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Regular Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2026

A Bristol Board of Education Regular Policy Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the BoE Auditorium and via the Zoom meeting platform.

Present: Commissioners: Lorianne Osenkowski, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula and Maria Simmons

Also Present: Superintendent Iris White, Deputy Superintendent Mary Hawk (virtual), Carly Fortin, Director of CIS, Jeffrey Telke, Supervisor of IT and Janet Kenney, Library Media Specialist.

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 February 11, 2026- Regular Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula called for a motion to approve the February 11, 2026-Regular Policy Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was made by Lorianne Osenkowski and seconded by Maria Simmons.

The Policy Committee voted 3-0, motion passed unanimously to approve the February 11, 2026, regular meeting minutes as written.

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Review And Possible Action On The Following Policies :

Chair Fitzsimons-Bula motioned to move items 4.11-4.13 to the beginning of the agenda. The motion was made by Maria Simmons and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski.

The Policy Committee voted 3-0, motion passed unanimously to begin with item 4.11-4.13.

4.11 Policy 6161.14 / 1312.5 Library Display and Program

Carly Fortin provided background information on the mandated policy being presented to the committee, noting that the Library Media Specialist collaborated and looked at the CLA Policy and CABE recommended policy and bringing forth the draft of Policy 6161.14 / 1312.5 Library Display and Program to the committee for further review and approval to the full board.

No questions or discussion.

Chair Jill Fitzsimons-Bula recommended to move Policy 6161.14 / 1312.5 Library Display and Program to the full board for approval.

A motion was made by Maria Simmons and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski to forward Policy 6161.14 / 1312.5 Library Display and Program to the full board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

4.12 Policy 6161.13 /1312.4 - Library Collection Development and Maintenance and accompanying regulation

Carly Fortin provided background information on the mandated policy being presented to the committee, noting that the Library Media Specialist collaborated and looked at the CLA Policy and CABE recommended policy and bringing forth the draft of Policy 6161.13 /1312.4 - Library Collection Development and Maintenance and accompanying regulation to the committee for further review and approval to the full board.

Questions and discussion in regards to shared resources and student engagement.

Chair Jill Fitzsimons-Bula recommended moving Policy 6161.13 /1312.4 - Library Collection Development and Maintenance and accompanying regulation to the full board for approval.

A motion was made by Maria Simmons and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski to forward Policy 6161.13 /1312.4 - Library Collection Development and Maintenance and accompanying regulation to the full board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

4.13 Policy 6161.12 / 1312.3 -Library Material Review and Reconsideration

Carly Fortin provided background information on the mandated policy being presented to the committee, noting that the Library Media Specialist collaborated and looked at the CLA Policy and CABE recommended policy and bringing forth the draft of Policy 6161.12 / 1312.3 -Library Material Review and Reconsideration to the committee for further review and approval to the full board.

Questions and discussion in regards to processes and specifics of if the public can follow the same protocol.

Chair Jill Fitzsimons-Bula recommended moving Policy 6161.12 / 1312.3 -Library Material Review and Reconsideration to the full board for approval.

A motion was made by Maria Simmons and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski to forward Policy 6161.12 / 1312.3 -Library Material Review and Reconsideration to the full board for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

4.1 Bylaw - 9132.8-School Board Liaison to Local School

Chair Fitzsimons-Bula provided background information on the policy presented to the committee, noting that the Board of Education had been asked to review Bylaw - 9132.8-School Board Liaison to Local School.

Questions and discussion in regards to adding revised language for Board of Education liaisons assignments to foster a positive relationship.

Chair Jill Fitzsimons-Bula recommended moving Bylaw - 9132.8-School Board Liaison to Local School to the full board for approval with the amended language of III 1. b. Consideration shall be given to Board members' interests, geographic proximity, prior school relationships, to avoid conflicts of interest. and experience, to foster positive relationships and collaboration.

A motion was made by Maria Simmons and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski to forward Bylaw - 9132.8-School Board Liaison to Local School to the full board for approval with the amended language. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Bylaw - 9133- Special Committee

Chair Fitzsimons-Bula provided background information on the policy presented to the committee, noting that the Board of Education had been asked to review Bylaw - 9132.8-School Board Liaison to Local School and with the approval, rescind Bylaw 9133-Special Committee.

Questions and discussion in regards to adding revised language for Board of Education liaisons assignments to CABE/CREC.

Chair Jill Fitzsimons-Bula recommended moving Bylaw - 9133- Special Committee to the full board to be rescinded.

A motion was made by Maria Simmons and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski to forward Bylaw - 9133- Special Committee to the full board to be rescinded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Policy 5090.9 Use of Private Technology Devices by Students with accompanying Regulation

4.4 Policy 5131.81 - Use of Private Technology Devices by Students

Chair Fitzsimons-Bula provided background information on the policy presented to the committee inviting Jeffrey Telke, Supervisor of IT to provide his expertise, noting that the Board of Education had been asked to review Policy 5090.9 Use of Private Technology Devices by

Students with accompanying Regulation with our current Policy 5131.81 - Use of Private Technology Devices by Students and revising as needed.

Questions and discussion regarding the language in both Policy 5090.9 and Policy 5131.81 in regards to types of electronic devices.

Chair Jill Fitzsimons-Bula recommended using the language in Policy 5090.9 with exception to paragraph 3 and implementing the language of the CAFE Model to revise Policy 5131.81 - Use of Private Technology Devices by Students to the full board for approval

A motion was made by Maria Simmons and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski to forward Policy 5131.81 - Use of Private Technology Devices by Students using the language in Policy 5090.9 with exception to paragraph 3 and implementing the language of the CAFE Model to the full board for revision. Motion passed unanimously.

4.5 Policy 6141.328 - Instruction, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Personal Technology in the Schools

Chair Fitzsimons-Bula provided background information on the policy presented to the committee, noting that the Board of Education had been asked to review Policy 6141.328 - Instruction, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Personal Technology in the Schools. Chair Fitzsimons-Bula invited Jeff Telke to provide feedback on the presented policy.

Questions and discussion regarding the overlap of technology policies specifically Policy 6141.328 - Instruction, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Personal Technology in the Schools and Policy 5131.81.

Maria Simmons recommended table item 4.5 for further review and discussion of the policy to the next meeting. Chair Fitzsimons-Bula and Commissioner Osenkowski agreed.

A motion was made by Jill Fitzsimons-Bula and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski to table item 4.5

Policy 6141.328 - Instruction, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Personal Technology in the Schools. Motion passed unanimously.

4.6 Policy 6141.329 - One-to-One Device Program

4.7 Policy 5113 Attendance/Excuses/Dismissal

4.8 Policy 5113.2 Truancy

4.9 Policy 5114 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process

4.10 Policy 0521 - Equal Opportunity - Nondiscrimination

Committee members engaged in questions and discussion to table the remainder of the agenda items 4.6-4.10.

Chair Jill Fitzsimons-Bula recommended table items 4.6-4.10 for further review and discussion of the policy at the next meeting. Chair Fitzsimons-Bula and Commissioner Osenkowski agreed.

A motion was made by Maria Simmons and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski to table the remainder of the agenda items 4.6-4.10.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 CABE Policy Update #1
- 5.2 CABE Policy Update #2

Chair Jill Fitzsimons-Bula provided the committee an update that explained both item 5.1 and 5.2 were for information purposes only. CABE sends quarterly policy updates to ensure there is compliance and all mandates are being completed.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Fitzsimons- Bula adjourned the Regular Policy Committee Meeting at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

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