

BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Tuesday, December 20, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting – BoE Retreat Minutes

A Special Bristol Board of Education meeting was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Bristol Board of Education, located at 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Russell Anderson, Eric Carlson, Jill Fitzsimmons-Bula, Shelby Pons, Maria Simmons, Jennifer Van Gorder and Chair Dante Tagariello;

EXCUSED: Commissioners: Kristen Giantonio and Lori Osenkowski

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Catherine Carbone, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robert Villanova, Retreat Facilitator

CALL TO ORDER AND MEETING NORMS

Chair Tagariello called the BoE Commissioner Retreat to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Tagariello explained the documents that each commissioner had received at their seats and introduced Dr. Villanova.

Dr. Carbone shared with commissioners the extensive work Dr. Villanova has done in Bristol and other districts and how he has guided the work of governance across the state.

Dr. Villanova opened the meeting and explained the work of the evening.

ACTIVITIES:

Dr. Villanova began with an activity regarding the strength commissioners bring to the Board and why they became board members. Commissioners shared their strengths and whys with the group.

Throughout the evening, commissioners participated in various group activities regarding the Board of Education and Superintendent Collaborative Governance. Group discussions involved identifying the characteristics of governance teams, governance teams' roles and responsibilities, and understanding the roles, expectations, and structures of a highly effective board and superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Board of Education retreat was adjourned. (8:28 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Everett, Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education