

# **Student Achievement Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 6:30 PM

BOE - Room 36 and via Zoom Meeting Platform, 129 Church Street, Bristol, CT 06010

I.

1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance

II. Decision: Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2023 meeting

III.

2. Public Comment (Click here for complete listing of Public Comment rules)

- a. Send your comments to:  
KatlyneLaprise@bristolk12.org
- b. Be sure to put PUBLIC COMMENT in the subject line.
- c. Include your name and address.
- d. Direct your comments to the Board Chair.
- e. Your comments will be read at the meeting by the Board Chair.
- f. All comments should be written in an appropriate manner, particularly if concerning a personnel matter.
- g. Any comments not adhering to the guidelines will not be read at the meeting.

IV. School Calendar- Religious Observances

V. Information: BAIMS Lottery

VI. Adjournment



Student Achievement Committee  
February 15, 2023  
MINUTES - DRAFT

Present: Catherine Carbone, Michael Dietter, Jennifer Dube, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, Carly Fortin, Kristen Giantonio, Michael Higgins, Jaime Rechenberg, Jillian Romann, Todd Sturgeon, Dante Tagariello, Melanie Vetrano, Leszek Ward

Call to Order:

Commissioner Sturgeon called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Decision: Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2023 meeting:

*On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was unanimously;*

**VOTED: to approve the minutes of January 18, 2023.**

Public Comment:

Mr. Kevin Thompson and Mrs. Jill Thompson of 66 Jacqueline Drive, and Mrs. Emily Czarnecki of 265 Silo Road addressed the committee members in regards to the potential co-op swimming team.

It was realized at 6:40 p.m. that the zoom link provided on the public meeting notice was not working properly. It was decided that the meeting be paused and a new meeting link would be created.

*On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was unanimously;*

**VOTED: to pause the February 15, 2023 Student Achievement meeting and publish a new meeting link. (6:41 p.m.)**

*Commissioner Sturgeon called the meeting to resume at 7:11pm.*

Decision: Swimming Co-op:

Dr. Michael Dietter, Deputy Superintendent of Bristol Public Schools, presented the opportunity for Bristol high schools to join a co-op swim team. There will be 8 students from Bristol Eastern and 8 students from Bristol Central. Due to CIAC regulations, the two schools will need to be listed under one name. The CIAC application is due May 1, 2023. This opportunity will be at no cost and will be held at the Dennis Malone Aquatics Center in Bristol.

*Questions and discussion followed.*

*On a motion made by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula, it was unanimously;*

**VOTED: to approve the Co-op Swim Team.**

Information: High School Chemistry Update:

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg, Secondary STEM Supervisor, presented an update on high school chemistry. Dr. Rechenberg has observed the new teachers and has also done monthly walkthroughs in the buildings and check-ins with teachers. She has allowed for collaboration time between the two high schools to work on assessment development to ensure that both schools are consistent. Dr. Rechenberg presented the raw data comparing this year's test scores to last year's scores. By having better communication between both schools, we are seeing better and more consistent results between the two schools.

*Questions and discussion followed.*

Information: Rising Educators II - Pilot:

Dr. Jaime Rechenberg presented a pilot for the new course, Rising Educators II. The Curriculum Planning Council has voted to approve to run the pilot. This will be a new course structured as a career pathway for students interested in teaching or other careers in education. Teachers will investigate, select, and pilot lessons from the Educators Rising Platform. This will allow teachers to write our own curriculum for Rising Educators II.

*Questions and discussion followed.*

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Sturgeon adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

***Katlyne Laprise***

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## PROCEDURES FOR REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are invited to comment to the Board on any topic related to school business.

Items requiring consideration by the Board must be approved as an agenda item by a 2/3ds vote of the Board members present. Such items may be referred for further study and not necessarily acted upon at this meeting.

Anyone wishing to address the Board should adhere to the following procedures:

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **Before a Remote Meeting**

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#### **During a Remote Meeting**

1. Everyone is requested to address the Chair for recognition.
2. Each speaker must state his/her name and address.
3. All speakers must observe rules of common etiquette. Personalities are not to be injected. Anyone violating this rule will be denied the floor. Unless waived by the Chairperson or a majority of the Board,
4. Each speaker shall limit his/her remarks to three (3) minutes.
5. A speaker will not be recognized for a second time on the same topic.
6. Each speaker must concern himself/herself with the topic under discussion. Anyone digressing from the topic will be ruled out of order.
7. Written statements and materials may be made available, in advance of comments, for distribution to Board members.
8. Speakers shall state their positions on the subject being discussed.
9. Board members will not respond directly to comments during the Board meeting. The Superintendent will direct the question to the appropriate staff member for follow-up.

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