

**BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Bristol, Connecticut**  
**Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**

A Special Bristol Board of Education meeting was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Auditorium, located at 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut, and via the Zoom meeting platform.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Iris White, Superintendent, and Mary Hawk, Deputy Superintendent

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Pons called the Special Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. The audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of 2025-26 Budget Cuts**

On a motion was made by Eric Carlson, seconded by Russell Anderson

The Board of Education voted to approve the 2025-26 Budget Cuts.

Each Commissioner was given the opportunity to speak to the motion.

Following a Roll Call Vote of three (3) commissioners (Carlson, Tagariello, and Pons) IN FAVOR of the motion and six (6) commissioners (Anderson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Simmons, and Van Gorder) OPPOSED. The motion FAILED.

Discussion followed regarding setting up another budget workshop to further discuss the potential cuts.

**3. Appointment of Chief of Talent Management**

Superintendent White presented the Appointment of Chief of Talent Management. Recommending Joseph Grabowski as the Chief of Talent Management.

On a motion was made by Eric Carlson, seconded by Dante Tagariello.

The Board of Education voted to appoint Joseph Grabowski as Chief of Talent Management.

Each Commissioner was given the opportunity to speak to the motion.

Following a Roll Call Vote of five (5) commissioners (Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Simmons, Tagariello, and Pons) IN FAVOR of the motion and four (4) commissioners (Anderson, Giantonio, Osenkowski, and Van Gorder) OPPOSED. The motion PASSED.

**4. Adjournment**

With no other business to come before the board, the meeting should be adjourned. (8:03 p.m.).

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan Everett", is written over a light blue rectangular stamp.

Recording Secretary  
Bristol Board of Education

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