

BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
November 3, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Bristol Board of Education was held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education auditorium and via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Eric Carlson, Jennifer Dube, Kristen Giantonio, Thomas O'Brien, John Sklenka, Karen Vibert (virtual), Allison Wadowski and Christopher Wilson; Dr. Catherine Carbone, Superintendent, Dr. Michael Dietter, Deputy Superintendent and Kim Culkin, Director of Special Services

EXCUSED: Commissioner Shelby Pons

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Jennifer Dube called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and asked attendees to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Russell Aldreich a Grade 6 Teacher at South Side and a Social Studies Teacher at Chippens Hill Middle School from 9/3/68 to 1/24/03; and Carol Latko a Paraprofessional at Mountain View, Hubbell, and Ivy Drive from 9/18/80 to 6/19/03.

MEETING NORMS

Chair Dube acknowledged the meeting norms.

STAFF & STUDENT RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the following staff and students:

Dr. Carbone shared that Kimberly Culkin - Director of Special Services has received her Doctoral Degree.

Teacher Terry Grant recognized Caitlyn Carbone (Gr. 8), Kayla Beaulieu (Gr. 7), and Amelia Daliga (Gr. 7) for their hard work and participation in the Greene-Hills school store.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 6, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Following a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by Eric Carlson

Approval of the **October 6, 2021 - Regular Meeting Minutes PASSED** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee - Commissioner Carlson reported that the committee met on October 27. There are three projects that the Operations Committee will serve as the building committees for CHMS Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank Replacement, CHMS Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement, and Edgewood School Roof Replacement. They, along with additional state-required resolutions will appear later on the agenda for a vote. The Ops Committee will review the RFP responses and choose the vendor in the spring and construction will start in June 2022.

Student Achievement - Commissioner Wilson reported that the committee met on October 20, 2021, and discussed several curricula; two curriculums - MS CTE for grades 6-8 and the STEM curriculum will appear later on the agenda for a second reading and three new curricula will be presented this evening for a first reading.

Personnel – Commissioner O’Brien reported that Local 3551 and Local 2667 have voted to approve the tentative agreement. Commissioners Sklenka and Carlson will push through to finish this process after all BoE members get a copy of the contracts.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Trisha Monahan — Student Representative from Bristol Eastern reported on recent activities at Bristol Eastern. Some highlights from the report included: Fall sports are wrapping up; the pep rally is being planned; homecoming was a success; five (5) students were invited to attend the recent NAACP Freedom Fund banquet and they are now at the 2nd half of Quarter one.

Sydney Rodriguez – Student Representative from Bristol Central shared recent activities at Bristol Central. A couple of highlights from the report included: The Annual Homecoming Dance was held on October 16th and boys and girls soccer both beat Bristol Eastern.

CHAIR REPORT - Chair Jennifer Dube thanked the leaving commissioners Allison Wadowski and Thomas O’Brien for their contributions to the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Dr. Carbone shared the District Strategic Action Plans and the work that is being done as the district prepares for the opening of BAIMS. Parent Informational Sessions were held for Grades 5-7 on October 19, 21, 26, 27, 2021, and November 3, 2021; Student and School Visits for Grade 5-7 were conducted on October 19, 21, 26, 27, 2021. High School sessions will be held in December. Themes from BAIMS Parent Sessions were shared through Thoughtexchange. Both students and parents are very excited about BAIMS and there is definitely more interest than seats available. Parents are appreciative that BAIMS is an intra-district magnet school and only available to Bristol residents. Parents believe that the presentation was informative and many, if not all, of their questions, were answered. Parents do not like the lottery process and prefer an application process that favors only students interested in attending. A video of the BAIMS presentation is on the BPS Website. The lottery will open the week of November 24, 2021, and the hiring process for the principal is underway and will conclude the week of November 18, 2021; hiring for academic staff will be held in November and December. Dr. Carbone took a moment to recognize Commissioner Wadowski and Commissioner O’Brien for their time and contributions to the Board of Education.

CONSENT AGENDA - Chair Dube called for the approval of the Consent Agenda which included Items VIII.A.1. through VIII.B1.

Following a motion by Thomas O’Brien and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **CONSENT AGENDA PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL

Teacher Retirement - Effective December 31, 2021

Berthiaume, Jennifer - NEMS - Health and Physical Education Teacher

Following a motion by Thomas O’Brien and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **Teacher Retirement PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Teacher Resignations

Carlson, Christine - WB - Grade 8 Math Teacher - Effective November 15, 2021

Boswell, Samantha - WB - Grade 1 Teacher - Effective October 13, 2021

Holley, Christine - BCHS - Health Teacher - Effective October 6, 2021

PERSONNEL - cont'd

Rossi, Jennifer - WB - 6-8 Math Coach - Effective October 27, 2021
Spada, Daniel - EPH - Library Media Specialist - Effective November 8, 2021

Following a motion by Thomas O'Brien and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **Teacher Resignations PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

New Teacher Hires

Allredge, William - WB - Music Teacher - Effective October 12, 2021
Duffany, Susan - WB - Special Education Teacher - Effective TBD
Love, Paula - STAF - Grade 1 Teacher - Effective October 22, 2021
Santiago, Lauren - EPH/GHS - .8 Music Teacher - Effective October 26, 2021

Following a motion by Thomas O'Brien and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **New Teacher Hires PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

A-2 Resignations - Effective August 14, 2021

Collins, Michelle - BCHS - Senior Class Co-Advisor
Diaz, Gregory - BEHS - Senior Class Co-Advisor
Greenleaf, David - BCHS - Senior Class Co-Advisor
Lomaglio, Angela - NEMS - Special Elementary/MMS/HS Performing Groups - Choral
Pauquette-Claman - Creighton - BEHS - Senior Class Co-Advisor

Following a motion by Thomas O'Brien and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **A-2 Resignations PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

A-2 Hires

Abucewicz, Danielle - NEMS - Special Elementary/MS/HS Performing Groups - Choral -Effective October 4, 2021
Dornfried, Jessica - BCHS - Grade 9 Co-Class Advisor - Effective September 27, 2021
Mirmina, Shawn - BCHS - Grade 9 - Co-Class Advisor - Effective September 27, 2021
Pagan, Yahiry - BCHS - Band Auxiliary Unit Instructor Dance - Effective October 1, 2021

Following a motion by Thomas O'Brien and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **A-2 Hires PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

A-3 Resignation

Timreck, Kaitlyn - EDGE - K-5 Technology Leader - Effective October 20, 2021

Following a motion by Thomas O'Brien and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **A-3 Resignation PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL - cont'd

A-3 Hires

Ferony, Leandra - SSS - Elementary Science Leader - Effective October 19, 2021
Morgan, Amy - ID - Technology Leader/Webmaster - Effective September 24, 2021

Following a motion by Thomas O'Brien and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **A-3 Hires PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Certified Personnel Who Have Attained Tenure

<u>Bristol Central High School</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Gardiner, Kenneth - Social Studies Teacher	6/30/21
Nass, Brian - Social Studies Teacher	6/30/21
<u>Bristol Eastern High School</u>	
LeClair, Michael - Technology Teacher	2/28/19*
Mendal, Zoe - Science Teacher	1/31/21
<u>Chippens Hill Middle School</u>	
Abucewicz, Danielle - Music Teacher	12/31/20
Maust, Andrew - Music Teacher	6/30/21
McCane, Tara - Social Studies	6/30/21
Santopietro, Jenna - English Teacher	6/30/21
Stabile, Anamarie - Science Teacher	6/30/21
<u>Ivy Drive School</u>	
Susat, Kathleen - Physical Education	6/30/21
<u>Northeast Middle School</u>	
Roche, Sheryl - Math Teacher	1/31/21
<u>South Side School</u>	
Webster, Amanda - Physical Education	6/30/21
<u>Stafford School</u>	
Wood, Andrew - Physical Education Teacher	9/30/20
<u>West Bristol K-8 School</u>	
Taylor, Tina - Art Teacher	6/30/21
<u>Special Education</u>	
Autencio, Danielle M. - Special Education Teacher - EPH	6/30/21
Consonni, Claire A. - Pre-K Special Education Teacher - BECC	6/30/21
Costa, John - Special Education Teacher - NEMS	6/30/21
Daboul, Kristin L. - Speech and Language Pathologist - EPH	6/30/21
Ferraro, M. Rebeca. - Pre-K Special Education Teacher - BECC	6/30/21
Lease, Noah - Special Education Teacher - BCHS	5/31/21
Turner, Eric - Special Education Teacher - EPH	1/31/21

Administrators

Culkin, Kimberly
Ward, Leszek
Rechenberg, Jaime

6/30/2021
6/30/2021
11/30/2020

Following a motion by Thomas O’Brien and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **Certified Personnel Who Have Attained Tenure PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

GRANTS

Adult Education State Grant

Following a motion by Thomas O’Brien and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **Adult Education State Grant PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

FRC - BOOST Grant

Following a motion by Thomas O’Brien and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **FRC - BOOST Grant PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

FRC: UCONN PEP Parent Leadership Training Grant - SDE/ Parent Trust Fund:

Following a motion by Thomas O’Brien and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **FRC: UCONN PEP Parent Leadership Training Grant PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Sandra Godin was present on the zoom and explained the FRC grants that were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Jensen – 146 West Street – Addressed the Board regarding discipline issues at West Bristol School.

Lauren Verneiglia – 79 Beechwood Lane – Addressed the Board regarding mask and vaccination mandates.

Jennifer VanGorder – 272 Candlewood Drive – Addressed the Board regarding mandates.

Kristen Bevins – 41 Leon Road – Addressed the Board regarding mandates.

Annie McDonald – 124 Lakeside Drive - Addressed the Board regarding discipline on the bus and at school.

DELIBERATED ITEMS/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

October 1 Enrollment Count for the 2021-2022 School Year - Dr. Galloway, Director of Talent Management presented the October 1 Enrollment Count for the 2021-2022 school year report.

Questions followed regarding Magnet School students returning to Bristol.

DELIBERATED ITEMS/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS – cont'd

NEMS School Building Committee Appointment

The NEMS School Building Committee was established and the BOE must appoint a member to serve on the Committee.

Following a motion by Jennifer Dube and a second by Kristen Giantonio

Approval of the **Appointment of Commissioner Eric Carlson to the NEMS School Building Committee PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Request to Apply for a School Construction Grant for the Edgewood School Roof Replacement

At the Operations Committee, the process of the Edgewood School Roof Replacement Project was reviewed. As a part of the State application process, there are specific local resolutions that must be approved. This is one of them.

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by Thomas O'Brien

The resolution to request the City Council to authorize the Bristol Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept a grant for the Edgewood School Roof Replacement located at the Edgewood School, 345 Mix Street PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Request Authorization of Schematic Design for the Edgewood School Roof Replacement

At the Operations Committee, the process of the Edgewood School Roof Replacement Project was reviewed. As a part of the State application process, there are specific local resolutions that must be approved. This is one of them.

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by Thomas O'Brien

The resolution that the Bristol Board of Education authorizes at least the preparation of the schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Edgewood School Roof Replacement located at Edgewood School, 345 Mix Street and to forward to the City Council for any action PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Request to Approve Ed Specs for the Edgewood School Roof Replacement Project

At the Operations Committee, the process of the Edgewood School Roof Replacement Project was reviewed. As a part of the State application process, the Ed Specs must be approved.

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by Thomas O'Brien

The resolution to approve the education specifications for the Edgewood School Roof Replacement located at Edgewood School, 345 Mix Street and to forward to the City Council for any action PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Request to authorize the BoE Operations Committee to serve as the Edgewood Roof Replacement Building Committee

DELIBERATED ITEMS/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS – cont’d

At the Operations Committee, the process of the Edgewood School Roof Replacement Project was reviewed. Because the total project costs fall below \$1.5M, the town ordinance states the BoE Operations Committee can serve as the building committee for this project.

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by Thomas O’Brien

The resolution to request the City Council to establish the BoE Operations Committee as the Edgewood Roof Replacement Building Committee with regard to the Edgewood Roof Replacement at the Edgewood School, 345 Mix Street PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Request to Apply for a School Construction Grant for the Chippens Hill Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement

At the Operations Committee, the process of the Chippens Hill Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Project was reviewed. As a part of the State application process, there are specific local resolutions that must be approved. This is one of them.

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by Thomas O’Brien

The resolution to request the City Council to authorize the Bristol Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept a grant for the Chippens Hill Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement Project with regard to the Chippens Hill underground storage tank A1 at the Chippens Hill Middle School, 551 Peacedale Street PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Request Authorization of Schematic Design for the Chippens Hill Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement

At the Operations Committee, the process of the Chippens Hill Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Project was reviewed. As a part of the State application process, there are specific local resolutions that must be approved. This is one of them.

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by Thomas O’Brien

The resolution that the Bristol Board of Education authorizes at least the preparation of the schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Chippens Hill Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement located at Chippens Hill Middle School, 551 Peacedale Street and to forward to City Council for any action PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Request to Approve the Ed Specs for Chippens Hill Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement

At the Operations Committee, the process of the Chippens Hill Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Project was reviewed. As a part of the State application process, the Ed Specs must be approved.

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by Thomas O’Brien

The resolution that the Board of Education approves the education specifications for the Chippens Hill Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement located at Chippens Hill Middle School,

DELIBERATED ITEMS/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS – cont'd

551 Peacedale Street and to forward to City Council for any action PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Request to authorize the BOE Operations Committee to serve as the Chippens Hill Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement Building Committee

At the Operations Committee, the process of the Chippens Hill Fuel Underground Storage Tank Project was reviewed. Because the total project costs fall below \$1.5M, the town ordinance states the BOE Operations Committee can serve as the building committee for this project.

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by Thomas O'Brien

The resolution to request the City Council to establish the BOE Operations Committee as the Chippens Hill Heating Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement Building Committee with regard to the Chippens Hill underground storage tank A1 located at Chippens Hill Middle School, 551 Peacedale Street PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Request to Apply for a School Construction Grant for the Chippens Hill Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement

At the Operations Committee, the process of the Chippens Hill Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Project was reviewed. As a part of the State application process, there are specific local resolutions that must be approved. This is one of them.

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by John Sklenka

The resolution to request the City Council to authorize the Bristol Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept a grant for the Chippens Hill Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement located at Chippens Hill Middle School, 551 Peacedale Street PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Request Authorization of Schematic Design for the Chippens Hill Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement

At the Operations Committee, the process of the Chippens Hill Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Project was reviewed. As a part of the State application process, there are specific local resolutions that must be approved. This is one of them.

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by Thomas O'Brien

The resolution that the Bristol Board of Education authorizes at least the preparation of the schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Chippens Hill Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement located at Chippens Hill Middle School, 551 Peacedale Street and to forward to City Council for any action PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Request to approve Ed Specs for the Chippens Hill Diesel Fuel Underground Storage

At the Operations Committee, the process of the Chippens Hill Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Project was reviewed. As a part of the State application process, the Ed Specs must be approved.

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by John Sklenka

DELIBERATED ITEMS/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS – cont'd

The resolution that the Board of Education approves the education specifications for the Chippens Hill Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement located at Chippens Hill Middle School, 551 Peacedale Street and to forward to City Council for any action PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Request to authorize the BOE Operations Committee to serve as the Chippens Hill Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement Building Committee

At the Operations Committee, the process of the Chippens Hill Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Project was reviewed. Because the total project costs fall below \$1.5M, the town ordinance states the BOE Operations Committee can serve as the building committee for this project.

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by Thomas O'Brien

The resolution to request the City Council to establish the BOE Operations Committee as the Chippens Hill Diesel Fuel Underground Storage Tank Replacement Building Committee with regard to the Chippens Hill underground storage tank B2 located at Chippens Hill Middle School, 551 Peacedale Street PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Office of Teaching and Learning Leadership Team Report – Carly Fortin, Director of Teaching and Learning presented the 21-22 Professional Learning Plan. The Professional Development and Evaluation Committee will be implementing an innovative approach to professional learning this year. This summer, teacher-leaders, and supervisors within the Office of Teaching and Learning developed professional learning modules that will be implemented and shared with teachers throughout the school year. The professional learning modules include three 100-minute sessions focused on the following topics: School Climate, North Star 3 (Engaging and Purposeful Instruction), Inclusion, Strategies for Emerging Bilingual students, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Each professional learning team rehearsed their professional learning module for school administrators this summer, so each group received feedback that helped to refine their work. After participating in the preview, school administrators prioritized the topics for their school, and our teachers are now in the process of providing this professional learning leadership for each other.

Special Services Leadership Team Report – Dr. Culkin, Director of Special Services presented the Special Services Leadership Report. Mrs. Culkin reported that as of October 1, we had 1,654 of our 8,072 students identified as requiring special education programming; This enrollment reflects 20.49% of the total BPS student population. During the month of September, 13 of the 87 or 15% of newly registered students were identified as students with special needs at the time of registration. Also during the month of September, two students newly enrolled in BPS were receiving their programs and services through out-of-district special education school programs at the time of enrollment. As of October 1, 2021, 103 of our 1654 identified students require out-of-district placements at special education school programs and 65 students require special education programming services at other public out-of-district schools such as magnet schools. These numbers reflect two (2) fewer private out-of-district program placements and one (1) additional public school placement as compared to overall out-of-district placements the previous month. Dr. Culkin shared the changes that will be coming to the CT-SEDS. The changes will reduce the current local data reporting burdens, eliminating the need for various local data uploading or collection reports (SEDAC, Evaluation Timelines, ECO, and Restraint/Seclusion); it will provide a document repository and facilitate timely record transfers and allow for the interoperability with PowerSchool. CT-SEDS will include The following modules and functions according to a staggered timeline:

- IEP Module
- Statewide Assessment Eligibility and Accommodations Testing Designated Supports/Accommodations Form and Alternate Assessment Eligibility Form
- Service Delivery Tracking
- Documentation for Medicaid billing
- Progress Monitoring and Student Progress Reporting
- Services Plan Module
- Multi-tiered Systems of Support/Scientific Research-Based Interventions (MTSS/SRBI) Management Module
- Section 504 Accommodation Plan Module
- Gifted and Talented Module
- Surrogate Parent Module
- Document Repository Module
- Restraint/Seclusion Module
- Due Process Module
- Special Education Excess Cost Grant Module

A core leadership team will participate in 8-1.5 hour sessions starting in January to prepare for district implementation. The core team will consist of special education administrators and teachers/staff as well as general education teachers and administrators. The training sessions are at no cost to the district and the CT-SEDS IEP platform will be provided to local education agencies (LEAs) at no cost. In partnership with the Greater Bristol SEPTO, we will provide parents and families with information to aid in the transition to the new IEP document and format. Implementation of the new IEP document and platform will begin July 1, 2022.

Questions followed regarding an update on the reimaging plan, the safety of the program for staff and students, and staff feedback on the plan. Commissioner Giantonio will email any questions posed this evening to Dr. Culkin for her to respond.

CURRICULUM REVISIONS

Middle School CTE Revision - Second Reading

Dr. Rechenberg presented the Middle School CTE Revision for a second reading.

Following a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the Middle School CTE Revision **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

STEM Curriculum Revisions - Second Reading

Dr. Rechenberg presented the STEM Curriculum Revisions for a second reading.

Following a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by John Sklenka

Approval of the **STEM Curriculum Revisions PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Baking and Patisserie - First Reading

Dr. Rechenberg presented the Baking and Patisserie for a first reading. This semester course is an introduction to baking and pastry with intensive hands-on laboratory training. Laboratory classes emphasize basic ingredients and production techniques for breads, rolls, folded doughs, batters, basic cakes, cake decorating, pies, and cookies. Three themes run through this course: Safety and sanitation,

- Prerequisite: Introduction to Foods and Nutrition
- Credit: 0.5
- College Credit/certification opportunity: ServSafe

This is the first reading of the curriculum. Commissioners may contact Dr. Rechenberg in the intervening month with any questions.

Digital Music - First Reading

Dr. Sarli presented the Digital Music Curriculum for a first reading. The digital music curriculum is written as a .5 credit or semester-long course for Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School. There are 3 units of study and there is no prerequisite required. This course introduces students to digital music using computers, synthesizers, and digital audio workstations to create original music. Students will collaborate with others to create works across other subjects such as art, theater, film, dance, English, and the curriculum is grounded in the National Arts Standards which were revised in 2014.

This is the first reading of the curriculum. Commissioners may contact Dr. Sarli in the intervening month with any questions.

A Cappella Curriculum - First Reading

Dr. Samantha Sarli presented the A Cappella Curriculum for a first reading. This course was designed as a semester-based course for Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School, where students earn .5 a credit and will learn how to sing in a small group. Students will learn vocal techniques used in contemporary college A Cappella style (Glee, Pitch Perfect, or Pentatonix). This will include learning vocal percussion (beatboxing), microphone technique, arranging, and writing. The curriculum is broken into 18 units which sounds like a lot for a semester-based course, however many of these units are fundamental skills that students work on simultaneously with other units. For example, Posture and Breath Support does not start and stop in unit 1, rather it is carried through all the other units. There is no prerequisite for students to enter this course.

This is the first reading of the curriculum. Commissioners may contact Dr. Sarli in the intervening month with any questions.

Jazz Band - First Reading

Dr. Samantha Sarli presented the Jazz Band Curriculum for a first reading. Jazz Band has always existed as an after-school or before school offering. At Bristol Arts and Innovation Magnet School, this will be a semester-based course that students can take during the school day. The course is broken into 8 units. Similar to the A Cappella curriculum, several of these units layer on top of the next and serve as the foundation for performing jazz music. A prerequisite is required for this course as students need to be currently or previously enrolled in another ensemble-based class such as band or chorus to enroll in this course. Students will earn .5 credits.

This is the first reading of the curriculum. Commissioners may contact Dr. Sarli in the intervening month with any questions.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Board.

BUILDING REPORTS

MBIAMS Update - Dr. Dietter provided the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School Update and shared photos of the building's progress. Student and parent information sessions have been held; construction continues on budget. The 100th Anniversary celebration was held on October 16, 2021.

South Side School HVAC Project

Tim Callahan provided an update on the South Side HVAC Project. We are currently experiencing a delay in the AC unit. Water leaks in Units 1 and 4. We are working with the contractor and water company. We are moving forward to get this resolved. Questions followed regarding mold.

INFORMATION/LIAISON REPORTS – Chair Dube shared a report on Mountain View and BECC. Commissioner Giantonio thanked Commissioner Wadowski and Commissioner O’Brien for their time on the Board of Education.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION *for the purpose of discussing*

1. Superintendent’s Evaluation

Following a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by John Sklenka

The Board of Education vote to **Convene Into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s Evaluation PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with eight (8) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion. (8:52 p.m)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Commissioners: Eric Carlson, Jennifer Dube, Kristen Giantonio, Thomas O’Brien, John Sklenka, Allison Wadowski, and Christopher Wilson; Dr. Catherine Carbone, Superintendent

EXCUSED: Commissioner Shelby Pons and Commissioner Vibert

CALLED TO ORDER: Executive Session was called to order at 9:00 p.m.

Superintendent’s Evaluation

Commissioners discussed the Superintendent’s Evaluation.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioners reconvened into public session to take any necessary action on items discussed in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned. (9:52 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,



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Executive Secretary to the Board of Education