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Bristol Board of Education
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, September 23, 2026 – 5:45 p.m.
Special Meeting Minutes

The Bristol Board of Education regular meeting was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 5:45 p.m. in the Bristol Board of Education Auditorium located at 129 Church Street and via Zoom Meeting Platform.

Present: Chair Shelby Pons, Commissioners: Jennifer Tagariello, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula (virtual), Kara Ledger, Thomas Hick, Robert Parenti, and Peter Kelley, Board Liaison

Absent: Commissioners: Kristen Giantonio and Jennifer Van Gorder; and Barbara Tedesco

Also, Present: Superintendent Iris White, Mary Hawk, Deputy Superintendent, Jodi Bond, Director of Finance, Dr. Amy Martino, Director of Pupil Services, Joseph Grabowski, Chief Talent Officer, and Jeff Telke, Supervisor of IT

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Pons called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion and Possible Action of:

2.1 Appointment/Reassignment of Board of Education Commissioners to the Policy Committee

Chair Pons called for a motion to approve the reassignment of Commissioner Ledger from Alternate to Committee Member and appointment of Commissioner Hick as alternate to the Policy Committee.

No questions or discussion followed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jennifer Tagariello and seconded by Commissioner Jill Fitzsimons Bula. Motion Carried.

2.2 Appointment/Reassignment of Board of Education Commissioners to the Finance Committee

Chair Pons called for a motion to approve the removal of Commissioner Ledger from Finance & Operations and the appointment of Commissioner Hick as Finance & Operations committee member.

Questions and discussion followed about Commissioner Ledger being alternate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jennifer Tagariello and seconded by Commissioner Robert Parenti. Motion Carried.

2.3 Appointment of Board of Education Commissioner to the School Safety Committee

Chair Pons called for a motion to approve the appointment of Commissioner Hick as School Safety committee member

No questions or discussion followed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jennifer Tagariello and seconded by Commissioner Kara Ledger. Motion Carried.

2.4 Appointment of Board of Education Commissioner to be a School Liaison

Chair Pons called for a motion to approve the appointment of Commissioner Hick as Ivy Drive School Liaison.

No questions or discussion followed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jennifer Tagariello and seconded by Commissioner Jill Ftizsimons Bula. Motion Carried.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Board of Education Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sydney Molina
Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education