

The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the Special Board of Education meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety please click the following link: [February 12, 2025 - Special Meeting Recording](#).

BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Special Meeting Minutes

A Special Bristol Board of Education meeting was held on Wednesday, February 12, 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 (virtual), Kristen Giantonio, Lorianne Osenkowski, Maria Simmons, Dante Tagariello, Jennifer Van Gorder and Chair Shelby Pons

ALSO PRESENT: Lynn Boisvert, Dr. Kimberly Culkin, Carly Fortin, Amy Martino, and Acting Superintendent, Iris White

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Pons called the Special Meeting to Order at 7:02 p.m. The audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Policy P5145.123(a), Search and Seizure Use of Metal Detectors

Jill Fitzsimons-Bula recapped what had taken place at the Special Policy & Safety meeting earlier this evening. They discussed two policies 5145.123 and 5145.12 and made some additional modifications to that policy after seeking feedback from the board attorney that we wanted to present to the full board for review, discussion, and possible action.

Jill Fitzsimons-Bula called for a motion to move Policy 5145.123 and Policy 5145.12 to the full Board for approval.

The motion was made by Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, and seconded by Russell Anderson. Carried Unanimously.

Following discussion, it was decided to withdraw the original motion.

The original motion was withdrawn by Jill Fitzsimons-Bula.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Appointment of an Executive Search Firm for the Permanent Superintendent Position

Chair Pons called for a motion to approve CES as the firm to conduct the executive search for the Permanent Superintendent Position.

The motion was made by Dante Tagariello and seconded by Kristen Giantonio.

Discussion followed regarding the process, CES granting individual interviews to those who would like to be a part of the process, CES search is a confidential process, feedback of the firm selection process, and engaging the community regarding qualities for a Superintendent.

The motion **PASSED** with nine (9) commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Simmons, Tagariello, Van Gorder, and Pons).

4. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting should be adjourned. (7:25 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

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