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BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 5:30 p.m
Special Meeting Minutes

A Special Bristol Board of Education meeting was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in The Auditorium of the Board of Education Building, located at 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut, and via the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Jill Fitzsimons-Bula(virtual), Kristen Giantonio, Kara Ledger, Chair Shelby Pons(virtual-5:33pm), Maria Simmons, Barbara Tedesco, Jennifer Van Gorder,Lorianne Osenkowski(virtual)

ABSENT: Russell Anderson

ALSO PRESENT: Iris White, Superintendent, Mary Hawk, Deputy Superintendent (virtual), Joseph Grabowski, Director of Talent & Management, Carly Fortin, and Jodi Bond, Director of Finance, Michael Higgins, BEHS Principal.

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
   Vice Chair Simmons called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Meeting attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Discussion and Possible Appointment of Assistant Principal for Bristol Eastern High School**
   Superintendent White shared some background about the hiring for the position of Assistant Principal for Bristol Eastern High School. Ms. White recommended Mr. Justin McDermott for the position of Assistant Principal of Bristol Eastern High School and provided an introduction of Mr. Justin McDermott Mr. addressed the board briefly about the appointment.

   Vice-Chair Simmons called for a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Justin McDermott as the new Assistant Principal of Bristol Eastern High School.

   Commissioner Jill Fitzsimons-Bula made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Kara Ledger. Vice-Chair Simmons declared the motion PASSED unanimously.

3. **Adjournment**
   With no other business to come before the board, the meeting should be adjourned. *(5:40 p.m.).*

Respectfully Submitted,

Sydney Molina
Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

APPROVED