

The minutes presented within this document, summarize the discussion of the Special Board of Education meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety and hear full reports, please click the following link: [February 26, 2025 - Special Meeting Recording](#).

BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, February 26, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.
Special Meeting Minutes

A Special Bristol Board of Education meeting was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Auditorium, located at 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut, and via the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Eric Carlson (virtual), Jill Fitzsimons-Bula (virtual)(5:25 in- person), Kristen Giantonio, Lorianne Osenkowski, Maria Simmons, Dante Tagariello (virtual), Jennifer Van Gorder and Chair Shelby Pons

ABSENT: Commissioner Russell Anderson

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Kimberly Culkin, Carly Fortin, Amy Martino, Iris White, candidate Mary Hawk

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Pons called the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion and Possible Action Item of Cabe's Model Policy P5145.123a & Chief of Police Morello's edits and the four (4) subsequent items (Items 3-6)

Vice Chair Simmons spoke in the absence of Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula. She called for a motion to table Item #2 and the next four items based on discussion/revisions from the Board's attorney.

The motion was made by Maria Simmons, seconded by Dante Tagariello.

Discussion followed regarding the discussion/revisions that were submitted by the attorney

The motion **PASSED** with seven (7) commissioners (Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons Tagariello, and Van Gorder IN FAVOR of the motion and one (1) Commissioner (Carlson) OPPOSED.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on the Appointment of an Acting Deputy Superintendent

Chair Pons called for a motion on the Discussion and Possible Action on the Appointment of an Acting Deputy Superintendent.

The motion was made by Maria Simmons, seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder.

Discussion followed regarding the disruption to a building, the amount of the contract/MOA, the timing of the appointment, financial implications, the need to fill the position, the timeframe of the appointment, the hiring process before this evening's appointment, qualifications and being grateful that Mrs. Hawk has stepped up to assist the Superintendent.

The motion **PASSED** with seven (7) commissioners (Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello, and Van Gorder IN FAVOR of the motion and one (1) Commissioner (Giantonio) OPPOSED.

Mrs. Hawk addressed the board briefly regarding the appointment.

Superintendent White read Mrs. Hawk's bio to the audience.

8. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting should be adjourned. (5:28 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

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