

## Regular Board template

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 7:00 PM

Board of Education Auditorium, 129 Church Street, Bristol, CT 06010

### 1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence**

### 2. **Approval of Minutes - January 6, 2010 Regular Meeting**

### 3. **Committee Reports**

### 4. **Consent Agenda**

#### 4.1. Personnel

4.1.a. Teacher Retirement Eligible for the Retirement Incentive - Effective June 30, 2010

4.1.b. Teacher Resignation - Effective June 30, 2010

4.1.c. A-3 Teacher Resignation - Effective January 19, 2010

4.1.d. A-3 Teacher Appointment Effective January 20, 2010

4.1.e. Part Time Teacher Hired for Full Time Position

4.1.f. Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence from January 14, 2010 through June 30, 2010

4.1.g. Coaching Resignations

#### 4.2. Grants

4.2.a. Bilingual Grant

4.2.b. Business Education Foundation Grant

4.2.c. Home Depot Grant

4.2.d. Open Choice Grant July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

4.2.e. Title II, Part D ARRA Grant

4.2.f. Continuation of the United Way of West Central CT Grant

### 5. **Public Comment**

### 6. **Deliberated Items**

6.1. Clarence A. Bingham School Closure

6.2. Enrollment Update

6.3. Hat Day for Haiti at Hubbell

6.4. Policy Revision

6.4.a. Policy #5114 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process - Second Reading

6.4.b. Policy #6140 - Curriculum  
Design/Development/Review - Second Reading

6.4.c. Policy #6142.101 - Student Nutrition and  
Physical Activity - Second Reading

6.5. Curriculum Revision

6.5.a. High School Course Proposal - TV  
Production - 2nd Reading

6.6. Sidewalk Waiver - 24 Dell Manor Drive - Part C:  
Block #5 Redevelopment Subdivision

7. **Old Business**

8. **New Business**

9. **Building Committee Reports**

10. **Information**

**Presenter:** Barbara  
Doyle

11. **Vote to Convene Into Executive Session**

**Presenter:** Barbara  
Doyle

12. **Reconvene Into Public Session**

**Presenter:** Barbara  
Doyle

13. **Adjournment**

**Presenter:** Barbara  
Doyle

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Bristol, Connecticut  
**Regular Meeting – January 6, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting of the Bristol Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., in the Auditorium of the Board of Education Administration Building, 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Jane Anastasio, Margaret Bonola, Amy Coan, Barbara Doyle, Julie Luczkow, Thomas O'Brien, Sherry Turcotte, Karen Vibert, Christopher Wilson; Philip A. Streifer, Superintendent of Schools, Susan Kalt Moreau, Deputy Superintendent, Kim Hapken, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Dennis Bieu, Human Resources Director, and Clifford Block, Council Liaison to the Board.

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chairman Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and invited the audience to join her in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Georgine Cawley, a former librarian at Bristol Central High School and Andrew Giacomini a former coach at Bristol Central High School.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien seconded by Commissioner Vibert, it was

***VOTED: That the minutes of the December 2, 2009 Regular Meeting be approved as written.***  
**Chairman Doyle declared the motion PASSED with eight commissioners in favor of the motion, and Commissioner Anastasio abstaining.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Student Achievement Committee**

Committee Chair Luczkow reported that the committee met on December 4, 2009. Revisions to three Board of Education policies were discussed. These policies, 6142.101, 6140 and 5114, are on the agenda tonight for a first reading. The request to add Gymnastics as a "Team of One" was discussed. After a lengthy discussion, the committee requested that the administration contact students and parents at BCHS and BEHS regarding interest in participating in a "Team of One", and informing the students and parents of the commitments required for participating in a "Team of One". Southington High School offered to take up to five students as a team of one. If there are more than five students, the team will not run and no more than three students can be from one school. Subsequent to this meeting, three students from each high school were interested in participating in a "Team of One". Southington High School agreed to take the six students. The next meeting of the Student Achievement committee is scheduled for Friday, January 15, 2010 at 1:30 pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Vibert asked that agenda item 4.1.6 – Volunteer Coaching Appointments be held out for further discussion.**

**Teacher Retirements - Eligible for the Retirement Incentive Effective June 30, 2011**

On motion of Commissioner Wilson seconded by Commissioner Anastasio, it was unanimously

**Teacher Retirements - Eligible for the Retirement Incentive - Effective June 30, 2011: - con't**

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Teacher Retirements, effective June 30, 2011:***

***Baily, Kathleen - CTO – PreK;***  
***Block, Lynette - GH - Grade 3;***  
***Broderick, Michael - BCHS – Guidance;***  
***Chatfield, RoseAnn - SSS – Kindergarten;***  
***Corrette, Janet - JJJ - Special Education;***  
***Davis, Jane - BEHS – Business;***  
***Dresser, Carol - BEHS - Social Worker;***  
***Forcier, Paula - JJJ - Grade 4;***  
***Freitag, Maria - CHMS - Library Media Specialist;***  
***Gallagher, Lenore - MBMS - Science – Grade 7;***  
***Glowa, Theodore - MBMS - Language Arts, Grade 8;***  
***Griffin, Dorothy - GH - Grade 5;***  
***Hinman, Judith - BCHS - Family & Consumer Science;***  
***Kelly, Robert - CHMS - Science - Grade 7;***  
***Lindberg, Patricia - SSS – Kindergarten;***  
***Melinski, Beverly - JJJ - Grade 3;***  
***Onkey, Noel - SSS – PreK;***  
***Plourde, Judith - CHMS - Social Studies - Grade 6;***  
***Racloz, Susan - MBMS – Wellness;***  
***Reichler, Richard - BEHS - Tech Ed;***  
***Spinelli, Barbara - SSS - Grade 2;***  
***Tanguay, Patricia - BCHS - Family & Consumer Science;***  
***Taylor, Roy - BEHS - French/Spanish;***  
***Theriault, Barbara - MBMS - Math - Grade 6;***  
***Tuttle, Madonna - ID - Grade 4;***

**A-1 Resignations**

On motion of Commissioner Wilson seconded by Commissioner Anastasio, it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education accept the following A-1 Teacher Resignations:***

***Michael Broderick – BCHS – Guidance Department Head – Effective June 30, 2011;***

***Theodore Glowa – MBMS – Team Leader, Blue – Effective June 30, 2011;***

***Michael Rogers – BEHS – Technology, Business and Family & Consumer Department Head – Effective June 30, 2011;***

**A-2 Teacher Resignations**

On motion of Commissioner Wilson seconded by Commissioner Anastasio, it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education accept the following A-2 Teacher Resignations:***

***Judith Hinman – BCHS – F.C.C.L.A. Advisor (Vocational Club) – Effective June 30, 2011;***

***Michael Rogers – BEHS – Instructional Technology Coordinator and Yearbook Advisor, Editorial Effective June 30, 2010;***

***Sandra Roy – BEHS – Yearbook Advisor, Circulation – Effective June 30, 2010;***

### **Sixth Year Salary Credit - Effective February 1, 2010**

On motion of Commissioner Wilson seconded by Commissioner Anastasio, it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Sixth Year Salary Credit:  
Lawrence Covino – BCHS – Social Studies***

### **Coaching Resignations**

On motion of Commissioner Wilson seconded by Commissioner Anastasio, it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education accept the following Coaching Resignations:***

***Kevin Fuller – Cross Country Coach – NEMS, effective: 11/20/09;  
Jason Stafford – Boys’ Tennis Coach – BCHS, effective: 11/17/09;  
John Stavens – Asst. Softball Coach – BEHS, effective: 12/11/09;  
Kevin Toomey – Asst. Softball Coach – BEHS, effective: 12/5/09;  
Nakiya Troth – Head Cheerleading Coach – BCHS, effective: 11/18/09;***

### **Grants**

#### **Bristol Business Education Foundation Mini-Grant Awards**

On motion of Commissioner Wilson seconded by Commissioner Anastasio, it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Grants:  
Bristol Business Education Foundation Mini-Grants***

#### **Volunteer Coaching Appointments - Effective 12/18/09**

Commissioner Vibert commented on those people who continue to volunteer in these difficult economic times. It is wonderful that they continue to do so, and help out the district, our programs have benefitted greatly from these people.

On motion of Commissioner O’Brien seconded by Commissioner Anastasio, it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Volunteer Coaching Appointments:***

***Jonathan Maule – Baseball Program – BEHS;  
Robert Moreau – Wrestling Program – BEHS;  
David Parent – Boys Basketball Program – BEHS;  
Richard Rose – Boys Basketball Program – BCHS;***

Dr. Streifer asked that Jeannie Audette speak about the grants that were just approved under the Consent agenda.

Mrs. Audette reported that the Bristol Public Schools is a recipient of a grant from the Bristol Business Education Foundation in the amount of \$10,168.00, to fund thirteen (13) grants at eight (8) schools and the Office of Teaching and Learning. The Business Education Foundation has also been the recipient of grants for the Bristol Board of Education. They received a \$5,500 grant from The Hartford for installation of a SmartBoard at South Side School, their School~Business Partner, a \$1,000 grant written by Ellen Benham from Wal-Mart for fitness equipment for Northeast Middle School, a \$1,500 grant from the Barnes Foundation to assist needy children in paying for field trips, the Family Resource Center at O’Connell received a \$750 grant from the Corinne Levin Foundation to support a parent/student math night.

O'Connell School was able to continue to support their homework initiative program with funds from the Robert's Foundation that rolled over from the grant they received in the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Audette wanted to publically thank the organizations and local businesses for their generosity and continued support of our schools. Dr. Streifer thanked Mrs. Audette for all of the work that she does for the district.

On motion of Commissioner Anastasio seconded by Commissioner Luczkow, it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education amend the agenda, to have Item 7 - Superintendents Report moved up on the agenda to precede Public Comment.***

### **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Dr. Streifer reported that Bingham is scheduled to close when the new schools open, but we cannot wait that long. An initial review indicates that it is likely that we can close the school and save significant expenditures starting with the 2010-2011 budget years. Thus Dr. Streifer is commencing serious planning to determine whether we can close Bingham School July 1, 2010. The administration will report back at its February meeting with information regarding savings, redistricting and transportation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Luke McCoy - 820 Matthews Street a representative from the Bristol Lacrosse League addressed the Board regarding lacrosse. Mr. McCoy told the Board there has been a youth program for the past six (6) years, a boys' independent high school club team for three (3) years and a girls' independent high school club team for two (2) years. The league has been working for the last three (3) years with the athletic directors to move the program from an independent club team, to an independent co-op high school program.

In the past, they have wanted to come before the Board of Education, and have been told that there are budget issues. Their most recent proposal is a combination of a "pay to play" and an independently funded program, which runs through the high schools, but at no cost to the high schools. They are currently running into the problem of club teams that are becoming school teams which means that Bristol can no longer play them, for a variety of reasons. He would like to get on an agenda to present the league's formal budget that will show costs and funding options that they have been working on for the past three years.

Barbara Doyle informed Mr. McCoy that normally these requests come through committee before it comes to the full board. She would refer this request to the Student Achievement Committee. Mr. McCoy stated that he had submitted the necessary information to get on the Student Achievement agenda, but has not heard back about whether he was on the upcoming agenda. Dr. Streifer asked him to forward all his information to him, and he will try to get him on the February agenda.

### **DELIBERATED ITEMS**

#### **Retirement Incentive for Teachers**

The administration has received a request from the BFT (Bristol Federation of Teachers) to extend the successful retirement incentive that we ran last fall to the other categories allowable under the Teacher Retirement Board. Dennis Bieu, Human Resource Director presented the new retirement incentive plan, for individuals unable to elect a TRB "Normal Retirement" but are able to elect a TRB Early, Proratable or Vested Deferred. The Group 1 and Group 2 plans are identical to the plan that was previously approved.

On motion of Commissioner O'Brien seconded by Commissioner Turcotte, it was unanimously

**Retirement Incentive for Teachers - con't**

**VOTED:** *That the Board of Education approve the Retirement Incentive for Teachers, effective June 30, 2010 or June 30, 2011.*

**POLICY REVISIONS****Policy 5114 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process - First Reading**

Kim Hapken presented Policy 5114 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process for a first reading. The policy had been revised in the summer, so there are only a few wording changes that need to be made. One of the suggested changes was to the language throughout the In School Suspension policy to remove specific dates and have it read "The effective date of in-school suspensions has been determined by the Connecticut General Statutes...". Throughout the document dates have been removed, and the revised statement inserted. Also removed was the statement that you could go to the Superintendent for review if you did not agree with a suspension or expulsion of a student, this was removed, because this is no longer our practice. This is first reading of the policy, if there are any questions in the intervening month, please contact Kim Hapken.

**Policy 6142.101 - Student Nutrition and Physical Activity - First Reading**

Denise Carabetta presented Policy 6142.101 - Student Nutrition and Physical Activity for a first reading. This is a revision to the regulation of the Student Nutrition and Physical Activity policy. There is a Connecticut Educational Law that requires Boards of Education to include in the regular school day for elementary students a period of physical exercise. We are amending the regulation to address this. In the philosophy statement of the policy we are stating that recess is part of the educational experience. It should not be viewed as a reward but as a necessary component. Elementary students should have at least twenty (20) minutes of supervised recess time during the day, preferable outside, weather permitting. The twenty (20) minute recess occurs during the lunch period. There are exceptions with specific provisions for withholding recesses. For students in grades 1-5 staff may modify the recess period only in certain circumstances as described in the policy. This proposed revision has been discussed twice, at the Student Achievement Committee with a number of changes proposed and then incorporated. This is first reading of the policy, if there are any questions in the intervening month, please contact Denise Carabetta.

**Policy 6140 - Curriculum Design/Development/Review - First Reading**

Denise Carabetta presented Policy 6140 – Curriculum Design/Development/Review. This is a minor change to this policy. There is a new State Statute which requires that each local and regional Board of Education establish a school district curriculum committee. The committee shall recommend, develop, review and approve all curriculum for the local or regional school district. The process we have of curriculum review through the Student Achievement Committee, meets the requirements of the statute. Thus the changes are simply to put that wording into the policy; that we do have an established committee and that the charge of the Student Achievement is to review all new and revised curriculum. This is the first reading of the policy, if there are any questions in the intervening month, please contact Denise Carabetta.

**Old Business**

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

**New Business**

There was no New Business to come before the Board.

## **Building Committee Reports**

### **West Bristol Committee**

Commissioner Wilson reported that there has been discussion that the construction manager contract has been approved and parties will just need to get together to sign the contract. The committee received a schematic drawing from the architect, reviewing all of the design they have done thus far which the construction manager will use to prepare and get bids and quotes for the school project. The committee also approved additional service requests from the architect.

### **Forestville Committee**

Commissioner O'Brien reported that the committee has received two pieces of good news. First, the Starlite Market will be on the City Council agenda next week, which will complete the acquisition of the necessary property for the Forestville school. Second, the preliminary estimate by the construction manager indicates that we are within budget on the schematics. The committee has scheduled their February meeting at Greene Hills. The architect and Construction Manager will be present with models and schematics, for parents to look at, review what will be happening and ask questions.

Dr. Streifer added that they had received budgets for both schools and West Bristol had also come in under budget.

### **Information**

Bristol Business Education Foundation/The Hartford/Wal-Mart

Jeannie Audette spoke about Item 11.1 - Bristol Business Education Foundation/The Hartford/Wal-Mart earlier this evening. The Board thanked the businesses again for their support of our schools.

United Way of West Central Connecticut – Bristol Discovery Collaborative

Dr. Streifer read a letter from Donna Osuch, President and CPO of United Way announcing a check in the amount of \$3,740 from the Bristol Discovery Collaborative to support the Family Resource Center's Raising Readers program and playgroup. Another check will be received in January to fulfill the Discovery Collaborative agreement. Dr. Streifer thanked the United Way for their generosity.

## **VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Commissioner Anastasio and seconded by Commissioner Turcotte, it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing, Student Expulsions and a personnel matter having to do with a member from Local 2267 (7:41 p.m.).***

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Jane Anastasio, Margaret Bonola, Amy Coan, Barbara Doyle, Julie Luczkow, Thomas O'Brien, Sherry Turcotte, Karen Vibert, Christopher Wilson; Philip A. Streifer, Superintendent of Schools, Kim Hapken, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Dennis Bieu, Human Resources Director, and Clifford Block, Council Liaison to the Board.

**Excused:** Susan Kalt Moreau, Deputy Superintendent

Executive Session was called to order at 7:55 p.m.

Dennis Bieu and Kim Hapken gave expulsion updates.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – con’t**

Personnel matter discussed regarding a Local 2267 member.

**RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

On motion of Commissioner Coan seconded by Commissioner Anastasio it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education reconvene into Public Session to vote on any items discussed in Executive Session. (8:25 p.m.)***

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Commissioner O’Brien seconded by Commissioner Vibert, it was unanimously

***VOTED: That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned. (8:26 p.m.)***

Respectfully Submitted:

***Susan P. Everett***

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Board of Education Secretary

## **Bristol Board of Education**

### **Special Joint Meeting of the Operations and Student Achievement Committees**

A Special Meeting of the Operations and Student Achievement Committees of the Bristol Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., at the Board of Education Administration Building, 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

Present: Jane Anastasio, Peg Bonola, Amy Coan, Barbara Doyle, Julie Luczkow, Tom O'Brien, Sherry Turcotte, Karen Vibert, Christopher Wilson, Councilman Cliff Block Philip Streifer, Susan Kalt Moreau, Dennis Bieu

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Mrs. Doyle explained procedures for this evenings' meeting. Members of the public will be provided time to comment. Speakers were asked to sign up if they wanted to make a comment. Three minutes will be allocated for each speaker.

Central Office staff reviewed administrative planning regarding the possible closure of Bingham School.

Dr. Streifer began with a statement regarding the difficulty of a decision like this. The state is continuing to 'pull the rug out' from under us in terms of funding. The economic picture for the next few years is bleak. The City will be unable to continue funding escalated costs for the school district. We have offered a retirement plan for teachers that will provide significant savings for the next two years. However, that savings will be insufficient to fund our current education program.

Preliminary figures indicate a necessary increase of \$3,000,000. We have lost \$1,000,000 in Priority School Grant funding. This grant funds many of our literacy teachers. The State changed the formula for excess special education costs as part of the Implementer Bill. The City will lose \$1,000,000 in expected revenue in the current year budget. We are also using about a million dollars in special education ARRA funds. That totals \$6 million dollars, a gap that we cannot expect the City to close. It is possible that the current state budget problem will result in the loss of some grants during the current school year. We have additional unfunded mandates in the area of in-school suspension and new teacher induction. The number of special education students with extraordinary needs continues to increase.

Why Bingham? It is our smallest school with the lowest enrollment of all elementary schools. When we ran redistricting scenarios, we found that we could create a plan that keeps neighborhoods of children together. We ran 5 scenarios before finding a plan that works. Students would be districted by neighborhood to Mountain View, Edgewood, Ivy

Drive, Hubbell, Southside, and Stafford School. We looked at racial and poverty balances as part of these scenarios.

A matrix in the handout indicates the number of students to be moved to each school and class sizes that do not exceed district guidelines.

The actual savings for closing Bingham is \$1.2 million dollars. This comes from a reduction of staff and the cost of utilities. At this time we do not know the number of layoffs that will result from this decision.

This decision will result in the elimination of 10 sections at the elementary level in 2010-2011.

The value of the Bingham property is estimated at \$3.7 million including its land. If Bingham were put on the tax rolls, it would generate \$45-\$50 thousand in property tax revenue annually.

We cannot guarantee that students redistricted now will not be redistricted again when we open our new K-8 schools.

Mrs. Vibert asked why we would bear the \$20,000 maintenance cost. Dr. Streifer indicated that this cost will be born by the city.

Mrs. Luczkow asked about increased transportation costs. Mr. Bieu said that we expect to retain one of four current bus runs. Each run is approximately \$43,000. She asked a further question about capacity of other buildings. Dr. Streifer shared that we did an audit of available space and do have the capacity at these buildings.

Mrs. Vibert asked about class size guidelines. Dr. Streifer explained that we are within Board guidelines.

Mr. Wilson asked about the capacity of O'Connell School to house Bingham students. Dr. Streifer indicated that they do not have capacity to take these students.

For context purposes only, examples of other programs in the district that are budgeted at the same level that will be saved by the closure of Bingham.

Mrs. Anastasio raised concerns about the class sizes in grade 3 with this plan. She does not want to see these classes grow to the guideline maximum of 26 students in each class. Further, some of our schools are on the Needs Improvement list for NCLB. Dr. Streifer agrees that increasing class size is less than ideal. Mrs. Anastasio believes we should add 3 teachers to reduce these numbers. She also asked about out-of-area students. Mr. Bieu responded that the 19 Bingham out-of-area students will be returned to their home school. She suggested that we look at out-of-area students at the receiving school to keep for reaching the cap at grade three. Mrs. Anastasio suggested we take two votes, one regarding the closure of Bingham and the other to further consider how redistricting will

occur. Mr. Bieu responded that it may be as simple as sliding a street east or west to impact the grade 3 class size. Further, it is only January. There is a possibility that we will have student movement before the opening of the next school year given our migration rate.

Mr. Wilson asked about declining enrollment at the elementary level. We opened with 94 fewer students in the current year than last year.

Mr. O'Brien stated that the Board understands the need to close Bingham School. There is no other place in the budget to gain that magnitude of savings. Mrs. Anastasio's point of taking the closure of Bingham and redistricting are two issues is a good one. If the priority becomes leveling class size, then other students in other school may have to move.

Mrs. Vibert reiterated that we are having this discussion only because of unfunded mandates by the State and the inability of the State to adequately fund public education. Mrs. Vibert agreed that the Board should take 2 votes.

Dr. Streifer shared that we now have software that can run a variety of redistricting scenarios.

Mrs. Anastasio asked "Is there room at South Side, Edgewood and Hubbell to increase the number of grade 3 sections"? Administration was also asked to look at out-of-area students at those schools slated to accept Bingham students. Mr. Bieu shared that moving out-of-area students may cause the current scenario to no longer work.

Mrs. Doyle asked if the software would identify out-of-area students. Edulog has that capacity. Administration was asked to look at all out-of-area students in each of the 10 elementary schools.

Mrs. Coan would like to attend the meeting of the Bingham PTA prior to making a decision. That meeting will be held tomorrow evening at 6:00 pm at Bristol Eastern HS.

Mrs. Bonola is also concerned with class size, out-of-area students and transportation costs.

Mr. Wilson shared that research on class size does not necessarily indicate a strong relationship to student achievement. Administration was asked to bring forward data on this topic.

Dr. Streifer explained that our financial problems will not end after one year. Escalating health costs and contractual obligations will continue to cause budgetary problems and strain class sizes.

Mrs. Anastasio asked that we gather data on class size in contiguous towns. Grades 2 and 5 are reported on Strategic School Profiles.

Mrs. Doyle asked that we gather October 1 enrollment for the past three years.

Mr. O'Brien stated that decisions of class size in the past were based upon a different economic environment. We have been asked to take 127 Project Choice students which would greatly impact class size with little economic benefit. We need to move forward on closing Bingham and then discuss redistricting issues.

#### Public Comment

Tracey Mitchell, co-chair of the Bingham PTA asked whether kindergarten students were included in the redistricting plan. Mr. Bieu stated that kindergarten is not included in this scenario. Those students would go to the school for that neighborhood. She would like the Board to defer their decision until after the meeting tomorrow evening.

Cathy Gibson, a Bingham parent, expected a more detailed description of where the savings would be found. Dr. Streifer shared that we are confident with our numbers that we could take \$1.2 million out of our budget. Further, she asked how we would save the cost of 3 bus runs. Dr. Streifer explained that Edulog creates the bus runs and tells us how many busses we will need to transport students from home to school. She asked if students be on the bus for longer periods of time. Mr. Bieu shared that our goal is to keep our bus runs under 45 minutes. She also asked what the Board done to save energy across the district. Dr. Streifer shared that we have an energy plan that has saved significant funds over the past 10 years.

Cathy O'Neil, a Bingham parent, asked if students will come back to Chippens for middle school. Mr. Bieu responded that students will go to Chippens if they are ready for middle school before our new K-8 schools are opened. Right now that will occur in 2014.

Anne Marie Paul, a Bingham parent stated that she is not impressed with the way the Board communicates with parents. She raised two concerns; she believes that all out-of-area students should return to their home school. The Board asked that we look at all out-of-area students. Mrs. Paul thanked Commissioner Anastasio for her comments regarding the size of classes in grade three. She is concerned with the impact on her child who is going into grade 3 next year.

Mrs. Doyle adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Kalt Moreau, Ph.D.*

**BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 15, 2010 Minutes**

Present: Barbara Doyle, Karen Vibert, Jane Anastasio, Sue Moreau, Denise Carabetta, Rich Gagliardi, Lori Eschner

Excused: Julie Luczkow, Chris Wilson

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Doyle at 1:36 p.m.

**1. Approval of the December 4, 2009 Student Achievement Committee minutes.**

*On a motion by Commissioner Anastasio and seconded by Commissioner Vibert, it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the minutes of the 11-6-2009 meeting.*

**2. Art Curriculum, Grades 9-12**

Lori Eschner presented an overview of high school, grades 9-12, art curriculum. The curriculum has been vertically aligned grades 1-12. The use of technology and digital artwork will be phased in to the instructional program as technology is acquired. One course for a ½ credit, Design II for junior and seniors, has been added. Discussions are underway to add Design I and Design II into the Tunxis College Career Pathways program. Curriculum will be implemented in the 2010-2011 school year except that Design II will be implemented in the 2011-2012 school year.

*On a motion by Commissioner Anastasio and seconded by Commissioner Vibert, it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the Grade 9-12 Art curriculum and recommend this curriculum to the full Board for the second reading at the February meeting.*

**3. TV Production Curriculum**

Rich Gagliardi presented an overview of the TV Production curriculum. This is a culminating class and the purpose is to teach students television production. This course is focused on studio production techniques and will be offered to students in grades 10-12. Current facilities are being renovated using the Carl Perkins grant funds.

*On a motion by Commissioner Anastasio and seconded by Commissioner Vibert, it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the TV Production curriculum and recommend this curriculum to the full Board for the second reading at the February meeting.*

**Adjournment:**

*On a motion by Commissioner Vibert and seconded by Commissioner Anastasio, it was unanimously*

**Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

*Denise D. Carabetta*  
**Denise D. Carabetta**