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## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes January 24, 2024

A meeting of the Bristol Board of Education Regular Policy Committee was held on January 24, 2024, in Room 36 at the BoE and via the Zoom meeting platform.

**PRESENT:** Committee members: Shelby Pons, Kristen Giantonio, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula

**ALSO PRESENT** Commissioners: Maria Simmons, Russell Anderson, Jennifer Van Gorder, Lorianne Osenkowski, Dante Tagariello, Dr. Michael Dietter, and Dr. Catherine Carbone.

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, the minutes were approved from November 21, 2023.

**3. Public Comment:**

3.1. Maria Simmons, 70 Ipswich Road, Bristol, CT 06010

**4. Discipline and Recess Model Policy 5144.4:**

On a motion by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio this item was moved from item #6 to item #4 on the agenda and then opened for discussion. After discussing the language in both the model policy and the current BPS policy there was a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula to table this item until next month's meeting for further discussion and for Commissioners to bring specific questions and/or language regarding Policy 5144.4.

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5. **Policy Committee Calendar:**  
On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula the Policy Committee Calendar for 2024-2025 was accepted.
  
6. **Discussion Items -**
  - Policy 1230 - Community Relations
  - Policy 3515 - Conduct on School Property
  - Policy 1316 - Community Use of School Facilities
  - Policy 4118.231 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace
  - Policy 5131.6 - Alcohol Use, Drugs and TobaccoOn a motion by Commissioner Pons and seconded by Commissioner Giantonio these items were postponed until the next Policy Meeting when we have the model language for our Attorney.
  
7. **Menstrual Product Update:**  
Dr. Dietter gave an update on the menstrual products (pads & tampons) that have been placed in all of the middle and high schools. He stated that we are compliant with the current legislation for the State of CT.
  
8. **5111 - Admission/Age of Attendance:**
  - 8.1. CABE Model 5111 - Admission/Placement  
On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, Policy 5111 was accepted with updates and revisions and will be moved to the Full Board for approval.
  
9. **5112 - Ages of Attendance:**
  - 9.1. CABE Model 5112 - Age of Attendance
  - 9.2. 5111/5112 Operationalized  
On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, Policy 5112 was accepted with updates and revisions and will be moved to the Full Board for approval.
  
10. **CT School Climate Policy 5131.91:**  
On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Pons this item was tabled until the next Policy Meeting.

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**11. Adjournment:**

The Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Pons.

Submitted by:

***Michelle L. Crowley***

Recording Secretary

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