – Biology, Medical Terminology, Environmental Science, Health Now: An Integrative Approach to Personal Health, Perspectivas – Spanish, The Language of Composition), May (Certified Nurse Aide Program Proposal, Year in Review and Future Planning) and Looking Ahead: Future Planning.

ADJOURN

- 05** MOTION (DeLucia/Tiernan) to adjourn.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 6:36 PM.

The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting is:
September 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,
Meaghan DeLucia. Secy

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich