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Bristol Board of Education
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.
Special Meeting Minutes

The Bristol Board of Education Special meeting was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Bristol Board of Education Auditorium located at 129 Church Street and via Zoom Meeting Platform.

Present: Chair Shelby Pons (virtual), Commissioners: Jill Fitzsimons-Bula(5:11 p.m.),Kara Ledger , Robert Parenti, Barbara Tedesco and Jennifer Van Gorder

Absent: Vice Chair: Jennifer Tagariello, Commissioners: Lorianne Osenkowski, Kristen Giantonio and Peter Kelley, Board Liaison

Also, Present: Superintendent Iris White, Mary Hawk, Deputy Superintendent, Jodi Bond, Director of Finance, Dr. Amy Martino, Director of Pupil Services, Joseph Grabowski, Chief Talent Officer, Jeff Telke, Supervisor of IT

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

Commissioner Parenti called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion and Possible Action of:

2.1 Appointment of the Principal of Greene-Hills School

Superintendent White shared some background about the hiring for the position of the Principal of Greene Hills School. Ms. White recommended Sarah Kulig for the position of Principal of Greene Hills School and provided an introduction of Ms. Kulig. Ms. Kulig addressed the board briefly about the appointment.

No questions and discussion followed the introduction.

Commissioner Parenti motioned to approve the appointment of Sara Kulig as Principal of Greene-Hills School.

Motion made by Kara Ledger and second by Barbara Tedesco. Motion passed 5-0.

2.2 Appointment of the Assistant Principal of Chippens Hill Middle School

Superintendent White shared some background about the hiring for the position of the Assistant Principal of Chippens Hill Middle School. Ms. White recommended Julie Barbash for the position of Assistant Principal of Chippens Hill Middle School and provided an introduction of Ms. Barbash. Ms. Barbash addressed the board briefly about the appointment.

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No questions and discussion followed the introduction.

Commissioner Parenti motioned to approve the appointment of Julie Barbash as Assistant Principal of Chippens Hill Middle School.

Motion made by Kara Ledger and second by Barbara Tedesco. Motion passed 5-0.

2.3 Appointment of the Dean of Pupil Personnel Services

Superintendent White shared some background about the hiring for the position of the Dean of Pupil Personnel Services. Ms. White recommended Shannon Gomez for the position of Dean of Pupil Personnel Services who will oversee the LEAD programs and provided an introduction of Ms. Gomez. Ms. Gomez addressed the board briefly about the appointment.

No questions and discussion followed the introduction.

Commissioner Parenti motioned to approve the appointment of Shannon Gomez as Dean of Pupil Personnel Services.

Motion made by Kara Ledger and second by Jill Fitzsimons-Bula. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Board of Education Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sydney Molina
Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

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