

**BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

DATE: November 13, 2024 LOCATION: Walsh Intermediate School
SUBJECT: Policy Committee Collaboration & Innovation Center (Room 112)
185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT

ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Shawn Tiernan, Committee Chair	Board of Education
Y	Peter Berdon	Board of Education
Y	Meaghan DeLucia	Board of Education
Y	Judith Barron	Board of Education
Y	Adam Greenberg	Board of Education
Y	Marie McNamara	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
Y	Ram Shrestha	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 present:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL TO ORDER

- 01** Meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM by Shawn Tiernan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION ITEMS

Danielle Rice, District parent, participated virtually. Ms. Rice spoke about being concerned parents, considering private schools, disturbing events at WIS and BHS, other children in her neighborhood attending private schools, coming up with better policies and ways to manage some of the behaviors at WIS and BHS.

Gabe Gambardella, District parent, spoke about Epinephrine and Narcan in nurses office and cafeteria, epi pens being removed from central locations, disciplinary algorithm, tolerance level in school system and manifest of disciplinary action, parents being made aware of methods keeping our children safe.

Jess Hurney, District parent, spoke about wanting her kids to attend BPS, exploring options for children, involvement in the community and sports, lack of discipline, driving families away, feelings of being ignored, what needs to be happening, growing up in Guilford, the incident that happened a few weeks ago and the hope that Board can listen to what parents are saying

Matthew Rettig, District parent, spoke about a statement from his son who is in grade 3, his son's attendance and experience at a BHS football game and being scared to attend the high school, what is being run and what is being tolerated, Branford's reputation and kids taking the current policies seriously.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DISCUSSION ITEMS (Continued)

Kevin Reiss, District parent, spoke about being in Branford since 1997, never heard anyone being afraid to attend BHS before, consequences for kids and being harder on the rules and the incidence that occurred last month, monitoring on line what is going on, but heads together to come up with better ways and not losing quality people.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 02** MOTION (Troidle/Shrestha) to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 03 C. 5800 – Student Discipline**
MOTION (Troidle/Shrestha) to recommend policy 5800 to the Full Board for First Reading.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
- 04 B. 5750 – FAFSA Completion**
MOTION (Troidle/Shrestha) to recommend policy 5750 to the Full Board for First Reading.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
- 05 A. 5300 – Administration of Medications**
MOTION (Troidle/Shrestha) to recommend policy 5300 to the Full Board for First Reading with proviso that it may be modified when Ms. Troidles question is answered.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

- 06** MOTION (Shrestha/DeLucia) to adjourn.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
Mr. Tiernan adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

The next Policy Committee meeting will be December 11, 2024
at 7:30 PM at Walsh Intermediate School, Collaboration & Innovation Center (Room 112)

Respectfully submitted,
Meaghan DeLucia, Secretary

Prepared by,
Kerry Eyrich