

**BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Communication Committee Minutes**

DATE: January 15, 2025
LOCATION: Walsh Intermediate School, Collaboration & Innovation Center, Room 112,
185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT
SUBJECT: Communication Committee Meeting

ATTENDANCE

HERE	ATTENDEE	AFFILIATION
Y	Laura Troidle, Committee Chair	Board of Education
Y	Judith Barron (Virtual)	Board of Education
Y	Peter Berdon	Board of Education
Y	Meaghan DeLucia	Board of Education
Y	Adam Greenberg	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
Y	Ram Shrestha (Virtual)	Board of Education
Y	Marie McNamara	Board of Education
Y	Shawn Tiernan	Board of Education
Y	Dr. Christopher Tranberg, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Allison Moran, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Blaize Levitan, Chief Operating Officer (Virtual)	Central Office

Others present:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

- 01** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Laura Troidle.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gregg Jerolman, Branford resident, spoke about the last Communication Committee meeting and the upcoming budget, comments from the Committee regarding open dialogue, an item from March 23, 2021 where the Committee voted for open dialogue, the October 1, 2021 vote of six to two where the Board allowed responses to what is said, what other Boards have allowed and being accurate and on point of what we are saying.

APPROVE MINUTES

- 02** MOTION (Greenberg/McNamara) to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024 and December 18, 2024, Communication Committee Meetings.
APPROVED (Barron abstained)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

03 **Community Updates**

Among the items discussed this evening were; the Master Facilities planning process including the second meeting has been held and we are in the data gathering process, starting next month opportunities for community engagement, the revised timeline (June - final report) and the groups representation, preventative maintenance planning, meeting every third week, a landing page on our website and a video with highlights as to why we are doing this planning, The Anxious Generation book club scheduled for February 13th at the Blackstone Library at 6:30 (the Blackstone Library, the Willoughby Wallace Library and BPS Central Office have copies of the book to be lent out), 60 people have signed up to be informed in ParentSquare and the budget presentation next Wednesday at 6:30.

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

04 Community Engagement

Among the items discussed this evening were; email distribution lists including QR code that can be utilized, information shared with the RTC and DTC town groups with the goal that people outside the BPS community can have access to these important things, scheduling Superintendent appearances (Lions Club, Rotary) and gathering interest in budget presentations (possible PTA meeting invite), website optimization to include pages for Master Facilities, *The Anxious Generation* book club (information and related research), the proposed language for public comment and advice from council not to respond as a result of public comment (need to respond as a whole and not as an individual), proposed language reads can not or should it read does not and closing language possibly including that the appropriate person will be in touch.

ADJOURN

05 MOTION (McNamara/Greeberg) to adjourn.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Troidle adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM.

The next Communication Committee Meeting will be held on
February 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School
Collaboration & Innovation Center, Room 112

Respectfully submitted,
Meaghan DeLucia
Secretary

Prepared by,
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