BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bristol, Connecticut Thursday, November 17, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. Special Meeting – Redistricting Workshop

A Special Bristol Board of Education meeting was held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Bristol Central High School, located at 480 Wolcott Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Eric Carlson, Kristen Giantonio, Shelby Pons, Todd Sturgeon, and Karen Vibert

EXCUSED: Commissioners: Russell Anderson, Jennifer Dube, Dante Tagariello, and Christopher Wilson

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Catherine Carbone, Superintendent, and Dr. Michael Dietter, Deputy Superintendent

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Meeting Norms

Vice Chair Kristen Giantonio called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chair Giantonio read the meeting norms in the record.

Vice Chair Giantonio turned the meeting over to Dr. Carbone to introduce representatives from The S/L/A/M Collaborative (SLAM).

2. Presentation of Redistricting Maps by SLAM

Dr. Carbone introduced Mike Zuba, and Patrick Gallagher, from SLAM and shared the feedback from the October redistricting workshop and the goals of the Reimagining 2023 plan. Mr. Zuba and Mr. Gallagher presented newly revised maps and provided a detailed report regarding the Bristol Public Schools Reimagining BPS 2023 Recommended Phase I Boundaries.

3. Discussion

Vice Chair Giantonio opened the floor for discussion by Commissioners. Commissioner Pons thanked the community and families for coming and shared that Commissioners would not be able to respond to parent questions this evening, but wanted them to know they were being heard. Vice Chair Giantonio thanked Dr. Carbone and the leadership team; this was an iterative process; their openness to listening to the public and adjusting to family concerns. They did a tremendous job at mitigating the hard-to-mitigate issues and appreciated the district, Dr. Carbone, and SLAM's responsiveness. Commissioner Giantonio reiterated thanks from the Board.

4. Public Comment

Vice Chair Giantonio read the Public Comment rules into the record and read public comments received prior to this evening's meeting. The following members of the community submitted public comments: Jason and Rachel DeConti – 111 Old Turnpike Road – Regarding Ivy Drive Morgan and Paul Campbell – 183 Sims Road – Regarding Ivy Drive

No members of the audience wished to address the Board.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting should adjourn. (7:00 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Event

Susan Everett, Recording Secretary

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