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Regular Policy Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2026

A Bristol Board of Education Regular Policy Committee Meeting was held on February 11, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the BoE Auditorium and via the Zoom meeting platform.

**Present:** Chair Shelby Pons , Commissioners: Lorianne Osenkowski, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula and Maria Simmons

**Also Present:** Superintendent Iris White, Deputy Superintendent Mary Hawk (6:05 p.m.) ,Chief of Talent Management Joseph Grabowski and Commissioners: Kristen Giantonio and Kara Ledger

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**2.1 01/28/2026- Regular Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula called for a motion to approve the 01/28/2026-Regular Policy Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was made by Lorianne Osenkowski and seconded by Maria Simmons.

*The Policy Committee voted 3-1 with (1) abstention from Commissioner Simmons to approve the January 28, 2026, regular meeting minutes as written.*

**3. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**4. Review And Possible Action On The Following Policies :**

**4.1 Policy 4117.4: Nonrenewal/Suspension of Certified Staff**

Chair Fitzsimons-Bula provided background information on the policies presented to the committee, noting that the Board of Education had been asked to review them to ensure compliance with findings from the previous year's audit. She invited Joseph Grabowski, Chief of Talent, to provide feedback regarding the draft Policy 4117.4. Multiple CABA policy examples for the proposed Policy 4117.4 and its accompanying regulation were shared with the committee. Mr. Grabowski recommended that the Board adopt Example #2 as written.

Committee members engaged in questions and discussion regarding the revisions and differences among the CABA examples for Policy 4117.4.

Chair Jill Fitzsimons-Bula recommended adoption of the drafted Policy 4117.4: Nonrenewal/Suspension of Certified Staff and Regulation 4117.4 without revisions.

***A motion was made by Maria Simmons and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski to forward Policy 4117.4, with the accompanying regulation on Nonrenewal/Suspension of Certified Staff, to the full Board for approval.***

#### **4.2 Policy 6141.328 Instruction, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Personal Technology in the Schools**

Chair Jill Fitzsimons-Bula provided the committee with several district policy examples, including samples from CAFE, related to Policy 6141.328 – Instruction: Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Personal Technology in the Schools.

Committee members asked questions and engaged in discussion regarding the distinctions between Policy 6141.328 and the examples that were provided. The Policy Committee also reviewed language from Policy 6141.329, noting that language approved in 2020 may contain provisions related to device use that could conflict with the BYOD policy. During the discussion, it was clarified that Policy 6141.329 pertains to devices provided by Bristol Public Schools rather than privately owned devices.

Chair Fitzsimons-Bula recommended that the committee consider rescinding the current Policy 6141.328 and instead adopt the Madison Public Schools Policy 5090.9 – Use of Private Technology Devices by Students, along with the accompanying regulation, as Bristol Public Schools Policy 5090.9 – Use of Private Technology Devices by Students and its corresponding regulation.

***A motion was made by Maria Simmons and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski to forward Policy 6141.328 Instruction, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Personal Technology in the Schools to the full Board to be rescinded.***

The Policy Committee voted unanimously to forward Policy 6141.328 Instruction, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Personal Technology in the Schools to the full Board to be rescinded.

***A motion was made by Maria Simmons and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski to forward Policy 5090.9 Use of Private Technology Devices by Students and accompanying regulation to the full Board for approval***

The Policy Committee voted unanimously to forward Policy 5090.9 Use of Private Technology Devices by Students and accompanying regulation to the full Board for approval.

#### **6. Adjournment**

Commissioner Fitzsimons- Bula adjourned the Regular Policy Committee Meeting at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary  
Bristol Board of Education