

The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board of Education meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety and hear full reports please click the following link: [September 13, 2023 Regular Meeting](#).

BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Bristol Board of Education meeting was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bristol Board of Education auditorium and via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Russell Anderson, Eric Carlson, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, Kristen Giantonio, Lorianne Osenkowski, Shelby Pons, Maria Simmons, Dante Tagariello, and Jennifer Dube; **ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Catherine Carbone, Superintendent, Dr. Michael Dietter, Deputy Superintendent, Lynn Boisvert, Business Manager and Erick Rosengren, Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MEETING NORMS

Chair Dube called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Dube asked that the audience join her in a moment of silence for Ruth Meusel a Grade 2 Teacher at Clara T. O'Connell School from 4/7/69 to 6/22/92.

Chair Dube read the meeting norms into the record.

STAFF AND STUDENT RECOGNITION

Back to School Bash - August 28, 2023 - Erika Treannie and Kristy Ricciardone

Dr. Carbone recognized and thanked Erika Treannie and Kristy Ricciardone for all of their work in organizing and overseeing the Back-to-School Bash. Mrs. Erika Treannie and Mrs. Ricciardone were present in the audience and stood to be recognized. The event was held on the BAIMS field and was well attended by families, staff, and several local agencies. This was the first Back-to-School Bash we hope that this will become an annual event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 2, 2023 - Special Meeting

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, seconded by Russell Anderson,

The Board of Education voted to approve the August 2, 2023, Special Meeting minutes as written with eight (8) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello, and Dube) in favor of the motion. Commissioner Giantonio Abstained.

August 9, 2023 - Special Meeting - Meet & Greet

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, seconded by Jill Fitz-Simons-Bula,

The Board of Education voted to approve the August 9, 2023 - Special Meeting - Meet & Greet as written with six (6) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Osenkowski, Tagariello, and Dube) in favor of the motion. Commissioners Giantonio, Pons, Simmons Abstained.

August 9, 2023 - Special BoE Meeting

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, seconded by Eric Carlson,

The Board of Education voted to approve the August 9, 2023 - Special Meeting BoE Meeting as written with six (6) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Osenkowski, Tagariello, and Dube) in favor of the motion. Commissioners Giantonio, Pons, Simmons Abstained.

August 16, 2023 - Special Meeting - Meet & Greet

On a motion by Russell Anderson, seconded by Jill Fitz-Simons-Bula,

August 16, 2023 - Special Meeting - Meet & Greet – cont'd

The Board of Education voted to approve the August 16, 2023 - Special Meeting - Meet & Greet as written with seven (7) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Osenkowski, Simmons, Tagariello, and Dube) in favor of the motion. Commissioners Giantonio and Pons Abstained.

August 16, 2023 - Special BoE Meeting

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, seconded by Russell Anderson,

The Board of Education voted to approve the August 16, 2023 - Special BoE Meeting as written with seven (7) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Osenkowski, Simmons, Tagariello, and Dube) in favor of the motion. Commissioners Giantonio and Pons Abstained.

August 22, 2023 - Special BoE Meeting

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, seconded by Russell Anderson,

The Board of Education APPROVED the August 22, 2023 - Special BoE Meeting as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello, and Dube) in favor of the motion.

September 6, 2023 - Special Meeting - Meet & Greet

On a motion by Eric Carlson, seconded by Russell Anderson,

The Board of Education voted to approve the September 6, 2023 - Special Meeting - Meet & Greet as written with seven (7) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Simmons, and Dube) in favor of the motion. Commissioners Pons and Tagariello Abstained.

September 6, 2023 - Special BoE Meeting

On a motion by Eric Carlson, seconded by Russell Anderson,

The Board of Education voted to approve the September 6, 2023 – Special BoE Meeting as written with seven (7) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Simmons, and Dube) in favor of the motion. Commissioners Pons and Tagariello Abstained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication Meeting

Commissioner Simmons reported that at the last meeting, the committee discussed the committee explored the Connecticut Definition and Framework for Family Engagement: Full, Equal, and Equitable Partnerships with Families, the committee looked at the Connecticut Definition and Framework for Family Engagement, discussed the CT Family and Community Engagement Conference, explored the idea of a district compendium, discussed literature that may support the work of the committee (*Everyone Wins! The Evidence for Family-School Partnerships and Implications for Practice*) and discussed ways of having a regular report/sharing of things that are happening districtwide that support School, Family and Community-Partnerships.

Finance Committee

Chair Dube chaired the September Finance Committee meeting for Commissioner Tagariello. Chair Dube reported that the final snapshot for FY 2023 is still showing a negative balance, however, we utilized much of our available grant funding to bring the general fund deficit balance down lower than it had been over the past few months; and our accounts are lower than the anticipated energy deficit total for natural gas, heating and diesel fuels.

Operations Committee

Commissioner Carlson reported that the Operations Committee met September 6th. The ESSER/ARP money that we had set aside for Chippens Hill Middle School air conditioning/ventilation project, the bids came in above the amount

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that we had set aside; unfortunately, prices have increased more than expected. We are going to switch to other projects to use the ESSER/ARP money. The committee voted on projects including fire alarm systems, building management systems, boilers in Hubbell, Eastern, and Chippens Hill and some rooftop units. Commissioner Carlson also reported that the Chippens Hill Underground Storage Tank for oil has been red-flagged by DEEP. The tank that is now 31 or 32 years old is out of date and we have to stop using it and put in a temporary tank while we go through the process of getting the new above-ground storage tank installed.

Policy Committee

Commissioner Pons reported that the committee met and discussed the Legislative Summary 2023 and discussed the different policies that will need to be reviewed and possibly adjusted. The committee also talked about Recess Policy #5144-4, looked at model policies from CAGE, discussed the current policy, and decided to continue the conversation at the next policy meeting to decide if it will be revised. The committee looked at Policy Number 6822 which requires the board to post all of its materials online and got an overview of where those things could be found online with the Board calendar. The committee also talked about the current legislation that requires all school districts to provide menstrual products in schools. Bristol was ahead on this and had passed a policy over a year ago, the policy allowed us to provide feminine hygiene products, but we did not include tampons, we are now looking to see if that is a possibility. The committee will be talking about this again next month.

Student Achievement

Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula reported that the committee met on Wednesday, August 30th. The bulk of the conversation was around five (5) first readings of new curriculum which included Computer Software Applications - If You Love It Teach It, Rising Educators II, Foundations, and Health Science and Fashion Design. Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula added that these conversations and discussions are really interactive which gives the committee some insight as to what the students will be learning in the classrooms.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Bristol Central High School

BCHS Senior Student Representative, Isabel Paolino provided her first Student Representative Report for the 23-24 school year. Highlights from the report included Fall Sports have begun, the Girls' Swimming and Dive and Girls' Volleyball have started the season with wins, and the Girls' Soccer and Volleyball teams both received a national award for having high grades and great sportsmanship. Students are looking forward to the first home football game next Friday. Students are getting back into the swing of things, the senior Rambassadors have been working hard to help make the switch from middle to high school easier for the Freshman. On the first day of school they wore yellow shirts to stand out and help the freshmen get to their classes on time. There is a new swipe system that is being used before the school day, early dismissal, and using the restrooms, it helps to incentivize the students to get to school on time and to not spend a large amount of class time in the restroom. The Interact Club has started off the year strong, by volunteering for the Bristol Boys & Girls Club 5K Color Dash, and they are now working to put the Girls Powderpuff football game together where they donate the profits to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The first few weeks of school have been great for Bristol Central and Isabel cannot wait to see what the school year brings and looks forward to updating the Board on future events.

Bristol Eastern High School

BEHS Senior Student Representative, Rita Gao provided her first Student Representative report for the 23-24 school year. Highlights from the report included Fall Sports have gone into full swing and there are many games happening. Our first football game last Saturday was a win against Farmington High School, Girls volleyball and Boys soccer also started off their seasons with a win. There is another big football game this Friday under the lights against Hartford Public. A group of students met with adults from the school district to talk about goals for the Bristol Public Schools. The annual Club fair will be held tomorrow which allows all students to walk around and explore the different options we offer as a school; the goal is to have as many students involved in a club, sport or activity as possible so that they feel connected to the school. With September half over, students have gotten used to the new rules and protocols at school. The biggest change has been with attendance and school safety, we now swipe in for

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attendance each morning using a new the new swipe system which also is used for entrance into our games and places like the lavatory. Other things coming up: progress reports, parent-teacher conferences on October 10th 11th, and 12th, we have PSAT's for the school and SATs for seniors on October 11th and October 21st is set aside for a homecoming dance.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Dube shared that at the August 8th City Council meeting Mayor Caggiano appointed Lori Osenkowski to fulfill the remainder of this term to cover the resignation of Todd Sturgeon. Chair Dube shared some facts about Lori. Lori has three children in the Bristol Public Schools system, one in each level; elementary, middle, and high school so she will have a great pulse on what is going on in our BPS community. She and her husband have been giving back to the community through their Lights on Rosewood displays donating funds to residents of Bristol experiencing need. Lori will be serving as the alternate on the Operations Committee and the Communications and Community Relations Committees. On behalf of the entire board Chair Dube officially welcomed Commissioner Osenkowski to the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Carbone presented the monthly Superintendent Report. Dr. Carbone shared information regarding the opening of the 2023-2024 school year. The school year kicked on August 29th - we welcomed 8,064 students back to our schools and programs with 270 PreK 3 and PreK 4 scholars attending our newly opened Edgewood PreK Academy. It was exciting to witness the families and scholars on opening day across the district and most notably those families experiencing Edgewood for the first time. I would like to thank our custodial and maintenance staff as well as our office and administrative staff who worked tirelessly to prepare for a smooth opening after our redistricting process this spring. We are off to a great start to the year even with the weather being less than cooperative. The one area that we have received concerns and complaints from is related to transportation. Most impacted are the later tier of timed schools, which comprise our elementary schools and students who were not routed when First Student rolled over to a new process for routing our buses. They changed their routing to an outside source, we are still working to address timing issues by looking for efficiencies within bus routes and will look into splitting buses if needed. We cannot make these decisions until we are confident First Student has completed a review of all existing bus routes and students' assignments. Families are asked to reach out to the Superintendent's Office or the Transportation office if there are concerns. The Strategic planning process is well underway, the goal is to have a draft document by the end of 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Dube called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which will include Items 8.1.a through 8.2.b.

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, seconded by Kristen Giantonio, and

The Board of Education voted to approve the Consent Agenda as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL

Administrative Resignation

Sassu, Peter - BoE- Director of School Safety and Security - Effective August 30, 2023

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and seconded by Kristen Giantonio,

The Board of Education voted to accept the Administrative Resignation as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

Teacher Retirement

Floyd, Anthony - BEHS - Physical Education Teacher effective August 4, 2023

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and seconded by Kristen Giantonio,

The Board of Education voted to approve the Teacher Retirement as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

Teacher Resignations

Abreu, Debbie - BCHS - TESOL Teacher effective August 1, 2023

Bernadel, Melissa - GH - Special Education GOAL Teacher effective August 10, 2023

DeVito, Margaret - BAIMS - 6-8 Social Studies Teacher effective August 15, 2023

Ferguson-Taylor, Leisa - WB - Grade 8 Math Teacher effective August 10, 2023

Harrington, Alicia - STAF - Kindergarten Teacher effective August 25, 2023

Linnell, Kelsey - Bristol Prep - Social Studies Teacher effective July 24, 2023

Peralta-Frias, Elaine - ID - Social Worker effective August 22, 2023

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and seconded by Kristen Giantonio,

The Board of Education voted to accept the Teacher Resignations as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion

New Teacher Hires - Effective August 28, 2023

Colopy, Griffin - GH - Grade 8 ELA Teacher

Diaz Galindo, Yesenia - BEHS - School Counselor

DiLonardo, Rachel - CHMS - Special Education GOAL Teacher

Doyle, Micaela - GH - Special Education GOAL Teacher

Guerin, Sarah - WB - Grade 1 Teacher

Ieraci, Victoria - ID - Grade 2 Teacher

Maglio, Sarah - SSS - Kindergarten Teacher

Matos, Morgan - STAF - Kindergarten Teacher

Pogue, Kelly - BCHS - Grade 9 Math (Algebra) Teacher

Pollock, Jillian - GH - Kindergarten Teacher

Pompano, Mary Kate - STAF - Elementary Literacy Coach

Rodriguez, Jennifer - WB - Kindergarten Teacher

Toro, Jessica - STAF - Grade 5 Teacher

Trelli, Jase - BAIMS/NEMS - Grade 6-8 Wellness Teacher

Wadowski, Jonathan - CW - Technology Education Teacher

Welsh-Stephenson, Vanessa - CHMS - Grade 6 Special Education Teacher

Winoski, Alexandra - MTV/STAF - Special Education Teacher

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and seconded by Kristen Giantonio,

The Board of Education voted to approve the New Teacher Hires as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

A-1 Resignations

DeVito, Margaret - BAIMS - Grade 8 Team Leader effective August 15, 2023

McCane, Tara - CHMS - Purple Team Leader effective June 14, 2023

Taylor-Ferguson, Leisa - WB - Grade 8 Team Leader effective September 15, 2023

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On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and seconded by Kristen Giantonio,

The Board of Education voted to accept the A-1 Resignations as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

A-2 Resignation

DeVito, Margaret - BEHS - Head Drama Coach effective August 15, 2023

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and seconded by Kristen Giantonio,

The Board of Education voted to accept the A-2 Resignations as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

A-3 Resignations

DeVito, Margaret - BAIMS - Gifted Coach effective August 15, 2023

DeVito, Margaret - BAIMS/NEMS - Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator effective August 15, 2023

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and seconded by Kristen Giantonio,

The Board of Education voted to accept the A-3 Resignations as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

Teacher Leave of Absence

McPartlin, Megan - WB - Grade 4 Teacher effective September 15, 2023 through November 24, 2023

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and seconded by Kristen Giantonio,

The Board of Education voted to approve the Teacher Leave of Absence as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

Sixth-Year Salary Credit

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Aseltine, Susan	K-5 LMS, MTV
Bourke, Logan	Math Teacher, BEHS
Nadeau, Alisha	Special Education, BEHS
Stavens, John	Social Studies Teacher, BEHS

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, seconded by Kristen Giantonio, and

The Board of Education voted to approve the Sixth-Year Salary Credit as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

TEAM Mentors/Cooperating Teachers Applicant

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Amanda Webster	Elementary Teacher, SSS

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and seconded by Kristen Giantonio,

The Board of Education voted to approve the TEAM Mentors/Cooperating Teachers Applicant as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello, and Dube) in favor of the motion.

GRANTS

2023-2024 Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant Alliance Grant 2023-2024

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and seconded by Kristen Giantonio,

The Board of Education voted to approve the 2023-2024 Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant and the Alliance Grant 2023-2024 as written with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

Dr. Carbone shared information regarding the Alliance Grant that was approved under the Consent Agenda. Pursuant to CT General Statute each Alliance District's receipt of its designated ECS funding is conditioned upon submission and the Commissioner of Education's approval of a plan, district progress, and performance relative to that plan, in the context of the district's overall strategy to improve academic achievement. The CSDE reviews district plans on an annual basis and approves plans aligned to the goals of the program. Goals must align to a tiered system of interventions, Foundational reading programs (Grades K-3), Additional learning time, either extended day or extended year, a talent strategy designed to "attract, retain, promote and bolster the performance of staff," training for school leaders and staff early childhood education, student support and Wraparound Services, Minority teacher/administrator recruiting, and or Enhancement of bilingual education programs. The Bristol Alliance Grant focuses on resources to support the areas of Talent, Climate, Academics, and Operations within BPS. All positions and programs help to increase academic performance and support district climate initiatives or bilingual education. Dr. Carbone shared the positions that are supported or fully funded through the Alliance Grant. Annually BPS submits a grant proposal to the SDE aligned to the goals of our district strategic plan and performance indicators, this year's grant award totals \$9,013,623 dollars which is a \$1,286,721 increase from FY 23.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Dube read the in-person Public Comment Rules into the record.

Mike Erosenko – 40 Palmoor Place addressed the Board regarding his family's PreK Academy experience.

Chair Dube read the Remote Public Comment Rules into the record.

Chair Dube read the submitted Public Comment.

Jennifer Sledziona – 54 D'Amato Lane – wrote to the Board regarding transportation.

DELIBERATED ITEMS/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

23-24 New Hires Overview

Dr. Culkin presented the New Teacher Hiring Overview for 2023-2024. Since last month's report, the district welcomed seventeen (17) new certified staff, ten (10) of whom come to us as new teachers, seven (7) with provisional or professional level certification, and over half having earned a Master's or 6th Year Degree. Nearly half of our new teachers are Bristol residents. Since last month's report, there has been additional movement, resignations, and retirements. At this time Bristol Public Schools continues to seek to fill certified positions which are in various stages of recruiting and hiring at this time.

Reallocation of ESSER/ARP Funds

Dr. Dietter presented the Reallocation of ESSER/ARP Funds. As Commissioner Carlson identified earlier this evening, the last ESSER/ARP meeting was held. The bids that came back for the HVAC work at Chippens Hill Middle School were simply over budget. There was a total of 8.5 million dollars allocated for that project but after soft cost and contingency, there was approximately 7.2 million available. The low bid that came in was at 8.9 million dollars and they're simply not enough money allocated for the project to move forward so the committee voted to disband. Subsequently, there was an Operations Committee meeting and the committee discussed projects aligned

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with Priority Area 5 (Safe and Healthy Schools) that also aligned with our long-term Continuous Improvement Projects in district.

On a motion by Eric Carlson, seconded by Kristen Giantonio, the Board engaged in a lengthy discussion. Following the discussion,

The Board of Education voted to approve the reallocation of the available \$8.128M to smaller projects aligned to ESSER/ARP Priority Area 5, Building Safe and Healthy Schools, and to request City Council approve the Operations Committee to serve as the building committee for these projects which will be no more than 1.5M each with seven (7) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion and two (2) Commissioners (Pons and Simmons) Opposed.

CHMS Underground Storage Tank Final Plans and Cost Estimates

Dr. Dietter presented the CHMS Underground Storage Tank Final Plans and Cost Estimates. The project has been moving forward. We have final plans and cost estimates that have been submitted, they are being reviewed and approved by the required personnel. The PCR (Plan Completion Review) is scheduled with the State on September 20, 2023. We are working with the engineer to complete the paperwork that will be reviewed at that meeting. After the PCR is approved at the State, we can go out to bid, the bid documents are prepared and ready to go. Commissioner Carlson has identified that the tanks were red-flagged which was an unanticipated wrinkle in this project however we were able to transfer the oil within the tanks to other tanks within the district and we are working with DEEP to move that project forward.

On a motion by Eric Carlson, seconded by Dante Tagariello, and following a question regarding why the tanks were red-flagged.

The Board of Education voted to approve the final plans and project manual(s) as prepared for bidding and dated September 15, 2023, and the professional cost estimate, completed in accordance with Level 3 of ASTM International Standard E1557, Standard Classification of Building Elements and Related Sitework-UNIFORMAT II for this project, dated August 23, 2022, with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

Bristol Eastern Booster Club Gift

Michael Higgins presented the Bristol Eastern Booster Club Gift. The Bristol Eastern High School Football Booster Club has received a \$4,000 check given to them at their annual golf tournament fundraiser that was held at the end of July. It was donated by an alumnus who was part of the state championship Bristol Eastern football team in the late eighties. This donor has made similar contributions in the past to both Bristol high schools. This particular donation was made to uphold the tradition of holding one weekly team dinner per game week during the season. Each Thursday the team and coaches have a dinner together throughout the season and this \$4,000 will be used to provide ten (10) team dinners. If there are any leftover funds it typically goes into the end-of-season celebration that honors the football team and the cheerleading squad for the season and/or the Spring Booster Club scholarship fund for the cheerleaders and football players.

On a motion by Kristen Giantonio, seconded by Shelby Pons,

The Board of Education voted to approve receipt of the \$4,000 check by the Bristol Eastern High School Football Booster Club, for the purpose of weekly team meals during the season with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

Special Services Report

Amy Martino presented the Special Services Report. Mrs. Martino reviewed the Special Education enrollment trends for the month of August. Enrollment trends were not captured during the month of July due to enrollment fluctuations that occurred over the summer. As of August 1, the identification rate of Bristol Public School students who require special education programming was 1,748 students which is 22.17% of the 7,882 enrolled students. As

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of September 1, 2023, 1,760 of the 8,053 students were identified as requiring special education programming this enrollment reflects 21.18% of the total BPS student population. As of August 1st, 118 students with disabilities required out-of-district placements at private special education school programs. There were 73 students requiring special education programming services at other public out-of-district schools including magnet schools. As of September 1, 2023, 125 students with disabilities require out-of-district placements at private special education school programs while 71 students required special education programming services at other public out-of-district schools. During the month of August 2023, five (5) newly registered students were identified as students with disabilities at the time of registration. One (1) student enrolled in BPS during the month of August 2023 received their programs and services at out-of-district special education school programs at the time of enrollment. Mrs. Martino also reported that the Connecticut Legislature recently passed Public Act No. 23-137, An Act Concerning Resources and Support Services for Persons with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability. Effective July 1, 2023, the school district's obligation under this subsection shall terminate services when such student has graduated from high school or at the end of the school year during which such child reaches age twenty-two, whichever occurs first. Students will no longer graduate upon their 22nd birthday as the legislation requires services to continue until the end of the school year. As a result, the anticipated fiscal impact, not budgeted for within the FY24 budget, will be approximately \$320,000, plus the cost of transportation.

CURRICULUM REVISION

Fashion Design - Second Reading

Ken Bagley presented the Fashion Design Curriculum. Fashion Design is a curriculum proposal to be included at BAIMS as part of the high school art offerings. Students will learn the basics of fashion illustration, fibers and textiles, construction, careers, and the business of fashion lines. The curriculum was presented at the Student Achievement Committee and passed to the full board for final approval.

On a motion by Kristen Giantonio, seconded by Jill Fitzsimons-Bula,

The Board of Education voted to approve the Fashion Design Curriculum as presented with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello, and Dube) in favor of the motion.

Computer Software Applications - New Course - Second Reading

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg presented the Computer Software Applications Curriculum. In this course, students get hands-on practice to produce professionally formatted documents, spreadsheets, and presentations needed in their future careers or personal lives. A parallel focus is placed on reinforcing and improving keyboarding proficiency through business-related activities. A variety of software packages including Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), Google Apps (Docs, Sheets, and Slides), and other web-based software will be utilized in this course. This is a course designed for students in grades 9 and 10, however, this course will benefit students in all grades looking to broaden their computer software skills.

On a motion by Kristen Giantonio, seconded by Jill Fitzsimons-Bula,

The Board of Education voted to approve the Computer Software Applications Curriculum as presented. with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello, and Dube) in favor of the motion.

Foundations in Health Science - New Course - Second Reading

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg presented the Foundations in Health Science Curriculum. This course is an introduction to the various pathways (Diagnostic, Therapeutic, Health Informatics, Support Services, Biotechnology Research and Development) in the field of Allied Health. Students will learn the basic structure and function of selected body systems and will practice medical skills associated with selected body systems. Students will learn medical abbreviations and basic medical terminologies (prefix, suffix, and word roots) associated with selected body systems. Particular focus will be placed on vital signs and skills associated with medical assisting, CNA, and nursing. Students

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will also learn basic communication skills and demonstrate competency in dealing with patients with a variety of backgrounds regardless of sexual orientation, religious, ethnic, and racial status. This course embeds multiple hands-on (CPR training, Stop the Bleed) and virtual lab experiences (Blood Typing) to enhance their knowledge and class experience. Students will be expected to demonstrate competency in the skills that are taught.

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and seconded by Eric Carlson,

The Board of Education voted to approve the Foundations in Health Science Curriculum with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello and Dube) in favor of the motion.

Rising Educators II - Second Reading

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg presented the Rising Educators II Curriculum. This is the second course in the Rising Educators series. Throughout the semester, students learn about the essential elements to a positive classroom environment, the role of evidence-based practice in yielding expected student outcomes, and the modes in which curriculum is used in generating teacher lesson plans. Student learning is anchored in fieldwork and observational experiences, where they observe instruction, link observations to their conceptual learning, and apply in their work with students.

On a motion by Dante Tagariello, and seconded by Kristen Giantonio,

The Board of Education voted to approve the Rising Educators II Curriculum with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello, and Dube) in favor of the motion.

UCONN - If You Love It, Teach It - New Course - Second Reading

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg presented the UCONN If You Love It, Teach It Course Curriculum. This college-level UCONN course explores the profession of teaching and the role passion for learning and passion for teaching plays in creating inclusive and engaging classrooms where all children are welcome and given the opportunity to learn. Students will learn about the evolution of the teaching profession over time and work to connect their strengths and passions to the important work teachers do! This course includes 20 hours of required internship time where students are working in district classrooms alongside experienced and passionate teachers.

On a motion by Kristen Giantonio, seconded by Dante Tagariello,

The Board of Education voted to approve the UCONN - If You Love It, Teach It Curriculum as presented with nine (9) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Pons, Simmons, Tagariello, and Chair Dube) in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Board.

BUILDING REPORTS

Dr. Dietter provided the monthly building reports.

Chippens Underground Storage Tank – Nothing new to report, since it was discussed at length early this evening.

BAIMS Building Update – We are working through just some of the last items on the punch list and we're looking forward to the process of closing out and auditing that project.

NEMS Building Committee Report - we have been having our programming meetings. The initial meetings have taken place, we elicit feedback from the various disciplines throughout their school and across the grade levels to talk about the spaces and programming so that's been well received in that process move forward. We will be we will be

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presenting plans at the next meeting. That is a recursive process we meet with the planning teams we have feedback, and the architects go back again and make visions. We will be engaged in that for the next couple of months.

ESSER/ARP Building Committee Update – Nothing new to report based on our previous discussion.

Edgewood Project Update - There are no changes to report, we are still waiting for State approval.

Culinary Arts Project Updates - There are no changes to report, we are still waiting for State approval.

Athletic Fields and Site Improvements - dugouts are complete at both high schools and windscreens have been ordered. They will be installed prior to the next baseball and softball season Batting cages are in process we are still waiting for the turf to be installed, which is in process. We are currently pricing out identified repairs at both the BC and BE tracks to the surface there are some areas that need to be touched up, information will be provided when we have information from the engineers.

INFORMATION/LIAISON REPORTS

Chair Dube provided a report from BAIMS and Mountain View schools.

Commissioner Simmons reported on South Side School.

Commissioner Anderson provided a report from Stafford and Bristol Central

Commissioner Osenkowski provided a report from Ivy Drive School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting should be adjourned. (8:35 p.m.).

Respectfully Submitted,



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Bristol Board of Education