

**BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes**

DATE: December 11, 2024 **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
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
Y	Blaize Levitan, Chief Operating Officer	Central Office

Others in attendance: Lee Panagoulis, BHS Principal; Kathleen Wagner, Director of Secondary Education; BHS Department Lead Staff Members; and Lauren Skultety, Director of Early Childhood Education

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL TO ORDER

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:02 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 November 13, 2024 Teaching & Learning Committee meeting as amended.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

03 A. BHS New Course Proposals

MOTION (Tiernan/DeLucia) to send the following proposed courses to the to the full Board for approval:

- a. Biology Honors
- b. ECE Introduction to Allied Health Professions (UCONN)
- c. ECE medical Terminology (UCONN)
- d. Robotics Foundations
- e. Residential Construction
- f. ECE Kinesiology: Exercise and Wellness for Everyone (UCONN)
- g. ECE Intermediate Spanish Composition (UCONN)
- h. Art and Culture

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

04 A. Proposed Enhancements to Early Childhood Education

Among the items that were discussed in this evening's presentation were; the proposal for 2025-2026 School Year of bringing full day Preschool to Branford, Goals for the Future of Early Childhood in Branford, Programming Differences (Current and Future), Historical Special Education PreK Numbers, Input from our Current PreK Families, Budgetary Considerations, Local Comparisons and Next Steps.

ADJOURN

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

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.

The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting is:
January 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,
Meaghan DeLucia, Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich