

Regular Board template

Wednesday, January 2, 2013 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**

3. **Committee Reports**

4. **Superintendent Report**

5. **Consent Agenda**

5.1. Personnel

5.1.a. A-3 Teacher Resignation - Effective December 14, 2012

5.1.b. A-3 Teacher Appointment - Effective January 2, 2013

6. **Public Comment**

7. **Deliberated Items**

7.1. Preliminary Calendars for 2013-2014 School Year (First Presentation) **Presenter:** Dennis Bieu and Denise Carabetta

7.2. EF Educational Tour to Costa Rica **Presenter:** Pamela Brisson, Andrea Rajotte and Paula Cruz

7.3. EF Educational Tour to Spain **Presenter:** Pamela Brisson, Andrea Rajotte and Paula Cruz

7.4. Program of Studies

8. **Policy Revision**

8.1. Revision to Policy 6146: Graduation Requirements - First Reading **Presenter:** Denise Carabetta

9. **Curriculum Revision**

9.1. Advanced Mathematical Decision Making (AMDM) Curriculum - Second Reading **Presenter:** Marlene Lovanio

9.2. Bridge to Algebra Curriculum - Second Reading **Presenter:** Marlene Lovanio

10. **Old Business**

11. **New Business**

12. **Building Committee Reports**

13. **Information**

14. VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussing:
15. RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION
16. Adjournment

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Regular Meeting – December 5, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Bristol Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Board of Education Administration Building, located at 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Lawrence Amara, Karen Bourassa, Genard Dolan, Jill Fitzgerald, Karen Hintz, Jeffrey Morgan, Thomas O'Brien, Karen Vibert, Christopher Wilson; Ellen Solek, Superintendent of Schools, Susan Kalt Moreau, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Kim Hapken, Director of Special Services, Dennis Bieu, Director of Human Resources and David Mills, City Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and invited the audience to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Rosaline 'Roddy' Harrison a Teacher at Clara T. O'Connell from September 1958 to June 1972 and Karen Rochelle a Para Professional at various schools from August 1985 to June 2009.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Dolan, seconded by Commissioner Amara, it was unanimously

VOTED: That the minutes of the November 14, 2012 Regular Board of Education meeting be approved as written.

Student and Staff Recognitions

Dr. Solek recognized two groups which included students, administrators and coaches for their recent accolades. First, the administration from Bristol Central High School; Peter Wininger, Mary Gadd, Andrew Clapsaddle and teachers Tina Twiggs and Maureen Moskowitz stood to be recognized. Principal Peter Wininger gave a brief synopsis of the award. The Early Childhood program at the school was recognized in November as having achieved the #1 ranking in the state on the 2012 Connecticut Statewide Career and Technical Education Assessment in the concentration area of Early Childhood Education and Services. Family and Consumer Science Teachers - Tina Twiggs and Maureen Moskowitz accepted the award at the CT Career and Technical Conference. The annual CATE assessment is administered to students completing their second credit within a Career and Technical Education pathway. According to Mrs. Moskowitz, "The award is a great honor for our students and our school, she praised the students by adding in addition to the required two years of course work, students must also complete 40 hours of an internship in the community and work five months in the Bristol Central preschool. If a student is interested in children and psychology this is a great to develop that interest before going to college or entering the workforce. The Board congratulated the group on their recent honor. Dr. Solek presented the teachers with a plaque honoring their accomplishments.

The second group to be recognized was Coach Stacy Rivora and the Bristol Eastern Girls Volleyball team, for being named the 2012 Class L State Champions. Coaches, members of the team and school administration were present to display their trophy and plaque and accept the Board's congratulations and praise for all of their hard work and accomplishments.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee the committee met earlier this evening, and received an update from Mr. Franzi. We currently have a variance of about \$565,000 however we have significant exposure to risk in the future to offset that. We are re-forecasting a net of about \$85,000 at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Franzi and the administration are working diligently to monitor some of the high cost item that then vary, such as Transportation and Special Education.

Superintendent Report

CABE/CAPSS Convention – Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and CAPPS – Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents. The conference is an opportunity for these groups to network with people that you do not have an opportunity to see and a chance to immerse ourselves in 21st century topics that face Boards of Educations. She thanked the Board members who attended the conference with her and the opportunity to travel as a team to this event.

Informational Workshop – There will be an informational workshop on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. with Dr. Bruce Douglas from CREC to learn more about Connecticut SEED model the new teacher /administrator evaluation plan. The Board and the Superintendent will be working on a plan to develop a proposal that will be submitted to the State in March 2013, so this informational session will be very helpful.

Dr. Solek asked Denise Carabetta to present information regarding figures that will be released tomorrow, from the Connecticut State Department of Education on school rating figures. Mrs. Carabetta used powerpoint to highlight the numbers and topics that will be presented in the report, and our current numbers.

Dr. Solek updated the Board on recent events and upcoming events such as the Geo Thermal show on Nutmeg Television that she recently participated in with Chairman Wilson and Construction Coordinator Tim Callahan. It was an opportunity to point to the Boards foresight in terms of energy utilization. Beginning in January she will be doing a monthly 30 minute cable television show utilizing the television capabilities of Bristol Central and Bristol Eastern. She will cover a variety of topics and events, and will hopefully be able to air on a bimonthly basis. Also in January she would also like to conduct a series of informational forums for the community who would like to know more about our schools, she will hold the forums in each of our schools; the topics will vary and will cover what is in store for the district.

Dr. Solek invited Ellen Benham to give an update on the Intramural Winter. Mrs. Benham is happy to report that coaches have volunteered to run the winter session at each of the middle schools. Due to the lack of space in the winter, we are only able to offer Boys and Girls basketball and ski club. Those sessions should be starting before Winter Break, students are signing up this week in their schools and coaches will be meeting next week to get certifications that are required. Once basketball is over we hope to start a wrestling program. Not sure about a jamboree, due to the team equity issues that arose at the fall jamboree.

Consent Agenda

Personnel

New Teachers Hired

On motion of Commissioner Bourassa, seconded by Commissioner Dolan, it was unanimously

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following New Teacher Hires:

New Teachers Hired – con't

Jenny Jones – CHMS – Special Education – Effective December 3, 2012

Jeremy Sloate – GH – Wellness – Effective November 26, 2012

Amber White – BEHS – Special Education, ASEP I – Effective December 10, 2012

Coaching Appointment

On motion of Commissioner Bourassa, seconded by Commissioner Dolan, it was unanimously

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Coaching Appointment:

Michael Greene - Assistant Indoor Track Coach - BEHS - Effective 11/26/12

Grants

On motion of Commissioner Bourassa, seconded by Commissioner Dolan, it was unanimously

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

Bilingual Grant & Title III Grant

Continuing Grant from the United Way of West Central Connecticut (KIM)

School Readiness Grant

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to address the Board.

Deliberated Items/District Leadership Team Reports

2013 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

In accordance with Section 1-21 of the Connecticut General Statutes and in keeping with Board of Education policy, a schedule of Board of Education meeting dates for the 2013 calendar year is required by the Town and City Clerk. Board of Education meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month* at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Board of Education Administration Building, 129 Church Street Bristol, Connecticut (*except July, August and September). The 2013 Board of Education Meeting schedule is below.

January 2, 2013
February 6, 2013
March 6, 2013
April 3, 2013
May 1, 2013
June 5, 2013
July 10, 2013 *
August 21, 2013*
September 18, 2013*
October 2, 2013
November 6, 2013
December 4, 2013
January 8, 2014

On motion of Commissioner Fitzgerald, seconded by Commissioner Bourassa, it was unanimously

2013 Board of Education Meeting Schedule – con't

***VOTED:** That the Board of Education approve the 2013 Board of Education Meeting Schedule as presented.*

Old Business

October 1 Enrollment Numbers

Due to technical difficulties at the November meeting, Dennis Bieu provided a detailed report of the October 1 Enrollment Numbers to Commissioners again. Commissioners were provided hard copies of the October 1 Enrollment Report. The detailed report generated questions regarding: A.M. and P.M. kindergarten, the number of Westwoods students, Prowda's role in drafting the enrollment report, average class load per teacher, ASEP and diversity in the districts teaching staff. Commissioners would like to see the addition of the number of students who take the bus on the next enrollment report.

New Business

There was not New Business to come before the Board .

Building Committee Reports

Greene Hills

Commissioner O'Brien reported that they are cleaning up trying to resolve issues with subcontractors; but overall all is well. They are finally getting millwork done. There is an upcoming dedication which will be held at 10:00 a.m. There has been discussion of replacing the temporary parking lot because people are still parking at Stop and Shop where there are big events. The new lot is open and people seem to be happy with that.

West Bristol

Commissioner Wilson reported that the mill work is being completed, the company that was doing the work, went bankrupt, so it is being done in-house. We continue to work on the punch list. There were issues with sidewalks being installed as you enter on Mathews Street near the firehouse. The sidewalks were built too high so they had to be lowered. Sue will be commissioning the buildings, which means that all the mechanicals and working parts will be accepted. The dedication is this weekend from 10-12. Tim Callahan will be on hand, come and see how the geothermal system works. There was a question about who paid the sidewalk repairs. Chairman Wilson was not aware who paid for it.

Information

Commissioner Dolan reported that he attended the CABE conference and received a lot of good information; he attended a budgeting session and found them to be useful.

Commissioner Fitzgerald reported that she also attended CABE conference. She attended sessions regarding upcoming legislation; she found it interesting and would like to attend again next year.

Commissioner Hintz also attended the CABE conference; she felt it was a good experience. She attended the Bristol Eastern Lights Project meeting; they will be raffling off a 2014 Nissan Versa in the Spring and they are having a dinner/Raffle/Auction event in March.

Chairman Wilson reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming workshop on December 19th at 7:00 p.m. with Dr. Bruce Douglas from CREC . CREC is a regional educational service center. They provide educational services that local districts cannot provide on a more economically basis. CREC provides professional development, runs the magnet schools and administering the CHOICE program. Dr. Douglas

Information – con't

will be presenting his work with NEAG in piloting the new teacher evaluation program. Also with CREC on February 7th, is a Legislative meeting at Room 310 in the State Capitol. They are also going to proceed with having a tri-board meeting with the Board of Finance and City Council to discuss the vision for education in 13-14. They would like to hold the meeting on the third Wednesday in January. It would not be a budget presentation, but rather a discussion of how a variety of affect education; a stakeholders meeting.

He would also like to hold a meeting with a legislator in January, maybe on a Saturday; perhaps Commissioner Fitzgerald could set that up with our Republican and Democrat contingents to discuss the upcoming session.

CJEF (Coalition for Justice in Educational Funding) – It is a coalition that is suing the State of Connecticut for not providing equity in funding of education. He was asked if he would sit on that committee in Dr. Streifer's place, and he has agreed to do so. The lawsuit is still moving forward, they are gathering testimony and they have hired a New York law firm to take up the case. Bristol is part of the lawsuit along with several other urban districts.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board and

On motion of Commissioner Dolan, seconded by Commissioner Amara it was unanimously

VOTED: That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned. (8:14 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan P. Everett

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Executive Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

Adjournment

**BRISTOL PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR
2013-2014**

Teacher Meeting Day: August 26 **Professional Development Days:** August 27 and 28; November 5

Vacation Weeks: Close December 20 at end of school day – Reopen January 2

Close February 17 and 18 – Reopen February 19

Close April 11 at end of school day – Reopen April 21

No School: Labor Day, Sept. 2; Columbus Day, Oct. 14; PDD, Nov. 5; Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11;

Thanksgiving Recess, Nov. 28, 29; Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 20; Memorial Day, May 26

Shortened Legal Days: Thanksgiving Recess, Nov. 27

Elementary & Middle – last three school days in June; High School – last school day in June

Parent Conference Days: (*indicates afternoon conferences for elementary schools)

**Elementary –	(snow date:)	** (Elementary dates subject to change)
	(snow date:)	
Middle –	(snow date:)	
	(snow date:)	
High –	(snow date:)	
	(snow date:)	

M	T	W	TH	F		M	T	W	TH	F	
<u>August</u>						<u>February</u>					
TMD	PDD	PDD	29	30	2 days	3	4	5	6	7	
						10	11	12	13	14	
<u>September</u>						PD	Vac	19	20	21	
LD	3	4	5	6		24	25	26	27	28	18 days
9	10	11	12	13		<u>March</u>					
16	17	18	19	20		3	4	5	6	7	
23	24	25	26	27		10	11	12	13	14	
30					20 days	17	18	19	20	21	
<u>October</u>						24	25	26	27	28	
	1	2	3	4		31					21 days
7	8	9	10	11		<u>April</u>					
CD	15	16	17	18			1	2	3	4	
21	22	23	24	25		7	8	9	10	11	
28	29	30	31		22 days	(14	15	16	17	GF)	vacation
<u>November</u>						21	22	23	24	25	
				1		28	29	30			17 days
4	PDD	6	7	8		<u>May</u>					
VD	12	13	14	15					1	2	
18	19	20	21	22		5	6	7	8	9	
25	26	27*			17 days	12	13	14	15	16	
<u>December</u>						19	20	21	22	23	
2	3	4	5	6		MD	27	28	29	30	21 days
9	10	11	12	13		<u>June</u>					
16	17	18	19	20	15 days	2	3	4	5	6	
<u>January</u>						9	10	11	12	13	
		NY	2	3		16	17	18	19		14 days
6	7	8	9	10							
13	14	15	16	17							
MLK	21	22	23	24							
27	28	29	30	31	21 days						

First Half 97

Second Half 91

Total 188

Emergency Days – If more than seven (7) days are required prior to the spring vacation, additional days will be deducted from the spring vacation commencing Monday, April 14, to avoid school from being in session any later than June 19. Students must attend school 181 days. According to State Statute, school can be in session until June 30 if necessary.