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Bristol Board of Education
Bristol, Connecticut
Tuesday, July 7, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting Minutes

The Bristol Board of Education special meeting was held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bristol Board of Education Auditorium located at 129 Church Street and via Zoom Meeting Platform.

Present: Chair Shelby Pons, Commissioners: Jennifer Tagariello, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, Kristen Giantonio, Kara Ledger, Lorianne Osenkowski, Robert Parenti, Barbara Tedesco, Jennifer Van Gorder, and Liaison, Peter Kelley

Also, Present: Superintendent Iris White, Mary Hawk, Deputy Superintendent, and Joseph Grabowski

1.Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Chair Pons called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion concerning an attorney client privileged opinion concerning an overview of the District's hiring committee process and applicable policies (proposed for executive session)

Chair Pons motioned to convene into executive session for discussion concerning an attorney client privileged opinion concerning an overview of the District's hiring committee process and applicable policies. , and to invite Superintendent Iris White into executive session.

Motion made by Jennifer Tagariello and seconded by Kara Ledger. Motion carried unanimously. (6:32 PM)

The Board convened into executive session for discussion concerning an attorney client privileged opinion concerning an overview of the District's hiring committee process and applicable policies. The Board engaged in discussion and asked questions related to the matter.

Chair Shelby Pons called for a motion to reconvene into public session from Executive Session.

Motion made by Jennifer Tagariello and seconded by Kara Ledger. Motion carried unanimously. (8:22 P.M.)

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The Board reconvened into public session. No action was taken during the executive session.

3. Discussion concerning an attorney client privileged opinion related to legal steps for addressing the complaint filed by the Administrators' Union (proposed for executive session)

Chair Pons motioned to convene into executive session for discussion concerning an attorney client privileged opinion related to legal steps for addressing the complaint filed by the Administrators' Union (proposed for executive session).

Motion made by Jennifer Van Gorder and seconded by Jennifer Tagariello. The motion passed unanimously. (8:22 P.M.)

The Board convened into executive session for discussion concerning an attorney client privileged opinion related to legal steps for addressing the complaint filed by the Administrators' Union. The Board engaged in discussion and asked questions related to the matter.

Chair Shelby Pons called for a motion to reconvene into public session from Executive Session.

Motion made by Jennifer Tagariello and seconded by Kristen Giantonio. Motion carried unanimously. (9:20 P.M.)

The Board reconvened into public session.

4. Possible Action concerning the complaint filed by the Administrators' Union
Vice-Chair Jennifer Tagariello called for a motion as the Bristol Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board Chair, in consultation with Shipman & Goodwin to appoint an outside counsel to review the statement of concerns presented by the Bristol Association of Principals and Supervisors (BAPS) Union on or about June 26, 2026.

Motion made by Jennifer Tagariello and seconded by Kristen Giantonio. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Board of Education Meeting adjourned. **(9:20 P.M)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sydney Molina
Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

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