

**BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
Communication Committee Minutes**

DATE: March 19, 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
N	Adam Greenberg	Board of Education
Y	Ellen Michaels	Board of Education
Y	Ram Shrestha	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	Central Office

Others present:

BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM DESCRIPTION

CALL

01 Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Laura Troidle.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVE MINUTES

02 MOTION (McNamara/Barron) to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2025 Communication Committee Meeting and the February 19, 2025 Special Communication Committee Meeting.
APPROVED UNANIMOUS (by all BOE members attending in person and virtually)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

03 Communication Updates

Among the items discussed this evening were; the next book club meeting with a focus on social media and impact on dopamine on March 27 being held in the WIS library being co-facilitated by Colleen Patterson a Specialist with Educational Support Services, receiving input to decide if we want to adjust our policy, the second Master Facilities Plan Community Conversation meeting on March 25 at 6:00 PM in the WIS cafeteria at the meeting options will start being laid out and possible paths and staying connected by signing up with ParentSquare.

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DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS (Continued)

04 High Reliability Schools (HRS) Overview

Among the items discussed this evening were; our Guiding Principles (Mission, Vision, Core Values, Global Learning Competencies), what adults and leaders in the community can do to contribute to a high reliability organization, commonalities that exist for the images being shown as part of tonight's presentation (consistency), what High Reliability Organizations have in common (brand consistency and written procedures how they do business, schools have a culture of how they do business/random acts of improvement), how HRS makes everything fit, the five levels of HRS (safe, supportive and collaborative, effective teaching in every classroom, guaranteed and viable curriculum, standards-reference reporting and competency-based education), Levels 1, 2 and 3 (non-negotiable - exists if a school is doing all things that HRS are doing), Levels 4 and 5 (optional - standards referenced reporting and competency based education), chasing the next generation (goal is to stop), leading and lagging indicators (safe, supportive and collaborative culture), teacher voice, quick data (quick observation, quick quantitative and quick conversations), this is the year to do a safe school climate(example of survey - student facing, parent facing and staff facing), leading indicators (4 tasks - areas of strength and growth , lagging indicators, lagging indicator data, video reflection activity, PLC in action and instructional rounds in action), areas in strength and growth and Leader in Me (safe supportive and collaborative, not just physical safety also emotional).

ADJOURN

05 MOTION (McNamara/Barron) to adjourn.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (by all BOE members attending in person and virtually)

Ms. Troidle adjourned the meeting at 6:29 PM.

The next Communication Committee Meeting will be held on
April 23, 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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