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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
November 14, 2023 – Special Meeting Board Meeting**

A Special Meeting of the Bristol Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the auditorium of the Board of Education Administration Building, located at 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut, and virtually via the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Russell Anderson, Eric Carlson (Virtual), Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, Kristen Giantonio, Lorianne Osenkowski, Shelby Pons, Maria Simmons, Dante Tagariello, and Jennifer Van Gorder

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and that the audience stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Carbone read the meeting norms into the record and explained the Election of Officers process. Since Commissioner Carlson, was attending virtually, Commissioner Carlson was asked to vote aloud and follow up his votes in writing.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman of the Board of Education for a Two Year Period (Nov. 14, 2023 to Nov. 14, 2025)

Dr. Carbone called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Education.

Commissioner Pons nominated Dante Tagariello to the position of Chairman; Commissioner Carlson seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Osenkowski nominated Kristen Giantonio to the position of Chairman; Commissioner Anderson seconded the nomination.

For discussion purposes, commissioners were recognized once. Dr. Carbone called commissioners alphabetically.

Discussion followed regarding the nominations.

Dr. Carbone closed the discussion and asked that ballots be distributed to commissioners. Written ballots for the position of Chairman were returned to Dr. Carbone to be tallied. Dr. Carbone read the results alphabetically.

	Nominee		Nominee	
	TAGARIELLO		GIANTONIO	
	First	Second	First	Second
	SP	EC	LO	RA
Commissioner ANDERSON			X	
Commissioner CARLSON	X			
Commissioner FITZSIMONS-BULA	X			
Commissioner GIANTONIO			X	
Commissioner OSENKOWSKI			X	
Commissioner PONS	X			
Commissioner SIMMONS	X			
Commissioner TAGARIELLO	X			
Commissioner VAN GORDER			X	
Total:	5		4	

Dr. Carbone announced that Dante Tagariello was elected Chairman of the Board of Education for a two-year period (Nov. 14, 2023 to Nov. 14, 2025) and asked that Chair Tagariello come to sit to the right of her, to conduct the remainder of the Election of Officers.

Chair Tagariello addressed the Board regarding his appointment.

Vice Chairman of the Board of Education for a Two Year Period (Nov. 14, 2023 to Nov. 14, 2025)

Chair Tagariello called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Education.

Commissioner Osenkowski nominated Kristen Giantonio to the position of Vice Chairman; Commissioner Anderson seconded the nomination.

Chair Tagariello nominated Shelby Pons to the position of Vice Chairman; Commissioner Fitzsimmons-Bula seconded the nomination.

For discussion purposes, commissioners were recognized once. Chair Tagariello called commissioners alphabetically.

Discussion followed regarding the nominations.

Chair Tagariello closed the discussion and asked that ballots be distributed to commissioners. Written ballots for the position of Vice Chairman were returned to Dr. Carbone to be tallied. Chair Tagariello read the results alphabetically.

Motions	Nominee		Nominee	
	GIANTONIO		PONS	
	First	Second	First	Second
	LO	RA	DT	JF
Commissioner ANDERSON	X			
Commissioner CARLSON			X	
Commissioner FITZSIMONS-BULA			X	
Commissioner GIANTONIO	X			
Commissioner OSENKOWSKI	X			
Commissioner PONS			X	
Commissioner SIMMONS			X	
Commissioner TAGARIELLO			X	
Commissioner VAN GORDER	X			
Total:	4		5	

Chair Tagariello announced that Shelby Pons was elected Chairman of the Board of Education for a two-year period (Nov. 14, 2023 to Nov. 14, 2025).

Secretary of the Board of Education for a Two Year Period (Nov. 14, 2023 to Nov. 14, 2025)

Chair Tagariello called for nominations for the position of Secretary of the Board of Education.

Commissioner Giantonio nominated Lori Osenkowski to the position of Secretary; Commissioner Anderson seconded the nomination.

Chair Tagariello nominated Maria Pirro Simmons to the position of Sectary; Commissioner Pons seconded the nomination.

For discussion purposes, commissioners were recognized once. Chair Tagariello called commissioners alphabetically.

Discussion followed regarding the nominations.

Chair Tagariello closed the discussion and asked that ballots be distributed to commissioners. Written ballots for the position of Secretary were returned to Dr. Carbone to be tallied. Chair Tagariello read the results alphabetically.

Motions	Nominee		Nominee	
	OSENKOWSKI		PIRRO SIMMONS	
	First	Second	First	Second
	KG	RA	DT	SP
Commissioner ANDERSON	X			
Commissioner CARLSON			X	
Commissioner FITZSIMONS-BULA			X	
Commissioner GIANTONIO	X			
Commissioner OSENKOWSKI	X			
Commissioner PONS			X	
Commissioner SIMMONS			X	
Commissioner TAGARIELLO			X	
Commissioner VAN GORDER	X			
Total:	4		5	

Chair Tagariello announced that Maria Simmons was elected Secretary of the Board of Education for a two-year period (Nov. 14, 2023 to Nov. 14, 2025).

3. Committee Assignments

Chair Tagariello addressed the Board regarding committee assignments.

Commissioner Giantonio called for a motion to table the committee assignments until collaborative discussion can take place, motion seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

Chair Tagariello opened discussion and called commissioners alphabetically. Discussion followed.

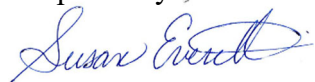
Chair Tagariello called for a roll call vote.

Following a roll call vote, the motion to table the Committee Assignments **PASSED** with six (6) Commissioners (Anderson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Simmons and Van Gorder) **IN FAVOR** of the motion and three (3) Commissioners (Carlson, Pons and Tagariello) **OPPOSED**.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Special Board of Education meeting should adjourn. (6:34 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted



Susan P. Everett

Executive Secretary to Board of Education

