

Regular Board template

Wednesday, December 1, 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 for the November 3, 2010 Regular Meeting**

3. **Committee Reports**

4. **Consent Agenda**

4.1. Personnel

4.1.a. Teacher Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence

4.1.b. Coaching Resignation

4.1.c. Coaching Appointment

4.2. Grants

4.2.a. Bilingual Education Grant

4.3. Schedule of Board of Education Meetings for the 2011 Calendar Year

5. **Public Comment**

6. **Deliberated Items**

6.1. Trip to Madrid, Spain

6.2. CASBO 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Amendment

7. **Policy Revision**

7.1. Proposed Policy 6146.3-Statewide and District-wide Assessments of Students with Disabilities

7.2. Proposed Policy 6161.1 - Students with Visual Impairment or Print Disabilities

7.3. Proposed Policy 6161.3 - IDEA Property, Equipment and Supplies

7.4. Proposed Policy 6164 - Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS)

7.5. Proposed Policy - 6171.1 - Parentally Placed Students with Disabilities in Private Schools

8. **Old Business**

9. **New Business**

10. **Building Committee Reports**

11. **INFORMATION**

Presenter: Barbara Doyle

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

Presenter: Barbara Doyle

13. **RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION to take any votes on matters discussed in Executive Session:** **Presenter:** Barbara Doyle
14. **Adjournment** **Presenter:** Barbara Doyle

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, CT
Regular Meeting – November 3, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Bristol Board of Education was held on Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the Board of Education Administration Building, 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Commissioners Jane Anastasio, Margaret L. Bonola, Amy D. Coan, Barbara Y. Doyle, Sherry A. Turcotte, Karen L. Vibert, Christopher C. Wilson; Philip A. Streifer, Superintendent of Schools, Susan Kalt Moreau, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Dennis Bieu, Human Resources Director and Cliff Block, City Council Liaison

ABSENT: Commissioners Julie M. Luczkow and Thomas O'Brien

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Chairman Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and invited the audience to join her in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Commissioner Vibert, seconded by Commissioner Bonola it was unanimously,

VOTED: That the minutes of the October 6, 2010 Regular Meeting be approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports to be given.

CONSENT AGENDA

PERSONNEL:

A-3 Teacher Appointments – Effective September 2, 2010

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following A-3 Teacher Appointments:

Gifted Coach:

Christine Fanelli - EPH

Elementary Science Leaders:

Maria Calabro - SSS

Marie Conlan - EDGE

Sharon Dixon - EPH

Melissa Grant - GH

Karen Hurlbert - CTO

Patricia Onofrio - JJJ

Neil O'Rourke - STAF

Stacey Pratt - MTV

Ludmila Zadrozny - ID

Certified Personnel Who Have Attained Tenure

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

Certified Personnel Who Have Attained Tenure – con't

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Certified Personnel Who Have Attained Tenure:

See Attached Listing

Teacher Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Teacher Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence:

Stacy Lucid – SSS – Grade 1 – Effective November 25, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Coaching Appointment

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

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Coaching Appointment:
Amanda Blong – Assistant Girls Swim & Dive Coach - BCHS - Effective 10/21/10***

Volunteer Coaching Appointments

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

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

Grzegorz Gorchowski - Football Program - BEHS - Effective 10/21/10

John Machado - Boys Soccer Program - BCHS - Effective 10/5/10

Todd Malvezzi - Boys Soccer Program - BEHS - Effective 10/4/10

Daniel Michalowski - Boys Soccer Program - BEHS - Effective 10/4/10

Rosemary Rustic - Unified Sports Program - BCHS - Effective 10/21/10

Grants

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Grants:

Advanced People Empowering People Grant

Consolidated Federal Grant

Continuing Grant from the United Way of West Central Connecticut

People Empowering People Grant in Partnership with Head Start

Professional Development of Women in Licensed Home-Based Child Care

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public wished to address the Board.

DELIBERATED ITEMS

Cafeteria Deficit 2009-2010

Dr. Moreau presented the Cafeteria Deficit for the 2009-2010 school year. The School Lunch program ended the 2010 fiscal year with an operating deficit of \$48,855.00 due to overages in labor costs, regular supplies and decreases in sales. We are requesting a transfer of \$50,000 from our General Fund Operating Surplus for 2010 to cover the shortfall. The \$1,144.55 additional monies will remain as an additional fund balance.

Cafeteria Deficit 2009-2010 – con't

On motion of Commissioner Wilson seconded by Commissioner Turcotte it was unanimously

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the transfer of \$50,000 from our General Fund Operating Surplus for 2010 to cover the cafeteria deficit.

Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Amendment

The health care reform law, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, requires amendments to the Board of Education Cafeteria Plan documents and summary plan descriptions with regard to the change in child dependent age and the new limitation on reimbursements for over-the-counter drugs and medicines. Effective September 1, 2011, dependents shall include children up to the age of 26. The amendment also includes language to exclude any over the counter medicine or drug with the exception of insulin, purchased on or after January 1, 2011.

On motion of Commissioner Wilson seconded by Commissioner Turcotte it was unanimously

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Amendment.

Superintendent Report**October 1 Enrollment**

Dennis Bieu Human Resource Director, presented the annual October 1 Enrollment Count for the 2010-2011 School Year. Of note, our K-5 enrollment is steady, our enrollment is up in all but two of our schools which is attributed to our closing of Bingham School. Class size is up a bit from last year at approximately 21.8 students. Middle school enrollment is down by 27 students from last year. High school enrollment has increased by 48 students. Freshman enrollment is at 801, which were the predicted totals. Our current school enrollment is 8,709.

Discussion followed regarding the use of NESDEC AND Prowda's services and concerns over the decrease in PreK enrollment.

Comprehensive Achievement Report

Dr. Streifer presented the Comprehensive Achievement Report. He thanked Kris Irvine, the entire staff of the Office of Teaching and Learning, Administrators, faculty and staff for all of their work in compiling the report that he will present this evening. Tonight's report is a summary of the detailed reports on the district's achievement on the CMT, CAPT, SAT and AP.

Overall, achievement is up in almost all areas whether it is the Connecticut Mastery Test, the Connecticut Academic Performance Test, the Scholastic Achievement Test or Advanced Placement Tests. For those areas where we detect weakness, improvement plans have either been developed or are in the final phases of design. Most importantly, the district has shifted its focus not away from CMT/CAPT but also to SAT/AP in the past couple years and the data are now showing a slight improvement which we expect will continue in the coming years. Our goal is to ensure that all students are prepared for college and the achievement results presented in these reports indicates important progress

Denise Carabetta present the improvement plans for the district. Several practices have been put in place to reach the district's goal of, "All Students College Ready,". Highlighted programs included: Use of The Instructional Core, Emphasis on hiring practices, Use of the PSAT, School Improvement Goals, Vocabulary Development and College Prep Mathematics electives, English III Course (Junior Level English), After-School SAT Preparation Course, Pre-AP Program for 8th Graders, Curriculum Revision, addition of more AP courses, College Career Pathways, Naviance, and the Kaplan Partnership.

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 School Committee

Commissioner Wilson reported that the committee has met with the Schools Facilities Bureau. They had received all of our plans, and there were minor corrections and editorials, but verbal approval has been given. The bid can be placed on the web portal for companies to view, and site work can begin in the latter part of December.

Forestville School Committee

Dr. Moreau reported that the committee is waiting for a date to meet with the Schools Facilities Bureau. The Architects have made themselves available to meet any day next week, and once the meeting is held they hope to have their plans approved, and go out to bid.

INFORMATION

Field Trip Funds for CTO 5th Grade Class

The CTO FRC is applying for field trip funds from Target Field Trip Grant for the 5th grade student field trip to Boston Museum of Science. These funds will make this trip more affordable for our students. The trip aligns with the school's science curriculum/standards and covers core science concepts and builds student's scientific literacy. Funds will defray the cost of transportation to the museum.

BE Closet

Channel 30 broadcast a story this evening on the 6:00 p.m. news about the BE Closet, an in-house gently used clothing store that allows students to select formal and everyday clothing. They will rebroadcast tomorrow morning at 6:00 a.m. if you missed it. Congratulations to Bristol Eastern for their work on the closet.

They appreciate donations, so if anyone has gently used clothing that they would like to donate, please contact the school.

CREC Meeting

Commissioner Wilson reported that Tom Mooney of Shipman & Goodwin presented at the recent CREC meeting on the topic of Cyber bullying. The discussion was very informative. He suggested that we invite Mr. Mooney into the district to speak with the administration on the topic. Dr. Moreau said that we will look into him attending the January Full Council Meeting.

Stafford Fundraiser

Commissioner Wilson reported that he attended a fundraiser at Stafford School for the little girl that passed away there. He knew her, and was impressed with the staff at the school and how they handled it. The family really needed it, and they did a great job. This brings us back to the wrap around in our schools, we are not just educating our students 9-3 p.m., we try to be all that we can and through Mrs. Cassin leadership and her staff we did that.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to come before the Board and

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

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – con’t

VOTED: That the Board of Education convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student expulsions. (8:19 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Commissioners Margaret L. Bonola, Amy D. Coan, Barbara Y. Doyle, Sherry A. Turcotte, Karen L. Vibert, Christopher C. Wilson; Philip A. Streifer, Superintendent of Schools, Susan Kalt Moreau, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Dennis Bieu, Human Resources Director and Cliff Block, City Council Liaison

EXCUSED: Commissioner Jane Anastasio

ABSENT: Commissioners Julie M. Luczkow and Thomas O’Brien

The Board of Education convened into Executive Session and the meeting was called to order. (8:32 p.m.)

Student Expulsions

Dr. Moreau gave an update on two student expulsions.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

On motion of Commissioner Coan, seconded by Commissioner Bonola it was unanimously

VOTED: The Board of Education reconvene into Public Session to vote on any items discussed in Executive Session. (8:50 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned (8:50 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan P. Everett

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Executive Secretary
Bristol Board of Education