

Regular BOE Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2013 7:00 PM

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. Administrator Resignations - Effective June 30, 2013

5.1.b. Teacher Retirement - Effective June 30, 2013

5.1.c. Teacher Resignation - Effective June 30, 2013

5.1.d. New Teachers Hired - Effective August 26, 2013

5.1.e. A-1 Teacher Resignation - Effective June 30, 2013

5.1.f. A-1 Teacher Appointment - Effective August 26, 2013

5.1.g. A-3 Teacher Resignation - Effective June 30, 2013

5.1.h. A-3 Teacher Appointment - Effective August 26, 2013

5.1.i. Teacher Requests for an Unpaid Leave of Absence

5.2. Grants

5.2.a. Inter-district Cooperative Grant - Adventures in Peace-Making and Diversity 2013-2014

5.2.b. Lead Awareness and Management Challenge (LAMC) Grant

5.2.c. Main Street Foundation Grant to Bristol Central High School

5.2.d. Main Street Grant to West Bristol School

6. **Public Comment**

7. **Deliberated Items/District Leadership Team Reports**

7.1. Budget Adoption for the 2013-2014 School Year

7.2. Curriculum Revision

7.2.a. 6-8 Engineering & Technology Curriculum Revision - Second Reading

7.2.b. Grade 7 - Social Studies - Global Studies
II Revision - Second Reading

7.2.c. High School - AP Chemistry - Second
Reading

7.2.d. High School Physical Education Curriculum
Revision - Second Reading

7.3. Textbook Recommendations

7.3.a. Spanish III Textbook Adoption - First
Reading

7.3.b. Grade 7 - Social Studies Textbook - First
Reading

7.4. Policy Revision

7.4.a. Policy 5144.1 - Restraint/Seclusion
Revision - First Reading

8. **Old Business**

9. **New Business**

10. **Information**

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

12. **Reconvene Into Public Session**

13. **Adjournment**

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, CT
Regular Meeting – June 5, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Bristol Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., at the Board of Education Administration Building, 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Karen Bourassa, Genard Dolan, Karen Hintz, Jeffrey Morgan, Thomas O'Brien (arrived at 7:11), Karen Vibert, Chairman, Christopher Wilson; Ellen W. Solek, Superintendent of School, Susan Kalt Moreau, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Dennis Bieu, Director of Human Resources and David Mills, City Council Liaison

EXCUSED: Commissioner Jill Fitzgerald

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and invited the audience to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for David Bailey a Science Teacher from 1968 to 2001, Dorothy E. Litke a Secretary at John J. Jennings from 1947 to 1992 and Linda Savastano a Cook.

Student and Staff Recognition

Edgewood School: Aiden Krok, Grade 5, was selected as a winner of the CHET "2013 Dream Big!" competition. He was awarded \$300 in a 529 College Savings program and was honored at a banquet last night. He was one of over 2,200 applicants and one of only 98 winners in the state. Aiden read his award winning essay to the Board.

Chippens Hill Middle School: Jaymie Bianca, 8th grader at Chippens Hill Middle School won the middle school essay writing contest at the Michael's Jewelers' Unified Sports Cup Awards Banquet. Jaymie has been a partner and supporter of Unified Sports and should be commended for her dedication and leadership. Jaymie read her award winning essay to the Board.

Michelle DeGennaro, Special Education teacher at Chippens Hill Middle School was selected by Special Olympics Connecticut to receive the 2013 Friend of Unified Sports award for her continued support and dedication to all students. She was recognized at the Michael's Cup Banquet on April 29th at the Aqua Turf.

Lou Pear, CAS Unified Sports Director presented Michelle DeGennaro with \$500 for her support and time she spends to organize Unified Sports tournament events for the students with special needs and their partners.

CABE Leadership Award Presentation – The following students from Bristol Central, Bristol Eastern and Greene Hills; were present to receive the CABE Leadership Award:

Dominic Borrelli – Greene Hills
Nichole Truskowski – Greene Hills
Michelle Kulowski – Bristol Eastern
Joshua Unkrich – Bristol Eastern
Breanna Gagnon – Bristol Central
Patrick Weglarz – Bristol Central

Odyssey of the Mind – Dr. Moreau introduced the Odyssey of the Mind team. The group came in 2nd in the World at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan University. The team was present, and

Student and Staff Recognition – con’t

presented principals at each high school with a framed picture of the winning team and Dr. Solek received lanyard and photo of the team. Dr. Moreau then presented each member with a plaque commemorating their win. Congratulations to the team and advisors for all of their hard work.

2014 Bristol Teacher of the Year

The 2014 Teacher of the Year for the Bristol Public Schools will be announced at the June 2013 Board of Education meeting. The Bristol Teacher of the Year Committee consisted of Karen Hintz, BOE Commissioner, Larry Amara, BOE Commissioner, Scott Gaudet, K-8 Principal, Robert Garry, Middle School Principal, Carly Fortin, Assistant Principal BEHS, Lori Eschner, 2008 Teacher of the Year, Gina Rivera, 2010 Teacher of the Year, Lisa Galske, 2011 Teacher of the Year, Jennifer Michalek, 2012 Teacher of the Year, Lisa Carroll, 2013 Teacher of the Year. A reception will be held in the fall to honor the Bristol 2014 Teacher of the Year. The 2014 Bristol Teacher of the Year is Corey Nagle

Corey was awarded a Bachelors of Science degree in Biology & General Science from Grove City College and a Master of Science degree in Special Education from Central Connecticut State University. Corey has been teaching for 12 years. Corey is a highly committed and exemplary teacher. In his classroom, Corey uses innovative and effective teaching techniques to reach all of his students, infuses rigor throughout all lessons, and finds ways to ensure that all students are able to demonstrate their knowledge of science concepts. In addition, Corey works with students on the processes of learning and assists students in becoming agents of their own learning in his class and throughout their lives. Corey is actively involved in school, district, and community events. He participates in numerous school and district committees including the *Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports* committee, the *AVID* committee, the *School Data Team* at Chippens Hill Middle School, and the science curriculum revision committee. Corey also is the science curriculum coordinator for Chippens Hill Middle school and a mentor for new teachers. Students are able to participate in a *Nature After School Club* at Chippens Hill Middle School because Corey secured a grant for materials and works with grade 6 students on learning about ecosystems through this club. Corey is also an artist and author. He served as a member of the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce “Ducks on Parade” artist selection committee and was an artist for two of the ducks. He recently published a book entitled, *Students Need Agency in Learning: Lessons from a Middle School*, about his work developing student agency at Chippens Hill Middle School. Corey wrote this book as an outcome of a professional development experience he provided for pre-service teachers at his alma mater, Grove City College. In addition, he has submitted an article about this work for a peer-reviewed journal; the article has been accepted with revisions.

Dr. Solek thanked Corey, for his dedication to our students and congratulated him on being named the 2014 Bristol Teacher of the Year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

VOTED: That the minutes of the May 1, 2013 Regular Meeting be approved as written.

Committee Reports

Student Achievement

Commissioner Amara reported that the Committee met on Tuesday, June 4, 2013. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. Revisions to Policy 5123,

Promotion/Acceleration/Retention were reviewed. This policy is on tonight's agenda. It is requested that the second reading be waived so that the policy revisions regarding summer school may be implemented immediately. Three curricula, Spanish III, Biotechnical Engineering, and Children, Family, and Community, were presented to the committee for a first reading. Commissioner Amara asked to make a motion to add these items to tonight's agenda.

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

VOTED: That the following curricula be added to the agenda for a second reading: Spanish III curriculum, Biotechnical Engineering curriculum and the Children, Family, and Community curriculum.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the revised Spanish III curriculum.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the Biotechnical Engineering curriculum.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the Children, Family, and Community curriculum.

Student and Staff Recognition – con't

West Bristol School Building Project

The Connecticut Building Congress looked for outstanding building projects that exemplify project team excellence and represent the best practices in teamwork by project owners, architects, engineers, construction managers and trades. Each year, CBC recognizes projects whose team members have met or surpassed goals and achieved higher project quality through this close collaboration. On behalf of the Board we congratulate Dr. Moreau, Tim Callahan, Board of Education Commissioners and everyone else involved in the West Bristol Building Project.

Committee Reports - con't

Finance

Commissioner Vibert reported that the Finance Committee met earlier this evening and they received a comprehensive overview of the 12-13 budget year end report from Mr. Franzi. We went to the Board of Finance recently and they did approve a budget for Board of Education with a 1.6 million dollar increase. Commissioner Vibert thanked the Board of Finance. One of the items discussed at length was Connecticut Statue -10-248a which states with approval from the governing finance board of the City over education; which is the Board of Finance. The board can set aside 1% of our total budget from surplus toward next year. We voted on a resolution that we will send to the Board of Finance. Our projected surplus as of today is 1.5 million dollar surplus. Tomorrow night the Joint boards meet to vote on the City budget at 5:30 p.m. She would encourage all commissioners to attend to show their support.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education put the following resolution on the table for a vote:

Finance – con't

That the Board of Education send a resolution pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-248a, to establish a non-lapsing account for the deposit of unexpended education funds and to authorize the Board of Education to approve expenditures from the account.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education send a resolution pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-248a, to establish a non-lapsing account for the deposit of unexpended education funds and to authorize the Board of Education to approve expenditures from the account.

Personnel Committee

Commissioner O'Brien reported that two meetings have been held to date with representatives from 2267 which represents the custodians, maintenance workers, cafeteria workers and para professionals. The time has been devoted to their hopes of avoiding the outsourcing of the cafeteria services. They made proposals and we are reviewing them and we have made counter proposals; we are making progress. We do not have a lot time left we need to have this settled before the start of the next school year.

Superintendent Report

Safety and Security Task Force Report

Dr. Solek discussed the Safety and Security Task Force Report. The report was presented to the Board last month for the Boards review. She opened the floor for any questions or concerns that Board Members might have; hearing none. Dr. Solek informed the Board of an opportunity to apply for a total grant of \$5 million dollars offered through the State of Connecticut for school safety and security upgrades in the Bristol School. We will certainly be applying for that grant and will use the Safety and Security Task Force Report as the framework for that application. We will bring the grant application to the board for review.

Board of Education District Website

Dr. Solek unveiled the new district website. She wanted to thank Rich Gagliardi for facilitating the website launch and review of the former website. Rob Puzio spent hours working on every detail of the site. She also thanked the Website Development Committee: which consisted of Rich Gagliardi, Rob Puzio, Commissioner Karen Bourassa, Dr. Moreau, Jeannie Audette, and a host of K-12 webmasters that have worked closely in getting the website running. Dr. Gagliardi ran through some of the highlights of the new website.

Live with Dr. El Show.

Dr. Solek explained the inception and premise behind the Live with Dr. El Show! She also introduced the Dr. El Show team; Jeannie Audette, Production Coordinator and three very talented high schools students (Taylor Winters from Bristol Eastern on Camera, Jodan Diulio from Bristol Central on Tri-Caster and Chris Shorey from Bristol Central on Camera who assist her on the show and have had the opportunity to complete Video Production internships from their work. Dr. Solek thanked Nutmeg television for their generosity. There will be two shows in June and they will be taking the summer off and will return in September. Dr. Solek introduced a sample of the show that was just recorded with David Huber, Principal at Mountain View as the guest.

Consent Agenda

Personnel

Administrator Resignation - Effective June 30, 2013

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

***VOTED: That the Board of Education accept the following Administrator Resignations – Eff. - 6/30/13
Catherine Carbone - CHMS - Principal
Steve Woznicki - SSS – Principal***

Teacher Retirement - Effective - June 30, 2013

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

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Teacher Retirement - Effective – 6/30/13:
William Bostrom - BCHS - Technology Education
Lucia Cashman - EDGE - Grade 3
Susan Drumm-Scionti - MTV - Grade 4
Patricia Rietze - BCHS – Italian***

Teacher Resignation

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

***VOTED: That the Board of Education accept the following Teacher Resignation:
David Jackman - BEHS - Music***

A-3 Teacher Resignation

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

***VOTED: That the Board of Education accept the following A-3 Teacher Resignation:
Carol Corry - NEMS - Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator***

A-3 Teacher Appointment - Effective May 1, 2013

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

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following A-3 Teacher Appointment:
Michele Maghini - NEMS - Language Arts Curriculum Coordinator***

A-1 Teacher Appointment - Effective April 1, 2013

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

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following A-1 Teacher Appointment:
Jonathan Maule - BEHS - Special Education Summer School Co-Director***

Teacher Requests for an Unpaid Leave of Absence

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

***VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following Teacher Request for an Unpaid Leave of
Absence:
Deborah Carrington - BEHS English - Effective April 22, 2013 - June 30, 2013***

Grants

IDEA Section 611 and IDEA Section 619

Pat Auber was present to give information regarding IDEA Section 611 and IDEA Section 619 Grants. Section 611 is used to supplement programs developed to assist students with disabilities. The goals of the grant are to increase student achievement, improve effective instruction and provide equality of educational opportunity. Included in the grant are salaries for special education teachers, aides and related services staff. The grant also includes funds for limited instructional supplies and professional development activities. Section 611 of IDEA provides funding for students from age 5 years to 21 years. Section 619 has the same goals, but included in the grant are salaries for teacher aides and related services staff. Section 619 of IDEA provides funding for students from age 3 years to 5 years.

IDEA Section 611

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the IDEA Section 611 Grant.

IDEA Section 619

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the IDEA Section 619 Grant.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to address the board.

Deliberated Items/District Leadership Reports

TEAM Mentors/Cooperating Teacher Applicants

Teachers trained to serve as TEAM (Teacher Education and Mentoring) mentors and cooperating teachers provide assistance and support to student teachers and first year beginning teachers in the district in areas such as lesson design and classroom management and provide feedback and support in the areas of instructional planning and student assessment. Cooperating teachers are those teachers who are trained to work with student teachers. We need to increase the number of cooperating teachers in the district in order to meet the need of student teachers. Mentors must be assigned to first-year teachers to provide mentoring and support to newly certified teachers; this program is required by the State Department of Education. Principals recruit teachers to apply to be a TEAM mentor/cooperating teachers; the applications are reviewed by the TEAM Coordinating Committee. The following teachers were approved by the TEAM Coordinating Committee and are recommended to be TEAM Mentors/cooperating teachers. Approved teachers must attend a three day training program and update their training every three years.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the following TEAM Mentors/Cooperating Teacher Applicants:

Kathleen McDaniel - Social Studies, Bristol Eastern High School

Tania Palmieri - Grade 4, Greene-Hills School

Sharon Campolo - Special Education, Southside School

Bristol Central & Bristol Eastern Trip to Quebec

Pamela Brisson and Anya Rochester presented the trip to Quebec Canada. The idea of the trip is to immerse students in French culture and language; we are requesting permission to take 20-40 students to Quebec from February 13 to 17, 2014. Bristol Central High School successfully coordinated similar trips in 2008, 2010 and 2012. During this trip, students will experience activities in French, based on the Quebecois folkloric lifestyle and visits to sites of historic and cultural significance. The tour group, EF Smithsonian travel, specializes in providing educational tours that enhance the world language classroom and focus on students speaking French. We will travel by bus, thus avoiding airport security levels. Hopefully Bristol Eastern will join them on the trip.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the Bristol Central/Bristol Eastern Trip to Quebec from February 13 to 17, 2014.

Healthy Food Certification Statement

Dr. Moreau presented the Healthy Foods program. Several years ago, the Board of Education voted to participate in the Healthy Food Certification Compliance Act. We no longer have a choice to participate. Each year the district must certify full compliance with the program. This year, we received approximately \$81,000 in reimbursements from the State of Connecticut as a result of our participation in this program. Requested approval by the Board of Education is for the 2013-2014 school year. The Food Services budget for 2013-2014 includes anticipated revenue of \$71,000 from the State. This is a decrease from prior years as a result of our declining participation.

Questions followed regarding the impact of not participating.

On motion of Commissioner Hintz, seconded by Commissioner Bourassa, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the Healthy Food Certification Statement.

Commissioner Vibert cast the one opposing vote.

Request to the City Council to form a Building Committee for the Northeast School Roof Project

Dr. Moreau presented the Northeast School Roof Project Request. Replacement of the Northeast School roof is in the 2013-14 City Capital Plan. City Charter requires that a building committee be formed for projects estimated to cost \$1.5 million or more. The Northeast roof project is estimated to cost \$1.8 million.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education request that the City Council establish a Northeast School Roof Replacement Building Committee.

Textbook Adoption

Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 Textbooks - First Reading

Marlene Lovanio presented the Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 Textbooks for a First Reading. The current textbook for the Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 series was adopted in 2006. In 2010, Connecticut approved the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. Not only did this change what we have to teach, it also increases the level of rigor and the expectations for students engaging with the mathematics content. Bristol needs a textbook that balances skills, conceptual learning and real-world application as well

Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 Textbooks - First Reading – con't

as challenges students to think deeply about mathematics, study multiple representations and communicate orally and in writing about what they know.

In spring of 2013, a team of high school mathematics teachers came together to investigate available resources. After looking at several text book series, the team narrowed it down to two, Carnegie Learning and College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM). Teachers tried both sets of materials with their classes and studied the format and content of the courses. Overwhelmingly, the team and other teachers at both high schools selected *Carnegie Learning*. She is requesting that the second reading be waived in order to get the books in house before the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education waive the second reading of the Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 Textbooks.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 Textbooks.

Textbook Adoption for Children, Family, & Community: The Developing Child - First Reading

Dr. Gagliardi presented the Textbook Adoption for Children, Family, & Community: The Developing Child for a First Reading. The curriculum writing team for Children, Family, & Community recommend the following textbook as a framework for student learning in this introductory class: *The Developing Child by Holly Brisbane*. Use of this textbook will help students develop and refine Common Core literacy skills in reading and writing. Dr. Gagliardi thanked Tina Twiggs and Maureen Moskowitz both at Bristol Central and Creighton Paquette-Claman at Bristol Central for their work in vetting this textbook. He is requesting that the second reading be waived in order to get the books in house before the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education waive the second reading of the Textbook Adoption for Children, Family, & Community: The Developing Child.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the Textbook Adoption for Children, Family, & Community: The Developing Child.

Policy Revision

Revision to Policy 6145.2 - Co-Curricular/Athletics - Second Reading

Denise Carabetta presented **Policy 6145.2 - Co-Curricular/Athletics**. The revision is proposed to allow more flexibility in student eligibility for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The proposed revision changes the requirements for High School Full Extra-Curricular eligibility and High School Partial eligibility. The changes to the Middle School eligibility portion of the policy are language changes necessitated by the revision to the middle school educational program.

Revision to Policy 6145.2 - Co-Curricular/Athletics - Second Reading – con’t

Discussion followed regarding the district maintaining a high standard even with the proposed changes and the proposed changes giving our students a second chance to get back on track.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the Revisions to Policy 6145.2 - Co-Curricular/Athletics.

Policy 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention - First Reading

Denise Carabetta presented Policy 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention. The policy and regulations need to be revised to remove language related to the Bristol Schools as a Priority School district because Bristol no longer has that designation. Language also needs to be revised to reflect the revised middle school educational program and the revisions to the high school portion of the Summer School Policy 6174. The second reading of this policy will need to be waived to implement the language changes for this summer school session.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education waive the second reading of Policy 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education approve the language changes to Policy 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

New Business

There was no New Business to come before the Board.

Information

Councilman Mills wanted to Dr. Wysowski and Pete Wininger for putting together a group of students to meet with the task force on Marketing and also Dr. Solek, Mr. Wilson and Dr. Moreau for meeting with the group as well. They group seemed excited to discuss education with the administrators and the students

Commissioner Bourassa presented a book entitled “Back in the fight” which is written by a former Bristol Eastern student who following a trying upbringing joined the armed forces and became a Ranger. He subsequently lost a leg while on a tour in Iraq; however is still an active Ranger; in fact he is the first to remain active with a prosthesis. She would like the book put on the summer reading list.

Commissioner Dolan reported that he received an award from SEPTO last night for his encouragement of parent participation.

Commissioner Vibert announced that Tina Taylor also received an award last night, and she stood to be acknowledged. Commissioner Vibert also announced that there are 14 more wake days in the school year.

Information – con't

Chairman Wilson reported that the Magnet School lottery was held, and we had 261 students apply and 111 seats were offered, 81 accepted and 23 were declined. Although there was a second offering, he is not sure if any Bristol student accepted. He has information regarding other districts if commissioners are interested.

In regards to the Sheff vs. O'Neill case; the state has not met its stipulated agreements, so it has been extended for one more year. The benchmarks are that they must meet 80% of the demand or the schools must be 41% integrated. The extension was based on the fact that the State had to agree to some conditions and one of the conditions was to foster the open choice program. They have upped the reimbursement rate for districts; so if you have 4% of your population taking choice students the reimbursement rate is now \$8,000, up from \$3,000. There is also a pool of \$750,000 that can be used for capital and social and academic grants; which makes it more advantageous for districts to take choice students.

He also discussed a list that he receives that lists the approved town budgets. He shared several 2013-2014 town totals with the Board.

He explained how Jamie Vollmer is his mentor and how he describes the burdens of education.

CREC branding a parent portal for schools and their parents, if Bristol or parents would like to do so, they can piggy back on if the Board is interested.

He read an excerpt from a letter written by a Grandmother of one of the Odyssey of the Mind Students. The Grandmother commended the students for a job well done while at the World Finals and described how they reached out to other students to help, and were respectfully during every aspect of the weekend.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education vote to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing: Superintendent Evaluation. (8:39 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Commissioners: Karen Bourassa, Genard Dolan, Karen Hintz, Jeffrey Morgan, Thomas O'Brien, Karen Vibert, Chairman, Christopher Wilson; Ellen W. Solek, Superintendent of School, David Mills, City Council Liaison

EXCUSED: Commissioner Jill Fitzgerald

Executive Session was called to order ***(8:50 p.m.)***

DISCUSSION

1. Superintendent Evaluation

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education reconvene into Public Session. (9:50 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board and

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

VOTED: That the Board of Education meeting be adjourned. (9:50 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan P. Everett

Susan P. Everett
Executive Secretary
Bristol Board of Education