



BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR FINANCE/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 5, 2024

The regular meeting of the Bristol Board of Education Finance and Operations Committee was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 36 of the Bristol Board of Education and via the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Russell Anderson, Eric Carlson (arrived 6:22 p.m.), Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, and Dante Tagariello (virtual)

ALSO PRESENT: Kristen Giantonio, Maria Simmon (virtual), Jennifer Van Gorder (virtual) Shelby Pons (virtual); Lynn Boisvert, Dr. Kim Culkin, Dr. Michael Dietter, Carly Fortin (Virtual), Amy Martino, Iris White, Jodi Bond, Collin Uryse, Peter Fusco, Tara Landon, Peter Wininger

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

In Commissioner Carlson's absence, Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Proposed Additional FY 2025 BoE Budget Cuts

Lynn Boisvert presented the Proposed additional FY 2025 BoE Budget cuts. Commissioners were provided a copy of the proposed cuts prior to the meeting and a hard copy was provided this evening.

Questions and discussion followed regarding paraeducator duties, additional funds in the Alliance Grant line, the Communication Director Position removed from Alliance, TESOL Teachers, and the \$750,000 given to the Board of Education through the reserve.

On motion by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula and a second by Commissioner Tagariello; it was

VOTED: That the Finance and Operations Committee accept the changes and move the Proposed Additional FY 2025 BoE Budget Cuts to the full Board for a vote.

Acting Committee Chair Fitzsimons-Bula declared the motion **PASSED**, after a roll call vote of three (3) Commissioners (Tagariello, Anderson, and Fitzsimons-Bula) in favor of the motion.

3. Proposed Change To The Start/End Times Of Pk-5 And K-8 And Middle Schools (Excluding BAIMS)

Lynn Boisvert and Collin Uryse presented the Proposed Change To The Start/End Times Of Pk-5 And K-8 And Middle Schools (Excluding BAIMS). The proposal is to add five (5) minutes to the beginning and end of the school day to help with transportation.

Questions and discussion followed regarding the effective date and how parents would be notified.

Acting Committee Chair Fitzsimons-Bula called for a motion to approve the proposed changes.

Additional discussion followed regarding the proposal being too fast, having a community workshop regarding the change, possibly creating a parent survey, and a proposed community workshop.

On motion by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula and a second by Commissioner Anderson; it was

VOTED: To keep the Proposed Change To The Start/End Times Of Pk-5 And K-8 And Middle Schools (Excluding BAIMS) in committee and elicit community feedback.

Acting Committee Chair Fitzsimons-Bula declared the motion **PASSED**, after a roll call vote of four (4) Commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Tagariello and Fitzsimons-Bula) in favor of the motion.

4. Discussion on Athletic Account purchase of wrestling mats for BEHS and BCHS

Lynn Boisvert opened the Discussion on the Athletic Account purchase of wrestling mats for BEHS and BCHS. Following a meeting with Commissioner Carlson and Chair Pons it was decided that funds from Bristol Central and Bristol Eastern would be combined to buy wrestling mats.

Discussion followed regarding Policy 3453, carryover of funds, minimal carryover amount, and possible violation of Board policies.

Acting Committee Chair Fitzsimons-Bula called for the committee to move on to the next agenda item due to the time.

5. Finance & Operations Committee Acting Building Committee

Peter Fusco presented the ESSER/ARP Funds - Board of Education Water Main and other miscellaneous repairs. There was a discussion of Priority 4 – Safe and Healthy Schools. The \$100,000 water main project at the Board of Education has made its way to ESSER/ARP. The Bristol Water Department has issued shut-off notices and ESSER money made it possible to fix this issue. We were preparing to do this project this summer.

Discussion followed regarding how the failure to act would impact BoE building operations and could impact other community programs (i.e. Agape House and Imagination Museum.)

On motion by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula and a second by Commissioner Tagariello; it was

VOTED: That the Finance and Operations Committee table the discussion of the ESSER/ARP Funds - Board of Education Water Main and other miscellaneous repairs.

6. Adjournment

With no other business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned. (6:50 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted:



Susan Everett
Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education