

BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 15, 2017

LOCATION: Branford High School Lower Media Center
185 East Main Street, Branford, CT

SUBJECT: FY 18 Budget Workshop Meeting

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ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Michael Krause, CIC, Chair	Board of Education
Y	John O'Connor, Vice-Chair	Board of Education
Y	Betsy Regan, Secretary	Board of Education
N	Joanne Borrus	Board of Education
N	Maria Ehrhardt	Board of Education
Y	Judith Hotz	Board of Education
Y	Kate Marsland	Board of Education
N	John R. Prins	Board of Education
Y	Shannen Sharkey	Board of Education
N	Kiersten Bjork	Student Representative
N	Emily Borst	Student Representative
N	Madison Daniels	Student Representative
N	Carol Frye	Student Representative
N	HyunJin Lim	Student Representative
N	Jack Nelson	Student Representative
N	Daniel Shamas	Student Representative
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Dr. Anthony Buono, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others present: Robin Goeler, Lee Panagoulis, Dianabel Aviles, Donald Neal, Charles Cicarella, Jr., Joe Carbone

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman, Michael Krause.

DISCUSSION

02 **Education & Capital Budget**

Superintendent Hernandez presented for discussion the proposed 2017-2018 budget of \$55,314,698, an increase of \$1,064,799 or 1.96%. The budget is very tight. Major drivers (contracted salaries, benefits, utilities, transportation and tuition costs) total \$50,178,440 of the budget. He reported the unfortunate news that the Governor's proposed budget restructures the ECS Grant and will likely result in a \$507,889 shortfall for Branford. In addition, the Governor's proposed budget shifts the Teachers Retirement Benefit to the towns, resulting in a cost of \$2,747,784 for Branford. These costs would increase the Superintendent's proposed budget by a total of \$4,320,472. Board members will consider where cuts can be made at the next workshop on Feb. 22, and will adopt a budget to be proposed to the RTM at the Feb. 22 meeting.

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ADJOURN

Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Regan
Secretary