BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bristol, Connecticut Thursday, October 27, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. Special Meeting – Redistricting Workshop

A Special Bristol Board of Education meeting was held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Bristol Eastern High School, located at 632 King Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Russell Anderson, Eric Carlson, Jennifer Dube, Kristen Giantonio, Shelby Pons, Dante Tagariello and Karen Vibert

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Catherine Carbone, Superintendent, and Dr. Michael Dietter, Deputy Superintendent

ABSENT: Commissioners Todd Sturgeon and Christopher Wilson

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Meeting Norms

Chair Dube called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Dube read the meeting norms into the record.

Chair Dube turned the meeting over to Dr. Carbone to introduce representatives from The S/L/A/M Collaborative (SLAM).

2. Presentation of Redistricting Maps by SLAM

Dr. Carbone gave a brief overview of the BPS Reimagining 2023 plan and how we got to where we are today. Dr. Carbone introduced Patrick Gallagher, a Planning Manager from SLAM. Patrick Gallagher, provided a detailed report regarding Bristol Public Schools, Reimagining BPS 2023 Recommended Phase I Boundaries.

3. Discussion

Chair Dube opened the floor for discussion by Commissioners. Commissioner Giantonio had a question regarding mediation with parents that will move multiple times. Commissioner Tagariello requested trying to minimize families that will have to move three times during Phase II. Commissioner Pons shared that Commissioners would not be able to respond to parent questions this evening, but wanted them to know they were being heard and they understand how parents are feeling. Commissioner Vibert shared that this can be difficult, but we have done this before and we will work to make these transitions as seamless as possible.

4. Public Comment

Chair Dube read the Public Comment rules into the record. Dr. Carbone shared that if someone did not want to stand and speak they had the opportunity to participate in a ThoughtExchange survey. The link and QR code were provided on the screen and will be open until November 4, 2022.

The following members of the community addressed the board regarding redistricting questions or concerns Erin Ash – 19 Winston Court – Chippens Hill/Edgewood – Grades 1,3,6,8 and PreK

Matt Poulin – 7 Renee Street – MTV – Grade 1

Carrie DeNino - 20 Woodside Way - Edgewood - Grades 4 and K

Niece Zabawa – 30 Dorset Horn Lane – Chippens Hill/West Bristol – Grades 6 and 7

Jennifer Aiedziona – 54 D'Amato Lane – Stafford – Grades 5 and PreK

Chair Dube shared that there would be another Redistricting Meeting on November 17th at Bristol Central High School in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting should adjourn. (7:14 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Everett, Recording Secretary

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