

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
March 18, 2024 – Special Meeting Board Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Bristol Board of Education was held on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the auditorium of the Board of Education Administration Building, located at 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut, and virtually via the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Russell Anderson, Eric Carlson, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula (virtual), Kristen Giantonio, Lorianne Osenkowski, Shelby Pons, Maria Simmons, Dante Tagariello, and Jennifer Van Gorder

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Catherine Carbone, Superintendent, and Dr. Michael Dietter, Deputy Superintendent, Lynn Boisvert, Finance Director and Erick Rosegren, City Council Liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Pons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Pons explained the reason for this evening's meeting was to fill the vacancy of Board Chair for the Bristol Board of Education, with Commissioner Tagariello stepping down for the remainder of his term (March 18, 2024, to November 14, 2025). Vice Chair Pons explained the voting process for this evening and since Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula was attending virtually, she will be asked to vote aloud and follow up her votes in writing after the meeting.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman of the Board of Education for the period of March 18, 2024, to November 14, 2025

Vice Chair Pons called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Education.

Commissioner Tagariello nominated Shelby Pons to the position of Chairman; Commissioner Carlson seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Anderson explained why he was nominating Commissioner Maria Simmons to the position of Chairman; Commissioner Van Gorder seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Osenkowski nominated Kristen Giantonio to the position of Chairman; Commissioner Van Gorder seconded the nomination.

Vice Pons declared the nominations closed and called for discussion.

For discussion purposes, commissioners were recognized once. Vice Chair Pons called commissioners alphabetically.

Discussion followed regarding the nominations.

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Vice Chair Pons closed the discussion and asked that ballots be distributed to commissioners. Written ballots for the position of Chairman were returned to Dr. Carbone to be tallied. Dr. Carbone read the results alphabetically.

	Nominee		Nominee		Nominee	
	PONS		SIMMONS		GIANTONIO	
	First	Second	First	Second	First	Second
	DT	EC	RA	JV	LO	JV
Commissioner ANDERSON			X			
Commissioner CARLSON	X					
Commissioner FITZSIMONS-BULA	X					
Commissioner GIANTONIO					X	
Commissioner OSENKOWSKI					X	
Commissioner PONS	X					
Commissioner SIMMONS	X					
Commissioner TAGARIELLO	X					
Commissioner VAN GORDER					X	
Total:	5		1		3	

Dr. Carbone announced that Shelby Pons was elected Chairman of the Board of Education for the period of March 18, 2024, to November 14, 2025.

With the appointment of Commissioner Pons to Chair; the position of Vice Chair must be filled.

Vice Chairman of the Board of Education for the period of March 18, 2024, to November 14, 2025

Chair Pons called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Education.

Commissioner Pons nominated Maria Simmons to the position of Vice Chairman; Commissioner Tagariello seconded the nomination.

Chair Osenkowski nominated Kristen Giantonio to the position of Vice Chairman; Commissioner Van Gorder seconded the nomination.

Chair Pons declared the nominations for Vice Chair closed and called for discussion.

For discussion purposes, commissioners were recognized once. Chair Pons called commissioners alphabetically.

Discussion followed regarding the nominations.

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Motions	Nominee		Nominee	
	SIMMONS		GIANONIO	
	First	Second	First	Second
	SP	DT	LO	JV
Commissioner ANDERSON	X			
Commissioner CARLSON	X			
Commissioner FITZSIMONS-BULA	X			
Commissioner GIANONIO			X	
Commissioner OSKOWSKI			X	
Commissioner PONS	X			
Commissioner SIMMONS	X			
Commissioner TAGARIELLO	X		X	
Commissioner VAN GORDER				
Total:	6		3	

Dr. Carbone announced that Maria Simmons was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Education for the period of March 18, 2024, to November 14, 2025.

With the appointment of Commissioner Simmons to Vice Chairman; the position of Secretary must be filled.

Secretary of the Board of Education for the period of March 18, 2024, to November 14, 2025

Chair Pons called for nominations for the position of Secretary of the Board of Education.

Commissioner Simmons nominated Jill Fitzsimons-Bula to the position of Secretary; Commissioner Pons seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Giantonio nominated Jennifer Van Gorder to the position of Secretary; Commissioner Osenkowski seconded the nomination.

Chair Pons declared the nominations for Secretary closed and called for discussion.

For discussion purposes, commissioners were recognized once. Chair Pons called commissioners alphabetically. No commissioner wished to speak.

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Motions	Nominee		Nominee	
	FITZSIMONS-BULA		VAN GORDER	
	First	Second	First	Second
	MS	SP	KG	LO
Commissioner ANDERSON			X	
Commissioner CARLSON	X			
Commissioner FITZSIMONS-BULA	X			
Commissioner GIANONIO			X	
Commissioner OSENKOWSKI			X	
Commissioner PONS	X			
Commissioner SIMMONS	X			
Commissioner TAGARIELLO	X			
Commissioner VAN GORDER			X	
Total:	5		4	

Dr. Carbone announced that Jill Fitzsimons-Bula was elected Secretary of the Board of Education for the period of March 18, 2024, to November 14, 2025.

3. Committee Assignments

Chair Pons read the revised Committee Assignments. Dante Tagariello will take my seats on Finance and Operations and Labor Relations; Jill Fitzsimons-Bula will take my position as Chair of Policy; Maria Pirro Simmons will move from alternate to committee member of Policy; Dante Tagariello will take Maria Pirro Simmons seat as alternate on Policy; Jill Fitzsimons-Bula will take my seat on School, Family and Community Partnerships.

On a motion by Commissioner Tagariello, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, Chair Pons called for discussion. Commissioners were recognized once. Chair Pons called commissioners alphabetically. Discussion followed.

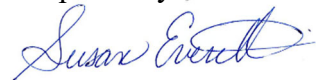
Chair Pons closed the discussion and called for a vote.

The Board of Education voted to approve the Committee Assignments as read with eight (8) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Simmons, Tagariello and Pons **IN FAVOR** of the motion; and one (1) Commissioner (Van Gorder) **OPPOSED**.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Special Board of Education meeting should adjourn. (6:24 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted



Susan P. Everett

Executive Secretary to the Board of Education

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