

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Teaching & Learning Committee

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**ATTENDANCE**

<b>HERE</b>	<b>ATTENDEE</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
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
Y	Adam Greenberg	Board of Education
N	Marie McNamara	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: James O'Connor, MRT Principal; Maria Clark, JBS Principal; Imani Jones, MTM Principal and Lisa Hernandez Corcoran, Director of Elementary Education

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**01** Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by BOE Chair, Peter Berdon.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**02** MOTION (DeLucia/Tiernan) to approve minutes from the October 9, 2024 Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**PRESENTATIONS**

**03 A. Elementary Student Performance Update and School Goals**  
This evening Assistant Superintendent Moran and members of the elementary administrative team discussed the following; a reminder/review of our Mission and Global Competencies, Strategic Coherence Plan and our Definition of Deep Learning; Student Performance Update, Elementary Chronic Absenteeism (missing 10 percent or more of the total number of days enrolled during the school year) an improvement last year over the previous two years, what measures being done to deter absenteeism, to know why there is absenteeism and forming committees; Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) ELA performance Grade 3 (percentage Not Met, Approaching, Met and Exceeded); SBA ELA Performance Grade 4 (percentage Not Met, Approaching, Met and Exceeded); Rough Cohort: ELA Class of 2031; SBA Mathematics

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**PRESENTATIONS** (Continued)

performance Grade 2 (percentage Not Met, Approaching, Met and Exceeded); SBA Mathematics performance Grade 4 (percentage Not Met, Approaching, Met and Exceeded); Rough Cohort: Mathematics Class of 2032; Fall Universal Screen: Reading; Aimsweb Early Literacy - Fall 2023/Fall 2024 (Kindergarten - Vocabulary/Initial Sounds/Letter Name Fluency / Letter Word-Sounds Fluency); Aimsweb Early Literacy - Fall 2023/Fall 2024 (Grade 1 - Letter Word-Sounds Fluency/Nonsense Words Fluency/Oral Reading Fluency/Phoneme Segmentation/Word Reading Fluency); Aimsweb Reading - Fall 2023/Fall 2024 (Grade 2 - Oral Reading Fluency/Reading Comprehension/Vocabulary/Composite); Aimsweb Reading - Fall 2023/Fall 2024 (Grade 3 - Oral Reading Fluency/Reading Comprehension/Vocabulary/Composite); Aimsweb Reading - Fall 2023/Fall 2024 (Grade 4 - Reading Comprehension/Silent Reading Fluency/Vocabulary/ Composite); Fall Universal Screening Mathematics; Aimsweb Early Numeracy Fall 2023/Fall 2024 (Kindergarten - Concepts & Applications/Number Naming Fluency/Quantity Total Fluency); Aimsweb Early Numeracy Fall 2023/Fall 2024 (Grade 1 - Concepts & Applications/Math Fact Fluency-1 Digit/Number Comparison Fluency Pairs); Aimsweb Math Fall 2023/Fall 2024 (Grade 2 - Concepts & Applications/Mental Computation Fluency/Number Sense Fluency/Number Comparison Fluency - Triads); Aimsweb Math Fall 2023/Fall 2024 (Grade 3 - Concepts & Applications/Mental Computation Fluency/Number Comparison Fluency - Triads/Number Sense Fluency); Aimsweb Math Fall 2023/Fall 2024 (Grade 4 - Concepts & Applications/Mental Computation Fluency/Number Comparison Fluency - Triads/Number Sense Fluency); Goals - A review of the Definition of Deep Learning (framework for Teaching & Learning); Leadership Framework (High Reliability Schools); MTM, MRT and JBS School Wide Goals (Goal, Theory of Action, How and Monitor & Adjust).

**ADJOURN**

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

Mr. Berdon adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting is:  
December 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meaghan DeLucia, Secretary

Prepared by,  
Kerry Eyrich