

BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
June 2, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Bristol Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Board of Education auditorium and via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Eric Carlson, Jennifer Dube, Kristen Giantonio, Thomas O'Brien, Shelby Pons, John Sklenka (virtual), Karen Vibert, Allison Wadowski and Christopher Wilson; Dr. Catherine Carbone, Superintendent, Dr. Michael Dietter, Deputy Superintendent, Jill Browne, Business Director, and Peter Kelley, Council Liaison (virtual)

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Jennifer Dube called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and asked attendees to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Ann Marie Snyder a Special Education Teacher from 1978 to 2008 and Ora Massaro a Spanish Teacher at Bristol Eastern from 1962 to 1991.

MEETING NORMS

Commissioner Dube acknowledged the meeting norms and asked that they be adhered to throughout the meeting.

STAFF & STUDENT RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the following staff and students:

2022 BPS Teacher of the Year – Alissa Keane – Greene-Hills School

Carly Fortin presented the 2022 Bristol Public Schools Teacher of the Year. Alissa Keane from Greene-Hills School emerged as the top candidate from among the many nominated for recognition. There were seventy-nine nominations for teacher of the year, accounting for 17.5% of our total teaching faculty being nominated by colleagues, administrators, and our students' families. Mrs. Alissa Keane has emerged as the top candidate from among those educators who applied for recognition as the 2022 Bristol Teacher of the Year and she will represent Bristol's teachers in the statewide competition.

Mrs. Keane, a third-grade teacher, at Greene Hills School shared that while teaching in the pandemic was challenging, educators' resilience, perseverance, and creativity was inspiring. She feels a sense of gratitude and pride for just how well our students would fare after this year, witnessing how her fellow colleagues rose to the occasion and the impact their efforts have had on our students' learning. In her application, she wrote: "We, as Bristol's role models to our youth, need to be collective; we need to all believe in the impact we have together and we need to commit to supporting each other and holding each other accountable to being the best educators we can be. We must continue to inspire each other every day, even when we face challenges." These are not just words on a page for Mrs. Keane; she has embodied this idea in her work by continuing the learning and development of others and through her own continued professional growth. Mrs. Keane has been a TEAM mentor for the past ten years, supporting student teachers in their development. This past year, she has been one of our CREC Resident Mentors supporting a rising educator through to his graduation and certification. In addition to supporting others' learning, Mrs. Keane has continued her own professional growth and has been a Continuous Improvement Champion, a CCSU Teacher Leader Fellow, and a leader on the District Equity Team for the past several years. In her application, Mrs. Keane wrote, "Teachers can overcome anything together. This last year has taught us this more than ever. We have defied the odds in an educational environment that has never existed before. Teaching is a team sport and we truly are better together." We are better together, and we're certainly grateful that Mrs. Keane is a member of our team. We know that she will be representing Bristol well in the upcoming statewide competition!

2022 Paraeducator of the Year – Josephine Marino – South Side School

Carly Fortin presented the 2022 Paraeducator of the Year as Josephine Marino. Now more than ever, paraeducators play a vital role in the school setting. Collaborating with teachers and the instructional team, paraeducators provide

2022 Paraeducator of the Year – Josephine Marino – South Side School – cont'd

the much-needed academic and social/emotional support for the students in our schools. Mrs. Marino has been part of the team serving students at South Side School for the past fourteen years, more than half of her paraeducator career of twenty-three years, all within Bristol Public Schools. Within her application, Mrs. Marino wrote, “Students are like flowers growing a beautiful garden. They are very unique and no two are alike. Some bloom in early Spring and others take a different approach and bloom in their own time. As paraeducators, we must tend to our gardens by working diligently to support all students, academically, socially, and emotionally, while respecting their needs to ensure the optimal growth of reaching their potential.” Mrs. Marino is indeed a special gardener, a paraeducator who is worthy of the title of 2022 Bristol Public Schools Paraeducator of the Year.

2021 Staff Achievement Awards

Dr. Dietter announced the 2021 Staff Achievement Award winners. Each year the Board of Education selects staff members who go above and beyond the expectations of their job description to be honored with a Staff Award. A dinner in their honor was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Several recipients joined the Zoom meeting to be recognized. The following is the list of the 2021 Staff Achievement Awards recipients.

Emily Gomes – Elementary Principal – Ivy Drive School
Karen Newman – Grade 2 Teacher – Ivy Drive School
Stephanie Jacques – 6-12 Math Coach - Office of Teaching and Learning
Dianne Laviero-Ward – Behavioral Interventionist – Northeast Middle School
Kelly McCabe – Math Teacher – Bristol Central High School

Dr. Carbone announced the Bristol All-Heart Leadership Awards to the two outgoing Board of Education Student Representatives. Both Madisons were present in the audience and stood to receive their certificate and All-Heart award.

Bristol All-Heart Leadership Award

Madison Laprise – Senior – Bristol Central
Madison Turner – Senior – Bristol Eastern

Dr. Carbone announced the CAS Award, CT COLT Student Award for Excellence, and CAFE award winners from their schools. Student recipients are listed below and several appeared virtually to be recognized. Congratulations to all of our award winners.

CAS Awards

Chris Osuch – CAS/CIAC Scholar-Athlete – BCHS
Emma Quinterro – CAS/CIAC Scholar-Athlete – BCHS
Audrey Perry – CAS–CIAC Scholar-Athlete – BEHS
Jack Stavens – CAS–CIAC Scholar-Athlete – BEHS
Rosalie "Lee" Arre – CAS Outstanding Arts Award (Visual) – BCHS
Margaret "Maggie" Shapland – CAS Outstanding Arts Award (Performing) – BCHS
Brianna Kelley – CAS High School Arts Award – BEHS
Madison Chasse – CAS High School Arts Award – BEHS
Jenitza Aleman – CAS Scholar/Leader – GHS
Alex Lauzon – CAS Scholar/Leader – GHS
Nicholas Martino – CAS Scholar/Leader – WBS
Maura Waters – CAS Scholar/Leader – WBS

2. STAFF and STUDENT RECOGNITION – cont'd

Gabriel Ciralli – CAS Scholar/Leader – CHMS
Veronica Castro – CAS Scholar/Leader – CHMS
Jonathon Casarola – CAS Scholar/Leader – NEMS
Brendan Tartarelli – CAS Scholar/Leader – NEMS

CT COLT Student Award for Excellence

Sebastian Kostrezwski – Italian UConn ECE
Dominic Amara – Italian UConn ECE
Matthew Marcantonio – Italian UConn ECE
Yatzil Torres Valentin – Italian UConn ECE
Jalynn Gladden-Hinds – Italian UConn ECE

CABE Leadership Awards:

Nathaniel Gomez - Bristol Central H.S. - Gr. 12
Damani Hough - Bristol Central H.S. - Gr. 12
Ryley Plourde - Bristol Eastern H.S. - Gr. 12
Jeffrey Taillon - Bristol Eastern H.S. - Gr. 12
Peyton Hasler - Northeast M.S. - Gr. 8
Jonathan Casarola- Northeast M.S. - Gr. 8
Brooke Patnode - Greene-Hills - Gr. 8
Jordy Chacon - Greene-Hills - Gr. 8
Ruth Smith - West Bristol K-8 - Gr. 8
Grace Mazzone - West Bristol K-8 - Gr. 8
Darrek Griffith - Chippens Hill M.S. - Gr. 8
Aniyah James - Chippens Hill M.S. - Gr. 8

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 5, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Following a motion by Thomas O'Brien and a second by Eric Carlson.

Approval of the **May 5, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners in favor of the motion.

May 24, 2021 – Special BoE Workshop/Meeting Minutes

Following a motion by Shelby Pons and a second by Kristen Giantonio

Approval of the **May 24, 2021 – Special BoE Workshop/Meeting Minutes PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners in favor of the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance – Commissioner Vibert reported shared April 30th snapshot in the 2020-21 fiscal year, in which the operational budget shows an available balance of \$2,165,652. At this time, the cafeteria fund is running a deficit of \$207,737, however, the State has said that monies allocated to the district through ESSR II funding may be used to offset the cafeteria deficit and there were very few transfers to report.

Operations – Commissioner Carlson reported that the committee met and discussed Reimaging BPS and the committee voted to approve the building of a new middle school and to turn Edgewood into a PreK building, but that will be delayed a year or two. The committee also heard complaints from neighbors about activities at Bristol Eastern High School, we will be looking into those matters.

Personnel – Commissioner O’Brien reported the committee met earlier today and a tentative agreement was established with Local 818, once it is ratified the committee will bring it to the Board for approval. The committee will work with Local 2267 and 3351 for the remainder of the month and will meet again for the day on June 10 for a negotiations meeting.

Policy – Commissioner Giantonio reported that the committee met on May 26 and was given information regarding the equity toolkit. There was a presentation from Bristol Eastern High School students regarding changes to the dress code. The committee discussed revisions to Policy 5132 - Student Dress and Grooming, 6114.81 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness, and 6172.8 - Distance Education, revisions made to each of these policies will be shared later in the agenda.

Student Achievement - Commissioner Wilson reported that they met on May 19th and reviewed the first reading of the school counseling curriculum, the second reading will appear on tonight's agenda. Community Vocational was discussed, it is a new course, so it will appear on tonight's agenda for a first reading. Dr. Rechenberg presented the ECE Introduction to Health curriculum and discussed the partnerships with Bristol Hospital and BPS, it will appear on the agenda for a first reading tonight. The 6th Grade Social Studies curriculum was reviewed, Mr. Ward went through the curriculum in detail. The status of remote learning for the 2021- 2022 school year was discussed; per the CSDE remote learning is not required, it will be provided in certain circumstances. We will provide remote learning on inclement weather days, and there will be two traditional snow days. The committee moved remote learning for a vote at this evening's meeting. The committee also received an overview of the Equity Leadership Team toolkit from Dr. Carbone. Mrs. Fortin gave an update on the Memorial Boulevard Intra-district Arts Magnet School.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Bristol Central High School – Sydney Rodriguez – Junior Representative from Bristol Central shared activities from Bristol Central. Highlights of her report include: 5/12 BC saw a little COVID outbreak, students celebrated teachers appreciation; 5/20 - 25 students attended the State Student Advisory; 5/22 -5/23 saw a great performance of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee; 5/27 Virtual Award Night; sports teams have done well this spring; a Rock/Paper/Scissors challenge will be held and Finals will take place Tuesday – Friday of next week.

Bristol Eastern High School – Trisha Mohan – Junior Representative from Bristol Eastern shared activities from Bristol Central. Highlights of her report include: finals will be next week as it is the end of 4th quarter; honor societies have selected new members; academic honor awards were held yesterday June 1; sports teams are closing up for the season; Bristol Eastern High School band and chorus will perform their final concert this evening; graduation will be held on June 14th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Muzzy Field and a grad party will be held at Sonny's place in Somers Connecticut.

CHAIR REPORT – Chair Jennifer Dube shared information regarding the Bristol Prep graduation that will be held on June 14, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. and the Bristol Adult Education graduation that will be held on June 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Carbone presented the monthly Superintendent Report. District graduation information was shared: BPA Graduation will be held at 11:00 a.m. June 14, 2021, BEHS Graduation will be held at Muzzy Field at 5:00 p.m. June 14, 2021, BCHS Graduation will be held at Muzzy Field at 7:30 p.m. June 14, 2021. Dr. Carbone gave an update from the May 24th BoE workshop. Dr. Carbone shared the results of the recent Parents and Staff ThoughtExchange survey and the options presented at the Operations Committee and Workshops. The Operations Committee will consider all plan options, BoE Commissioner feedback and preferences, and option phasing and costs at its next meeting on May 26, 2021. The Operations Committee will make its recommendation to the full Board for discussion and action. In agreement with the Board of Education, the BPS Administration will seek community feedback. The Board of Education will make its recommendation for consideration by the City 10-Year Capital Improvement & Strategic Planning Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Dube called for the approval of the Consent Agenda which includes Items 8.1.1 through 8.2.1. Commissioner Wilson asked that Items 8.1.6. A-2 Resignation and 8.1.7. A-3 Resignation be pulled out for discussion. The items will come under New Business. Commissioners will vote on all other Consent Agenda items.

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by Shelby Pons

Approval of the **Consent Agenda PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL

Teacher Retirements

Vaughan, William – BCHS – Special Education Teacher – effective June 14, 2021

Walling, Robert – NEMS – Technology Education Teacher – effective July 31, 2021

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by Shelby Pons.

Acceptance of the **Teacher Retirements PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Teacher Resignations

Haas, Lauren – MTV – Special Education Teacher – Effective May 19, 2021

Habecker, Lisa – MTV – Literacy Coach – Effective May 14, 2021 (5/5 Agenda correction)

Jannetty, Kimberly – EPH – Grade 3 Teacher – Effective May 3, 2021

Kalfayan, Michelle – BEHS – Guidance Counselor – Effective August 1, 2022

Weiland, Peter – WB – Special Education Teacher – Effective June 14, 2021

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by Shelby Pons.

Acceptance of the **Teacher Resignations PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

New Teacher Hires

Bourassa, Emily – EPH – Grade 5 Teacher – Effective August 24, 2021

Taylor, Kevin – EPH – Grade 5 Teacher – Effective August 24, 2021

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by Shelby Pons.

Approval of the **New Teacher Hires PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

A-1 Resignations

DiFranco, Jennie – SSS – Science Leader – Effective May 1, 2021

Miller, Joseph – CHMS – Silver Team Leader – Effective June 14, 2021

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by Shelby Pons.

Approval of the **A-1 Resignations PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

A-1 Hire

Cawley, Meghan – CHMS – Silver Team Leader – Effective August 24, 2021

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by Shelby Pons.

Approval of the **A-1 Hire PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

GRANTS

SDE Primary Mental Health Grant (BOOST Grant)

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by Shelby Pons.

Approval of the **SDE Primary Mental Health Grant (BOOST Grant) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Dr. Galloway introduced the two new hires that were approved by the Board. Emily Bourassa and Kevin Taylor were both present and spoke briefly about joining the Bristol Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public wished to address the board.

DELIBERATED ITEMS/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Remote Learning For Emergency Closures Due To Short-Term Inclement Weather Events

Carly Fortin presented Remote Learning For Emergency Closures Due To Short-Term Inclement Weather Events. The CSDE is allowing remote learning as a strategy for emergency-related closures such as those due to short-term inclement weather. In consultation with BAPS and the BFT after reviewing staff and parent feedback we gathered this winter, we would like to make the recommendation that after two days of weather-related closures, we use remote learning. By taking this approach, we will be able to maintain the consistency of learning, providing greater reliability and stability throughout months that often can be unpredictable due to weather conditions. The last day of school for the 2021-2022 school year is projected to June 8, 2022. With two days of closure, the last day of school would be Friday, June 10, 2022.

Following a motion by Christopher Wilson and a second by Kristen Giantonio.

Approval of the **Remote Learning For Emergency Closures Due To Short-Term Inclement Weather Events PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

New Construction Northeast Middle School and Renovate and Repurpose Edgewood School as a PreK Center (Reimagining BPS 2023) Vote

Dr. Carbone presented the New Construction Northeast Middle School and Renovate and Repurpose Edgewood School as a PreK Center (Reimagining BPS 2023) Vote. At the Operations Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, the committee unanimously voted as part of Reimagining BPS 2023 to recommend constructing a new larger Northeast Middle School and to Renovate and Repurpose Edgewood School as a PreK Center and to forward the recommendation to the full Board for a vote.

Following a motion by Shelby Pons and a second by Karen Vibert

Approval of the **New Construction Northeast Middle School and Renovate and Repurpose Edgewood School as a PreK Center (Reimagining BPS 2023) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

FY22 Recommended Budget Adjustments

Mrs. Brown presented the FY22 Recommended Budget Adjustments. At its May 25, 2021 meeting, the Joint Board approved the Board of Education FY22 budget in the amount of \$121,650,000. In anticipation of this approval, the Finance Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 12, 2021, voted unanimously to approve the recommended budget adjustments resulting in a General Fund Budget of \$121,650,000 and to forward the recommended adjustments to the full board for a vote. Mrs. Browne shared slides with commissioners outlining the budget adjustments.

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by Shelby Pons. Commissioners discussed the FY22 Recommended Budget Adjustments.

Commissioner O'Brien called for a motion to **Amend the budget recommendations, by terminating the CABE membership and services and allocating those funds to Maintenance.** Commissioner Giantonio seconded the motion. Following discussion,

Approval of **Termination of CABE membership and services and Allocating Funds to Maintenance FAILED** with three (3) Commissioners (Giantonio, O'Brien, Sklenka,) in favor of the motion and six (6) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Pons, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) **OPPOSED.**

Approval of the **FY22 Recommended Budget Adjustments as presented PASSED** with seven (7) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, O'Brien, Pons, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion and two (2) Commissioners (Giantonio and Sklenka) **OPPOSED.**

Special Services Leadership Team Report

Kim Culkin presented the monthly Special Services Leadership Team Report. Mrs. Culkin shared that as of May 1, 2021, 1,762 of 8,131 Bristol students were identified as students requiring Special Education programming. This enrollment number represents 21.67% of Bristol students. Of overall newly enrolled students in Bristol during the month of April 2021, 20.59% of newly enrolled students entered Bristol Schools already identified as eligible for special education programming and services. Since April of 2020, 8 newly registered students came to us already receiving their programs and services through out-of-district special education school programs. As of May 1, 2021, 114 of our 1,762 students require out-of-district placements at special education school programs and 73 students require special education programming services at other public out-of-district schools such as magnet schools.

Mrs. Culkin also shared the CSDE Guidance regarding Special Education Recovery with the Board.

CURRICULUM REVISION

6th Grade Social Studies Curriculum (Second Reading)

Leszek Ward presented the 6th Grade Social Studies Curriculum. Mr. Ward gave an overview of the presentation that was given at the Student Achievement Committee meeting.

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by Shelby Pons

Approval of the **6th Grade Social Studies Curriculum PASSED** with seven (7) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, O'Brien, Pons, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion and two (2) Commissioners (Giantonio and Sklenka) **OPPOSED.**

School Counseling (Second Reading)

Amy Martino presented the School Counseling Curriculum. The 6-12 School Counseling Curriculum was revised following the November 2020 release of the CSDE School Counseling Framework. The curriculum was presented at the May 19, 2021, Student Achievement Committee meeting, and the committee recommended moving the curriculum to the full board for a vote.

Following a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by Thomas O'Brien.

Approval of the **School Counseling Curriculum PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Community Vocational Education Curriculum – New (First Reading)

Amy Martino presented the Community Vocational Education Curriculum. The Vocational Education Program is offered to students who require Special Education. The program is designed for students who have completed a high school diploma and who require additional transitional services. The curriculum is centered around the CT 16 Core Transitional Skills to ensure that students who require Special Services master their transition service needs to successfully transition into adulthood.

At the May 19, 2021, Student Achievement Committee meeting, the committee approved the initial read and moved the curriculum to the full Board of Education for a first reading. The curriculum will appear on the July meeting agenda for a second reading. Please contact Mrs. Martino with any questions you may have in the intervening month.

ECE Introduction to Allied Health Professions – New (First Reading)

Jaime Rechenberg presented ECE Introduction to Allied Health Professions. Introduction to Allied Health Professions is a half-year course designed as an introduction to the field of Allied Health. The course will inform students about the five pathways in allied health fields, certifications, and post-secondary choices for careers in allied health. Students will explore therapeutics, health information, diagnostics, support services, and research and development. Guest speakers from diverse backgrounds will be invited from each of the pathways to share their experience in terms of education, training, and on-the-job experience. Students will also have the opportunity to experience each field in terms of activities, projects, presentations, and research. Students who successfully pass this course will receive 1.0 credits from the University of Connecticut.

At the May 19, 2021, Student Achievement Committee meeting, the committee approved the initial read and moved the curriculum to the full Board of Education for a first reading. The curriculum will appear on the July meeting agenda for a second reading. Please contact Dr. Rechenberg with any questions you may have in the intervening month.

TEXTBOOK RECOMMENDATION

Discovery Techbook (Second Reading)

Following a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by Allison Wadowski

Approval of the **Discovery Techbook PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O'Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

POLICY REVISION

Policy 5132 – Student Dress and Grooming (Revision)

Following a motion by Shelby Pons and a second by Karen Vibert

Approval of **Policy 5132 – Student Dress and Grooming PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

Policy 6114.81 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness (Revision)

Following a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by John Sklenka. Commissioner Vibert asked for further discussion.

Approval of the **Policy 6114.81 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness PASSED** with five (5) Commissioners (Carlson, Giantonio, Sklenka, Wadowski, and Dube) in favor of the motion and four (4) Commissioners (O’Brien, Pons, Vibert, and Wilson) **OPPOSED**.

Termination of Policy 6114.81 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness

Commissioner Giantonio called for a Termination of Policy 6114.81 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness effective the last day of school, June 14, 2021.

Following a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by John Sklenka. Commissioners discussed Termination of Policy 6114.81 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness.

Commissioner Giantonio called for an amendment to the motion, to state Termination of Policy 6114.81 be effective June 30, 2021. Commissioner Sklenka seconded the motion.

Following discussion, the original motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Giantonio.

Policy 6172.6 – Distance Education (Revision)

Following a motion by Kristen Giantonio and a second by Allison Wadowski

Approval of **Policy 6172.6 – Distance Education PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wilson asked that items 8.1.6 and 8.1.7 be pulled out of the consent agenda for further discussion. Commissioner Wilson took a moment to acknowledge the work of Vince Jenetta as he steps down from his work as TSA/Robotics Club, Instructional Technology Coordinator, and Gifted Coach, Athletic Coordinator, M.S. Engineering and Tech Dept. Coordinator.

8.1.6. A–2 Resignation

Jenetta, Vince – NEMS – TSA/Robotics Club AND Instructional Technology Coordinator – Eff. June 14, 2021

8.1.7. A–3 Resignation

Jenetta, Vince – NEMS – Gifted Coach, Athletic Coordinator, M.S. Engineering and Tech Dept. Coordinator – Eff. June 14, 2021

Following a motion by Thomas O’Brien and a second by Christopher Wilson.

Approval of the **A–2 Resignation and A–3 Resignation PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** with nine (9) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, Giantonio, O’Brien, Pons, Sklenka, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion.

BUILDING REPORTS

MBIAMS Update - Dr. Dietter presented the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School Update. Dr. Dietter shared the following updates: Site work including parking, removal of pump houses, and pouring of the gym floor slab. Inside we are seeing progress from the top down with the installation of mechanicals and sheet rocking in specific locations. In addition, the rear of the building is taking shape with the larger gymnasium space taking shape. Lastly, restoration of the theater light fixture continues which is a substantial benchmark achieved, it has been fit in an aluminum frame which will allow for finishing, transporting, and positioning. The project continues on time and on budget.

INFORMATION/LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner O'Brien reported that he met with Scott Gaudet and is embracing his new role as liaison.

VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION *for the purpose of discussing:*

1. Superintendent's Contract

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by Eric Carlson.

The Board of Education voted to **CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Contract. (10:20 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Commissioners: Eric Carlson, Jennifer Dube, Kristen Giantonio, Thomas O'Brien, Shelby Pons, Karen Vibert, Allison Wadowski, and Christopher Wilson

ABSENT: Commissioner John Sklenka

Executive Session was called to order at 10:30 p.m.

Commissioners discussed the Superintendent's Contract

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board of Education should reconvene into Public Session to take any votes on matters discussed in Executive Session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Following a motion by Karen Vibert and a second by Allison Wadowski

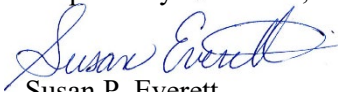
Approval of the **Superintendent's Contract PASSED** with seven (7) Commissioners (Carlson, Dube, O'Brien, Pons, Vibert, Wadowski, and Wilson) in favor of the motion and one (1) Commissioner (Giantonio) **OPPOSED**.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board and

Following a motion by Eric Carlson and a second by John Sklenka, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned. (11:30 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan P. Everett

Executive Secretary to the Board of Education