

BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting – BoE Retreat Minutes

A Special Bristol Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Bristol Board of Education, located at 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Russell Anderson (Arrived at 6:36 p.m.), Kristen Giantonio, Lori Osenkowski, Shelby Pons, Maria Simmons, Jennifer Van Gorder and Chair Dante Tagariello;

EXCUSED: Commissioners: Eric Carlson and Jill Fitzsimmons-Bula

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Catherine Carbone, Superintendent of Schools

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tagariello called the BoE Commissioner Retreat to order at 6:33 p.m.

Chair Tagariello gave a brief opening and explained the process for the evening. Chair Tagariello welcomed the audience that had joined the group for the first time and the commissioners participated in an icebreaker activity.

Commissioners reviewed the Board of Education's Mission Statement and District Goals. A video was shared with the group to begin the work of how the members will work together. Commissioners shared what resonated with them about the video and broke into smaller groups for further discussion. Following discussion, Commissioners created a list of ways the Board can work together.

Commissioners reviewed Standing Committees. Discussion included the current committee format, the proposal of combining committees, committee name changes, and changing committee membership numbers. Commissioners were given the opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts on the various proposals.

Commissioners participate in group discussions about why they became Board Members and what they hoped to accomplish during their tenure. Commissioners shared their whys and hopes for their tenures with the group.

Due to the late hour, Chair Tagariello said that Items 4 and 5 would be postponed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Board of Education retreat was adjourned. (8:30 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Everett, Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education